



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON

NEWS RELEASE

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March 16, 2020

The Village of Clinton is open for business

CLINTON, British Columbia, March 2020 – Mayor Swan reports that Interior Health still recommends steps to keep ourselves and others safe. Seniors, and those with underlying health conditions, are at more risk, and therefore please take precautions when interacting with the vulnerable population.

"Understandably, there are a lot of fears about the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19. Interior Health assures us the risk of contracting COVID-19 in British Columbia's Southern Interior is low," Mayor Swan advises, "and our citizens are encouraged to stay calm and not panic buy or hoard essential items so that everyone can attend to the needs of their families."

The Village of Clinton is taking the necessary steps to keep our first responders, employees and public safe. We continue to monitor the situation and review the advice being provided by the health authorities and regional Emergency Operations Centre.

The Village of Clinton Administration Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday at 1423 Cariboo Highway. Increased cleaning is being carried out within the offices, fitness centre and public washrooms.

The Memorial Hall remains open to user groups at this time (except for the kitchen area); the situation will be monitored, and changes will be announced as required. Meetings may be allowed to proceed with observance of social distancing and hand washing, however please contact the Village of Clinton office for more information as the situation is changing by the hour.

The Village of Clinton's essential services, water and sewer services and road safety maintenance will operate as usual. We encourage local businesses to contact our office for the latest information provided for ways to continue to service your customers.

The Inter-Community Transit bus is still operating as usual on the regular schedule. Extra cleaning precautions are being taken. For information on the bus schedule go to: <https://www.yellowheadcs.ca/>.

All TNRD Library branches (including Clinton) remain open. For information on how COVID-19 is affecting local libraries and what online services are available, please go to <https://www.tnrl.ca/>.

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School District 74 (Gold Trail) schools are now closed for spring break and are scheduled to reopen on March 30. However, as the situation changes this may also change. Any changes will be shared via the SD74 website at www.sd74.bc.ca, school websites, social media and phone calls.

There is a good deal of misinformation spreading about the COVID-19 virus. For up-to-date, factual information about the coronavirus, its symptoms, how to tell if you have it, how to prevent its spread, and more, please visit health authority websites listed in the backgrounder.

If you have flu-like symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider by phone or call HealthLinkBC at the toll-free number 8-1-1. Be patient as the phone lines are busy at this time.

If you have any questions about other Village of Clinton provided services in your community, please call 250-459-2261, and refer to the links in the attached backgrounder.

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For the latest updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as prevention and mitigation methods go to:

- **Interior Health Agency (IHA)**
<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourEnvironment/CommunicableDiseaseControl/Pages/Breaking-News-and-Info.aspx>
- **BC Ministry of Health**
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/health>
- **BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)**
[http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- **Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>