

COVID-19 – Canada West Mission Centre, Statement 2

March 11, 2020

1. Skagit County, the county where Samish Campground is located, has had its first reported case of COVID-19. The Campground Board President, Jim Fish, reported to the Board the following information this morning (March 11):

“...Skagit county now has its first case of (COVID-19) and the county responded with a recommendation that all unnecessary events of 10 or more people be cancelled. The campground manager provided that information to the next 3 weeks of retreat groups and they have all cancelled. We will wait and see how things develop in the next week or so to make any further cancellation decisions.”

None of the three cancelled events were Canada West events. The county restrictions are in place until the end of March. Continue to watch these updates for news of the lifting or extension of the restriction.

2. If, for any reason, you find yourself home on a Sunday morning instead of attending your local congregation’s events or services, please note the following online worship service opportunities (both congregations provide recordings of services to view after the fact):
 - a. Edmonton, Alberta, congregation. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time and is available online as follows:
 - i. Facebook
 - ii. YouTube
 - iii. Livestream (you will need to set up a free account)For all sites, search for “Edmonton Community of Christ”
For assistance call Carl Lindemann: home: 780-473-3436; church: 780-469-7510
 - b. Toronto, Ontario, Congregation. Worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
 - i. Facebook: Search for “Community of Christ Toronto Congregation”
 - ii. YouTube: Search for “Centre Place”

All health agencies recommend the following ways to best protect ourselves against all respiratory illnesses including flu and COVID-19:

- [Wash your hands often and well](#)
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
- Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill
- [When sick, cover your cough and sneezes and then wash your hands](#)

(adapted from: [Alberta Health Services website](#))

Current government information about the disease for each respective location can be found at these links (all sites have updated information to within the last couple of days):

- [Skagit County](#) (including links to COVID-19 info and the Declaration of Emergency relevant to Samish Campground)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- [Alberta Health Services](#)
- [Government of Saskatchewan](#)
- [Manitoba Public Health](#)

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