

**Closures and Cancellations Created March 18, 2020;** will be updated as information becomes available

### *Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools*

**Schools in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) are closed until further notice. StrongStart Centres are currently closed until schools reopen.** On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Premier John Horgan and Education Minister Rob Fleming announced the suspension of B.C. K-12 education.

The [Nanaimo Ladysmith Schools Foundation](#) office is closed until further notice. Staff will be available by phone or email 250 667-0555; [crystal.dennison@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:crystal.dennison@sd68.bc.ca)

**March 23, 2020** Use of NLPS playground structures and equipment is prohibited.

### *Cancellations*

**\*All non-childminding rental services have been suspended until further notice.**

Long-Range Facilities Plan Open House (NDSS) - March 31  
Education Committee meeting - April 1  
Georgia Avenue Ready, Set, Learn event - April 1  
Ecole Quarterway Ready, Set, Learn event - April 2  
Departure Bay Ready, Set, Learn event – April 4  
Business Committee meeting - April 8  
Skills Canada Provincial Competition (Abbotsford) - April 15  
Ready Set Learn (Brechin) - April 21  
ArtStarts Presentations cancelled until April 30

### *City of Nanaimo*

**The Nanaimo Aquatic Centre**

**The Nanaimo Ice Centre**

**Beban Park** recreation and social centre (pools and arenas included)

**Bowen Park Complex**

**Oliver Woods Community Centre** and “other rental facilities”

**ALL REMAINING OPEN CITY FACILITIES TO CLOSE 12 PM, MARCH 18, 2020**

In an effort to support social distancing and for the health of City employees and residents, the City will be closing the remainder of facilities that are open to the public effective noon on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. These include, the Service and Resource Centre, City Hall and Public Works.

All City services will remain operational and staff will conduct business online, via conference calls, virtually or, where necessary, by appointment only. City online services are available on the City website. As well, residents may call 250-754-4251, public works at 250-758-5222 or parks, recreation and culture at 250-756-5200.

### *Nanaimo*

**Port Theatre**

**Nanaimo Museum** closed until further notice, including spring break camps

**Nanaimo Art Gallery, the Gallery Store, and Art Lab** are closed to the public as of March 17, 2020. All upcoming programs are postponed until further notice

**Kwumut Lelum** will be closed until further notice, as of March 19, 2020. Staff will be working remotely to continue to support children, families and caregivers, with a focus on providing essential services.

**March 18, 2020: All Snuneymuxw** public facilities & buildings are closed for 2 weeks. Community gatherings, meetings and programming are cancelled until May 30, 2020. Care packages are being prepared for community members. Remain calm, care for one another, and practice health and safety. **Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre** would like to notify families that effective immediately we will limit programs and in-person services until further notice; program staff will be available by phone for support.

### *Regional District of Nanaimo*

In Parksville, **Oceanside Place Arena** is closed effective 4:00 p.m. March 16.

In Qualicum Beach, **Ravensong Aquatic Centre** will remain closed.

All registered recreation programs including day camps and drop-in activities have been cancelled effective 5:00 p.m. March 16.

### *Town of Ladysmith*

Offices at **City Hall**

#### **Development Services and Public Works**

All spring break day camps and classes as well as cancelling all rentals at Aggie Hall and Forrest Field until further notice

The closure of **Aggie Hall and Forrest Field** will impact community programming and rentals; refunds will automatically be provided in the next few days.

**Ladysmith Visitor Centre** Closed Temporarily due to Covid-19

### *Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD)*

**CVRD** closes recreation and community centres to reduce spread of COVID-19

In an ongoing effort to maintain the health and safety of its employees and the public, the Cowichan Valley Regional District is closing its administrative offices at 175 Ingram Street.

CVRD waives cancellation policies for events, facility bookings and program registration

### *Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL)*

The COVID-19 situation is presenting unique challenges for organizations around the world. **VIRL** is no different. On March 16, we made the difficult decision to close all branches at the end of the day.

### *National Parks Closed (BC parks listed below)*

Glacier National Park

Gulf Islands National Park Reserve

Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage Site

Kootenay National Park

Mount Revelstoke National Park

**Pacific Rim National Park Reserve**

Yoho National Park

*\*Disclaimer- Closures outside of Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools may not be a comprehensive list.*