

NEWS RELEASE



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ACRD & CITY COVID-19 UPDATE

Port Alberni, BC – The BC Health Officer has *directed* the cancellation of all gatherings larger than 250 people.

On Saturday March 14, 2020 the BC Health Officer provided an update indicating that there are nine new cases of COVID-19, bringing the province's total to 73. None of the new cases are in the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

We continue to monitor the global, national, and local impacts of COVID-19 and are proactively preparing for any foreseeable potential impacts.

Residents are reminded and encouraged to take the following steps to stay healthy and prevent the spread of infections by:

- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick;
- cough or sneeze into your sleeve and not your hands;
- staying home if you are sick to avoid spreading illness to others;
- social distancing (avoiding crowded places and non-essential gatherings, no handshakes)

Residents are requested to contact HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 if they may have been exposed to COVID-19 to arrange for safe testing.

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