

NVMA Covid-19 Response

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Steps NVMA is Taking

The health and safety of our patrons and staff is our priority during this time. Here are some of the steps we're taking:

- **Public Closure**

NVMA has implemented public closures for the Archives and Administrative offices. The building will remain closed until further notice.

During this time, NVMA Archival staff will endeavour to fulfill research requests by phone and email, or by appointment on a limited basis. Please contact Archivist Jessica Bushey for more information on services available. busheyj@dnv.org

NVMA has digital services available, such as our nvma.ca website which contains incredibly rich and diverse material and stories of North Vancouver, copies of our *Express* newsletter, and our Archives Database (nvma.ca/archives)

If you have questions or concerns, our Director Wesley Wenhardt invites you to connect with him directly at wenhardtw@dnv.org.

- **Events and Programs**

While NVMA events will be suspended until further notice, we are increasing our online presence with a new blog, virtual exhibit and children's activities. Please check the website regularly for new features.

- **Enhanced Cleaning**

NVMA has implemented enhanced cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces at our facilities. Please note that the Archives does not routinely disinfect materials when they are browsed or used in-house.

- **Work from Home**

NVMA requires that all staff stay home from work if feeling ill or in the instance of exposure to Covid-19.

We will continue to communicate any further impacts to the NVMA Community as a result of coronavirus. Thank you for your patience as we work through this developing situation.

What You Can Do

The best way to reduce the risk of getting colds, flu and COVID-19 is by:

- Washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds as often as possible. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is a good option if washing with soap and water isn't possible.
- Coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your shirt-sleeve rather than your hands.
- Avoiding contact with people that are coughing or sneezing.
- Practicing "social distancing" when in close proximity to others.
- Stay home if you're sick or experiencing flu-like symptoms. If you think you may have symptoms of coronavirus, call 8-1-1 for an assessment.

Health BC recommends some best practices for gatherings, including:

- Social distancing
- Avoid using usual greetings (hugging, handshakes, etc.)
- Consideration for virtual gatherings
- Most importantly, staying away if you are experiencing any illness

Staying Informed

For up-to-date, accurate information regarding coronavirus, NVMA recommend the following resources:

- **The Public Health Agency of Canada:** Information line for the COVID-19 novel coronavirus: 1-833-784-4397
- **Health Link BC:** healthlinkbc.ca or call 8-1-1
- **Vancouver Coastal Health:** vch.ca
- **BC Centre for Disease Control:** bccdc.ca