

## **NVMA Covid-19 Response**

March 16, 2020

### **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 from March 16 to April 1.**

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.

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NVMA has digital services available, such as our [nvma.ca](http://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](http://nvma.ca/archives))

If you have questions or concerns, our Director Wesley Wenhardt invites you to connect with him directly at [wenhardtw@dnv.org](mailto:wenhardtw@dnv.org).

- **Events and Programs**

**NVMA events will be suspended until further notice.**

We are carefully monitoring recommendations from local health authorities regarding public gatherings. Any updates will be posted to our website.

- **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](https://healthlinkbc.ca) or call 8-1-1
- **Vancouver Coastal Health:** [vch.ca](https://vch.ca)
- **BC Centre for Disease Control:** [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca)