

COVID-19 Assumption of Risk Form

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Dr. Bonnie Henry stated on May 16, 2020 that “COVID-19 is new for all of us”. We at the Regional District of Nanaimo responded to the direction from our public health officials to first close our facilities and cease offering services. We are now responding to the direction to reopen our facilities and offer services to our community cautiously, with the safety of our staff and community being our priority.

COVID-19 remains a worldwide pandemic and a threat to our local health and safety. We know the following (this list is not intended to be exhaustive):

1. The infectious agent, SARS-CoV-2, has caused community transmission of a serious communicable and potentially fatal disease known as COVID-19 amongst the population of the Province of British Columbia;
2. Our public health officials have determined this constitutes a regional event, as defined in section 51 of the *Public Health Act*;
3. A person infected with SARS-CoV-2 can infect other people with whom the infected person comes into contact with; and
4. The gathering of people in close contact with one another can promote the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and increase the number of people who develop COVID-19.

We cannot be certain that a person (of any age) will not contract SARS-CoV-2 at one of our facilities and/or while participating in one of our programs, but we have taken the steps required to develop our COVID-19 Safety Plan, which is available for your review at <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/covid-19-safety-plans-and-risk-assessments>. We have also developed COVID-19 policies and procedures, which are available for your review here <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/ProgramProtocolsJune2020.pdf>. We have implemented our COVID-19 Safety Plan and will be applying our policies and procedures, but **the risk remains that a COVID 19 outbreak could occur despite our best efforts.**

It is vital that no person who feels sick in any way visit any of our facilities and/or utilize any of our services. We do not employ health professionals and do not screen for potential illness. It also vital that no person bring a child who is feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness to any of our facilities or programs. Again, we do not screen for the same.

Please do not participate in any of our programs or services if you have:

- experienced cold or flu-like symptoms within the last 14 days;
- been in close contact with anyone else who has had these symptoms in the last 14 days; or
- been in close contact with anyone else who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.
- been told to self-isolate by Public Health

Please note: If you are displaying symptoms of respiratory distress or illness, you will be asked not to participate.

It is vital that any person who believes that they may have become ill within 14 days of visiting one of our facilities and/or while taking part in one of our programs report this immediately to us by contacting 250 248 3252 and seek appropriate medical attention by first calling 8-1-1. We will share personal information for the purposes of contact tracing if the need arises. To attend our facilities and/or take part in our programs, you must consent to the same.

Lastly, it is vital that we all be calm and compassionate throughout this pandemic. Any person who exhibits any aggression towards our staff or any other person in one of our facilities and/or programs will be asked to leave and not return.

If you would like more information regarding the risks associated with COVID-19, please review the BC CDC guidelines for recreation facilities: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/recreation-facilities>.

I have read, understand and agree to the Assumption of Risk Form.	INITIAL HERE
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Print name clearly

Date

Telephone Number

Email Address

Signature