

NEWS RELEASE



Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 2:00 pm

VISITORS & TOURIST URGED NOT TO TRAVEL TO THE WEST COAST

Port Alberni, BC – The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and City of Port Alberni join communities on the West Coast, requesting visitors and tourists not to travel to Tofino, Ucluelet, Long Beach, Toquaht, Yuułu?il?ath, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ahousaht, Bamfield, Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht until further notice.

Personal health and safety of our residents is the driving force behind this request. Communities on the West Coast have limited health care resources to serve their residents. Additional visitors and tourists to the area at this time will impact the health and safety of these communities and put additional strains on their already limited health care system.

It is extremely difficult for these communities to self isolate if visitors and tourists continue to travel to the area. Several communities on the West Coast recently put out bulletins asking all visitors to postpone their trips:

[Tofino Media Release - March 18, 2020 - A Message to Valued Visitors Tofino](#)

[Ucluelet - March 19, 2020 - Request to Delay Holidays Until Further Notice](#)

[Ahousaht First Nation - Visitors Requests to Re Schedule to a Later Date](#)

We continue to monitor information provided by the Federal, Provincial and local agencies regarding the spread and severity of COVID-19. Our immediate priority is the safety of our residents.

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