Tuesday, March 17, 2020

During the evolving impact of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), the health and safety of our guests and patrons remains our top priority. All Richmond community facilities including community centres, libraries, Richmond Olympic Oval, swimming pools, arenas, arts, cultural and heritage buildings are closed until further notice.

All programs and services are cancelled with the exception of the following:

* Childcare programs
* Week-long camps such as spring break camps
* Food services at the Seniors Centre at Minoru Centre for Active Living (only available for pick-up, details pending); and
* Home delivery of library materials to isolated seniors

The City’s Operations Works Yard, City Hall and Recycling Depot remain open.

The City of Richmond continues to follow the direction of Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) as they are the lead agencies for local public health.

**WHAT WE ARE DOING**

Current measures in effect:

* In addition to our current high standards of cleaning, we have increased the cleaning schedule of all public facility spaces with a concentration on high touch surfaces.
* Additional hand sanitizing stations have been placed in high traffic areas
* Signage regarding recommended hygiene practices have been posted in our facilities, including the washrooms.

**DO YOUR PART**

* We are reminding everyone who enters our buildings to do their part in preventing the spread of germs by following the steps recommended by local public health authorities.

We are closely monitoring the situation to ensure we keep current with the most up to date information and will advise if any changes to our programs or facilities are warranted.

Please continue to seek information from credible sources only. Get updates on the Health Canada, VCH and BCCDC websites.

Updates regarding City operations will be posted to the City’s website at **richmond.ca**.