# Site Notice

Wednesday 18 March 2020

NEWCREST
Red Chris JV

## COVID-19 update #8 - Physical Distancing – Dining Room Changes

As communicated earlier today the Government of British Columbia has declared a public health emergency. Subsequently, late this evening we have received communication from the Chief Mines Inspector outlining requirements and recommendations in relation to the communicable disease known as COVID-19.

## What this means for Red Chris

Mines in British Columbia are required to follow orders issued by the Provincial Health Officer. The following recommendations apply:

- Reduce the number of on-site personnel by encouraging work from home where from home where feasible.
    - **What we are doing:** We commenced the review and identified roles where their physical presence in the workplace is not required. These identified roles have already commenced working remotely.
- In person Townhall meeting used to address the whole site must to be avoided from groups with more than 50 people. Communication should continue in smaller groups or via any other media.
    - **What we are doing**: We recently cancelled a scheduled townhall meeting this past Sunday and have restricted our site communication to electronic media and / or paper.
- Daily pre-start safety meetings (toolbox meetings) affecting more than 50 people are to be held in smaller number or via other media and reduce in person meeting and other gatherings where possible.
    - **What we are doing**: We will be working with our supervisors and our crews to minimize the numbers of people attending any single toolbox/tailgate.

Furthermore, whilst bunkhouses and cafeterias are regulated by WorkSafeBC and regional health authorities, the following measures are recommended:

- Limit the number of people in dining halls to less than 50 at any given time.
- Establish multiple sittings in cafeterias to minimize numbers.
    - **What we are doing**:
        - We have reconfigured the dining hall, to accommodate physical distancing and ensure capacity is less than 50.
        - We are working with your supervisor to adjust dining times to minimize disruptions.
        - We ask everyone to limit their time in dining hall.
        - We appreciate everyone's cooperation whilst we implement these changes and ask for your patience.

In addition to these measures, we have implemented numerous precautionary activities across site including; continuing to prescreen all employees returning to site, restricting the attendance of large gatherings (conferences and training) and requesting people to separate themselves during transport on the crew buses.

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TARGET ZERO

BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Message from the Office of the Chief Inspector of Mines
# 2020-03-18

## COVID-19

**Objective:**

Ensure BC Mine awareness to public health requirements related to COVID-19.

**Background:**

The Provincial Health Officer is taking ongoing action including issuance of Orders pursuant to the *Public Health Act, S.B.C 2008,* in relation to the communicable disease known as COVID-19.

A public health order prohibiting gatherings in excess of 50 people has been issued. Relevant information related to COVID-19 may be located here: http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19

**Statement of the Chief Inspector of Mines**

Mines in British Columbia are required to follow orders issued by the Provincial Health Officer. Many mines across the province employee more than 50 people. The following recommendations apply in terms of day-to-day production and site operations:

- Reduce the number of on-site personnel by encouraging work from home where feasible.
- In person Townhall meetings used to address the whole site must to be avoided for groups with more than 50 people. Communication should continue in smaller groups or via any other media.
- Daily pre-shift safety meetings (toolbox meetings) affecting more than 50 people are to be held in smaller numbers or via other media.
- Reduce in person meeting and other gatherings where possible.

Although bunkhouses and cafeterias are regulated by WorkSafeBC and regional health authorities, the following measures are recommended:

- Limit the number of people to less than 50 at any given time.
- Establish multiple sittings in cafeterias to minimise numbers.

Implement other best practices consistent with Public Health Authority advice such as:

- Implement social distancing practices.
- Self-isolation for employees who traveled outside of Canada upon their return.
- Requiring employees showing symptoms to stay at home.

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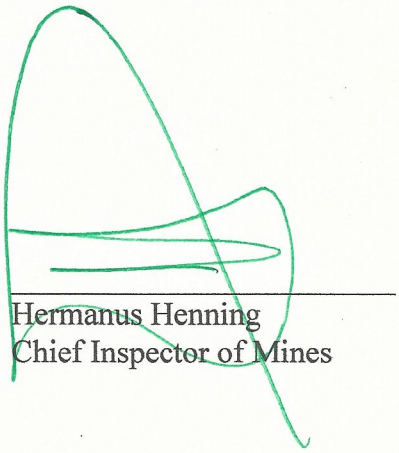
- Transportation to and from mines should be managed in ways that afford protection and minimise the risk of exposure for workers.
- Establish increased spacing between personnel where meetings are unavoidable (total to remain below 50 people).

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to fight against the spread of COVID-19 and to minimize the effect thereof.



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