



# **COVID-19 EMERGENCY TRAVEL RESTRICTION ORDER**

## **March 25, 2020**

Central Coast communities are vulnerable to potential catastrophic impacts from local outbreaks of the COVID-19 virus and CCRD is working to support our local health authorities' response needs.

The CCRD respects and upholds the wishes of the Wuikinuxv Nation, Heiltsuk Nation, Kitasoo/Xa'xais Nation and Nuxalk Nation who govern and serve communities within the central coast and who by their own declarations and advisories seek to restrict access to the central coast to better protect and equip our resident communities and health authority to cope with COVID-19.

### **1. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

The CCRD prohibits entry onto the lands lying in the CCRD by any person except the following individuals together with their spouses and dependents:

- a. permanent residents of the CCRD; and
- b. members of the Nuxalk, Wuikinuxv, Heiltsuk, or Kitasoo/Xa'xais First Nations; and
- c. employees and agents of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the First Nations Health Authority, and other provincially licensed health care providers; and
- d. any person carrying a travel permit issued by the CCRD, or any of the Nuxalk, Wuikinuxv, Heiltsuk or Kitasoo/Xa'xais First Nation Councils; and
- e. charter flight providers contracted by any of Nuxalk Nation, Heiltsuk Nation, Kitasoo/Xa'xais Nation, Wuikinuxv Nation, the CCRD, Vancouver Coast Health Authority, the First Nation Health Authority or any federal or provincial crown agency for the express purpose of moving essential goods or personnel; and
- f. Employees of BC Hydro, Boralex, BC Ferries, MFLNRO, MOTI, Telus, Shearwater Marine Group, Dawson's Landing General Store and Marina; Hakai Research Institute; Tula Foundation; Pacifica Coastal Airlines; Wilderness Seaplanes, School District #49; Bella Bella Community School Society or Hodgson Freightways Ltd performing essential services work; and
- g. persons who require entry into the CCRD to perform work requested in writing by any of the following:
  - i. any of the Nuxalk, Wuikinuxv, Heiltsuk and Kitasoo/Xa'xais First Nation Councils; and
  - ii. the CCRD, the Province, or the Government of Canada or any of their Crown Corporations or agencies; and
  - iii. such other organizations as declared from time to time by the Chair or Chief Administrative Officer.

## **2. POINTS OF ENTRY**

Any person entering or disembarking on lands in the CCRD may only do so at one of the following points of entry:

- a. the Bella Coola Airport;
- b. Tweedsmuir Park corridor on Highway 20 near the eastern avalanche gate;
- c. Bella Coola BC Ferries Terminal if arriving by BC Ferries, or Bella Coola Small Craft Harbour;
- d. the Bella Bella Airport;
- e. McLaughlin Bay BC Ferries Terminal if arriving by BC Ferries, or Bella Bella's Transport Canada Wharf;
- f. Shearwater Marine Dock;
- g. Denny Island BC Ferries Dock;
- h. Denny Island Airport;
- i. Ocean Falls BC Ferries Terminal if arriving by BC Ferries, or Ocean Falls' Small Craft Harbour,
- j. Wuikinuxv Village's dock or airport; or
- k. such other points of entry as declared from time to time by the CCRD Chair or Chief Administrative Officer.

## **3. HEALTH DIRECTIVES**

Entry into the CCRD by any person subject to a travel restriction listed in paragraph 1 is subject to their compliance with any healthcare directives or orders related to COVID-19 that are issued by the Provincial Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health, the First Nations Health Authority, or activated EOCs throughout the region where applicable.

## **4. DELIVERY OF GOODS AND SUPPLIES**

The travel restrictions listed in paragraph 1 above are not intended to restrict travel or access to the points of entry listed at paragraph 2 necessary for the provision of goods and supplies throughout the CCRD. Visitors seeking supplies need to comply with the local posted advisory at entry.

## **5. FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION**

The travel restrictions listed in paragraph 1 above are not intended to limit marine traffic throughout the waters in the CCRD, or access to the points of entry listed at paragraph 2 necessary for the purpose of accessing fuel, food, potable water, medical supplies or emergency services.

## **6. ENFORCEMENT**

The CCRD Chair or Chief Administrative officer may:

- (i) coordinate the construction of physical barriers and checkpoints, to establish the points of entry listed at paragraph 2, and
- (ii) appoint persons to maintain and enforce the travel restrictions and points of entry listed at paragraphs 1 and 2.

Any person who interferes with or obstructs an the CCRD Chair, Chief Administrative Officer, or appointee of the CCRD engaged in maintaining or enforcing the travel restrictions or points of entry listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 above commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than one year or to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or to both imprisonment and fine.

**7. COMING INTO FORCE**

This Order shall come into force and take effect upon the CCRD's receipt of written approval from the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

**8. SEVERABILITY**

A decision by a court that any part of this Order is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this Order, and is not to affect the balance of this Order.



Chair Samuel Schooner, Central Coast Regional District Board of Directors

**It is important to stay informed of updates through the Central Coast Regional District website.**

**Please call 811 if you are feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms**

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