

STATEMENT

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March 16, 2020 COVID-19 update - Recreation facilities to close

As of March 16, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer issued a new order to cancel all gatherings of 50 or more people. As a result, at 6:00 pm today and until further notice, the City of Nanaimo will be:

- Closing all recreational facilities to the public - Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Nanaimo Ice Centre, Beban Park recreation and social centre (pools and arenas included), Bowen Park complex and Oliver Woods Community Centre and other rental facilities.
- All registered recreation programs including day camps and drop-in activities are cancelled.
- All facility rentals are cancelled.

The City will be conducting a press conference at 2 p.m. this afternoon to provide further updates to the community. This will be live streamed to the City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofnanaimo) and a recording will be posted to the City's Youtube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofnanaimo).

Moving forward, the City of Nanaimo will continue taking its direction from the Provincial Health Officer and health authorities and any measures taken by the City will be aligned with their recommendations.

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