



Regional District of **Kitimat-Stikine**

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Upper Skeena Recreation Centre – Closure - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Hazelton, B.C.

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) is engaged in planning activities to be proactive in minimizing risk, as well as managing and mitigating any potential COVID-19 impacts in our facilities and operations as well as to the services we deliver. Effective immediately the Recreation Centre facility will be closed to the public until further notice. Pre-scheduled camps will be phased out by the 19th. We believe this will help to meet our obligation to protect the health and well-being of our employees, contractor, the community and the residents and apologize for the inconveniences this will create.

The Facility Operations contractor, Recreation Excellence, is making preparation for this closure including informing groups that may have event bookings.

RDKS administration will continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation, undertake proactive measures, and continue to liaise with other agencies, organizations, and communities. Thanks you for your patience and understanding.

If you have questions about COVID-19, please refer to:

Northern Health (www.northernhealth.ca)
HealthLink BC (www.healthlinkbc.ca)
BC Center for Disease Control (www.bccdc.ca)
Health Canada (www.canada.ca)
World Health Organization (www.who.int)

If you think you may have come into contact with COVID-19 or are showing symptoms, please do not go to your healthcare provider; instead CALL 8-1-1 FOR ADVICE or see COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line to help answer questions and concerns from Northern BC residents. The NH COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line can be reached at 1-844-645-7811.

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