

Site Notice

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B.C Public Health Emergency

As of March 17th, 2020, British Columbia has declared a public health emergency, as officials announce 83 new cases of the novel coronavirus. This response is in an attempt to curb the spread of COVID19 and reduce stress on medical personnel and health-care equipment.

Provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry said the province would continue with attempts at containment, including testing and contact tracing, but that B.C. was now moving to a strategy of outbreak mitigation.

What this means for the public

In addition to current controls:

- Further social distancing including mandatory and immediate closure of bars and night clubs and some restaurants (based on the ability to limit capacity).
- Physical distancing: personnel are advised to stay 1-2 meters away from each other in public places.
- Provincial testing strategy of the virus has shifted to focus on health-care workers, seniors, hospitalized people, and other vulnerable groups.
- Critical infrastructure will remain open, but personnel are encouraged to maintain physical distancing. Critical infrastructure includes grocery stores, airports, hospitals, pharmacies, etc.

What this means for Red Chris

Although we are not defined as public place, the health and well-being of our personnel is highest priority. As we continue to monitor and evaluate public controls and global trends, we may be required to integrate public mandates into the business.

Across site we will be completing observational study to increase our understanding of personal distancing and identify possible opportunities to reduce interactions. Furthermore:

- We remind everyone to **remain vigilant and continue to practice good hygiene**, washing their hands regularly, particularly around food consumption areas.
- We will **continue with our scenario planning** activities to ensure, as much as possible, the business has controls in place. In addition to the health and well-being of our personnel, the strategic planning sessions evaluate the probability of logistical, financial, and operational implications.
- For the safety of yourself and your coworkers we remind you to keep **focus on the task at hand**, ensure **safe work practices** are followed, and inform your supervisor if distractions impede your ability to **work safely**.
- We ask all personnel to **minimize their time in the dining hall for the purpose of eating**, and to move on as soon as possible.
- We will be **removing the IT support desk**, and relocating it to the recreation room.

