

Sunshine Club News Release

Friday, March 13, 2020

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE SUNSHINE CLUB EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 16

As you know, we are facing a period of unprecedented uncertainty and disruption throughout the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The senior population has been identified as a vulnerable demographic and we are taking proactive steps to ensure the health and safety of the Sunshine Club members.

In consultation with the Parks, Recreation and Heritage Department, the Sunshine Club Executive has made the decision to suspend the Sunshine Club until further notice. Effective Monday, March 16, all Sunshine Club activities, programs, meetings and events are cancelled. We are asking Sunshine Club directors to contact their activity participants, volunteers and instructors to inform them of this decision.

The decision to temporarily close the Sunshine Club is a preventative measure to protect members as we prepare for the potential arrival of COVID-19 in our community. The health and safety of our members, their families and volunteers are our top priority. We will continue to follow the guidance of health authorities and ensure appropriate procedures are in place to protect our membership and community.

The Sunshine Club will continue to adhere to the direction from lead agencies including the Public Health Agency of Canada, the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and the BC Ministry of Health. These agencies are closely monitoring the situation and they will continually reassess the situation as new information becomes available. The Sunshine Club will abide by the recommendations of health officials to implement social distancing practices.

We would like to remind all Sunshine Club members to be precautionary and we encourage you to take the following steps to stay healthy, safe and prevent the spread of infections:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve and not your hands
- Stay home if you are sick to avoid spreading illnesses to others

Sunshine Club members are advised to contact HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 with health related questions (day or night).

Please know we are grateful for your support and understanding as we work our way through this health concern. We will continue to monitor the situation as it unfolds and we will provide updates to Sunshine Club members as necessary.

Sunshine Club Executive