



NEWS RELEASE

COVID-19 Update – Doubling down to stop the spread

Sechelt, BC— March 31, 2021 — With the increase of COVID-19 cases and the number of variants across the Province, today the SCRD is providing an update and a reminder on our existing COVID-19 protocols that have been put in place to keep our community and staff safe.

Field Road Office

The main SCRD Field Road office remains staffed with limited **in-person counter service** available from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays. At this office you can also access:

- Building enquiries
- Infrastructure services enquiries
- Utility billing enquiries and payment
- Dog licenses
- Garbage collection stickers
- Our planning department is available on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- GIS / mapping department is available Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We continue to ask that you access SCRD services online or by phone where possible. Email addresses and phone numbers for SCRD departments can be found on the SCRD's [COVID-19 information page](#). You can also pay for several items through the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca/myscrd.

In recent weeks, the SCRD has noticed an increased number of people entering the Field Road Administration building which at times has caused capacity limit issues in our lobby area. In order to address this, a new protocol is being put in place.

- In-person counter services are only available between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Please note that we are doubling down our efforts to stop the spread and, outside of those hours, all other contact is by appointment only. Please call 604-885-6800.**
- If you are in a party of two or more people, only one person is permitted into the Administration building. There will be exceptions on a case by case basis. This new protocol is being put in place to ensure prompt service for everyone visiting the Administration building.
- Based on our safety plan, there is an occupancy limit in our lobby associated with the service counters. To ensure adherence to these limits, the main door will now be locked and a staff member will monitor and allow access when we reach that limit.

We understand the inconvenience these measures may cause however the SCRD is committed to the health and safety of our community and staff. We ask that everybody visiting the main Field Road office abides by all the guidance set out by our Provincial Health Officer which includes:

- Wearing a mask at all times.
- Sanitizing your hands once you enter the building.
- Abiding by physical distancing of 6 feet or 2 meters.
- Most importantly – staying home if you are sick.

Recreation Update

Due to Monday's updated Provincial Health Order all adult group fitness, including group gym programs and Aquafit have been suspended until April 19. SCRD staff are working diligently to contact all impacted participants.

There has been no impact at this time to the following activities:

- Drop in swims
- Weight room sessions
- Arena programs
- Youth programming such as swimming lessons

Please pre-register for activities at www.scrd.ca/myrecreation and ensure you have read all of the COVID-19 safety information prior to entering an SCRD recreation facility.

Board & Committee Meetings

The SCRD's Board and Committees are continuing to meet virtually on the Zoom video platform. Further information on these meetings and how you can view them LIVE is available at www.scrd.ca/agendas.

As a community, now is the time for us all to come together, to double down in our efforts and stop the spread of COVID-19. Safe access to SCRD facilities continues to be a top priority so please ensure you follow all of the guidance outlined above and help keep our community safe.

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