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**RECREATION FACILITIES and COMMUNITY CENTRES CLOSING END OF DAY MARCH 16, 2020**

**Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex, City of Campbell River's Community Centre and Sportsplex community centres and halls in Sayward and on Quadra and Cortes will be closed until further notice**

The City of Campbell River and Strathcona Regional District are closing recreation facilities, community centres and community halls until further notice as a precautionary measure to help slow and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

While there have been no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus locally, it is in the interest of public health and safety to limit unnecessary exposure by taking a proactive and preventive approach.

In addition to these closures, provincial and federal recommendations are being followed and events where 50 people or more are present will be cancelled. The recreation facility closures and the cancellation of a City open house about the Highway 19A upgrades that was scheduled for tonight are examples of following that directive.

In an abundance of caution, and following federal recommendations, the City and the SRD are encouraging people to stay home if possible and maintain social distance.

We appreciate your support and understanding during this challenging time. We are confident that by acting swiftly and proactively, we can slow and limit the spread of the virus and resume regular operations as soon as possible.

**List of facilities closed in Campbell River and the Strathcona Regional District:**

- Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex
- City of Campbell River: Sportsplex and Community Centre
- Quadra Community Centre
- Cortes Island: Mansons Hall and Gorge Hall
- Sayward Heritage Hall

As new information is available, details will be posted online at [www.srd.ca](http://www.srd.ca) and at [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)  
For the most recent public health information, please see [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

Both the City and the Strathcona Regional District are working to continue to provide essential community services and are participating on the provincial health and emergency teleconferences.

**How you can help slow and limit the spread of COVID-19**

- Increase frequency of hand washing and avoid touching your face.
- Stay home if possible and maintain social distance when outside the home (no handshaking and hugging)
- Self-isolate after travel and if you feel sick.
- Contact the B.C. Nurse Line at 8-1-1 if you might have been exposed to or contracted the virus.
- Seek immediate medical attention if you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.

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