

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 access to the Archives is by appointment only, Monday to Thursday. You can book your research time here: nvma.ca/collections/archives/**
- **Pre-visit instructions, new entry and exit arrangements, floor markings and directional signage, quarantining of archival materials and plexiglass barriers are some of the measures that will keep staff and visitors safe**
- **NVMA Administrative offices remain closed to the public until further notice. We are happy to provide phone and email services, or call to book an appointment. Reception: 604-990-3700 ext 8016, nvmac@dnv.org.**

During this time, NVMA Archival staff will also endeavour to fulfill research requests by phone and email. 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 have increased our online presence with a new blog, virtual exhibit, children's activities and a Geocache Adventure. Please check the website regularly for new features.

Enhanced Cleaning

NVMA has implemented enhanced cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces at our facilities. Currently, archival materials require 3 days quarantine after use.

Work from Home

We have implemented a staff rota to maintain safe occupancy levels in our administrative offices and require that all staff stay home from work if feeling ill or in the instance of exposure to Covid-19.

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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 spreading COVID-19 is by:

- 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.
- Wash 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.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your shirt-sleeve rather than your hands.
- Avoid contact with people that are coughing or sneezing.
- Practice social distancing when in close proximity to others.

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