



## **UPDATE, NOV. 20: Current Provincial Health Office Guidances are for ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY**

### **If you are here for to provide an Essential Service or stay for a prolonged time period:**

We want your time on Hornby to be safe for everyone! Given the resurgence of COVID-19, we are encouraging all visitors, residents, and guests to follow the guidelines put forth by Dr. Bonnie Henry and the BC government. Additionally, here are a few Hornby-specific considerations to keep you and our community safe!

#### **10 Tips for your stay on Hornby Island:**

1. **Health first.** If you or anyone in your household/work group have been sick in the previous week or have flu-like symptoms, please stay home.
2. **Plan ahead.** We have limited accommodations on the island, we recommend having all bookings/reservations complete before you come, please ask the host accommodation provider regarding their Worksafe B.C. protocols, and adhere to those. See [www.hornbyisland.com](http://www.hornbyisland.com) for booking options!
3. **Wear a mask.** This is mandatory on BC Ferries, in all retail stores and restaurants in B.C.
4. **Keep your distance.** It's easy to stay 2m (6ft) apart while enjoying our wild spaces. However, please also keep social distancing in mind when visiting our community gathering spaces such as the gas bar, Co-op, Ford's Cove, studios, or other businesses.
5. **Come prepared!** Please be aware of minimizing touchpoints within the community and carry a "clean trip kit" containing your own hand sanitizer, and wipes.
6. **Be patient.** Hornby Islands businesses have implemented provincially approved guidelines for cleaning and physical distancing to keep staff and patrons safe. We thank you for your patience and understanding with these changes.
7. **Less is more.** In accordance with provincial government health guidelines, our businesses will have limited capacity. For restaurants, please make a reservation or order takeout.
8. **Recreate responsibly.** Help our first responders by recreating responsibly and being careful not to get injured. Now is not the time to take risks. Do what you love to do, but do so with extra caution!
9. **Reduce, reuse, recycle.** Hornby Island is a unique community in balance with the natural world. Please be considerate of the environment during your stay; don't leave garbage behind and recycle using the proper bins in public spaces.
10. **Conserve water.** Please be considerate of water usage. Our fragile eco-system and community relies on water from aquifer's and wells to sustain us through the dry months and to be kind to our septic systems in the wet months.

Thank you for respecting our home, please use respect during your time on Hornby Island. We are all in this together!



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### **Hornby Island Health Travel Advisory**

Hornby Clinic: *The recommendations from the Province of British Columbia and the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons, during the Covid-19 pandemic, have changed how medicine is practiced. The Hornby Clinic is working with the ever-evolving situation to continue to offer care to their primary practice patients. They are no longer offering walk-in services and are not able to deliver the level of routine care that many have become accustomed to. They continue to offer care for all true emergencies with the support of volunteer First Responders and BC ambulance.*

### **If you are coming to Hornby, please come prepared:**

- Know the phone # of your primary care provider, for all non-emergent care.
- Ensure you bring all your prescription medications with you.
- Bring a well-stocked emergency first aid kit and over the counter medications.
- Stay safe and minimize accidents by not participating in high-risk activities.
- Follow the Ministry of Health guidelines for social distancing and hand hygiene—  
<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks>
- If you are symptomatic please use the Covid-19 self assessment tool at:  
<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en> before travelling
- Before planning or embarking on a journey to any remote community, please check and adhere to Provincial Travel Advisories.  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/traveller-information/travel-affected-by-covid-19>

**For medical advice (including information on Covid-19 protocols and testing)**

**Call the Nurses' Hotline at 811**

**For all life-threatening emergencies, call 911**

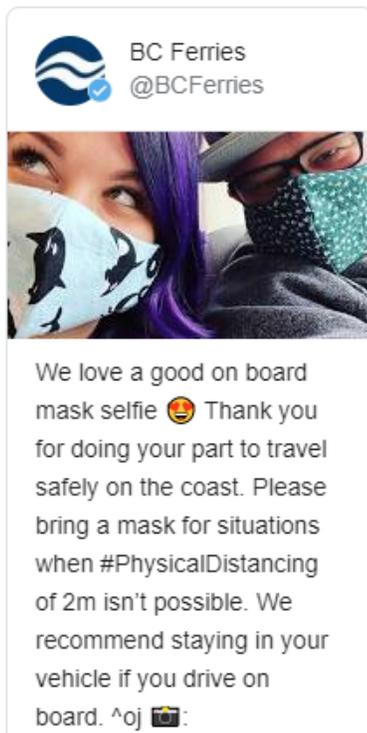
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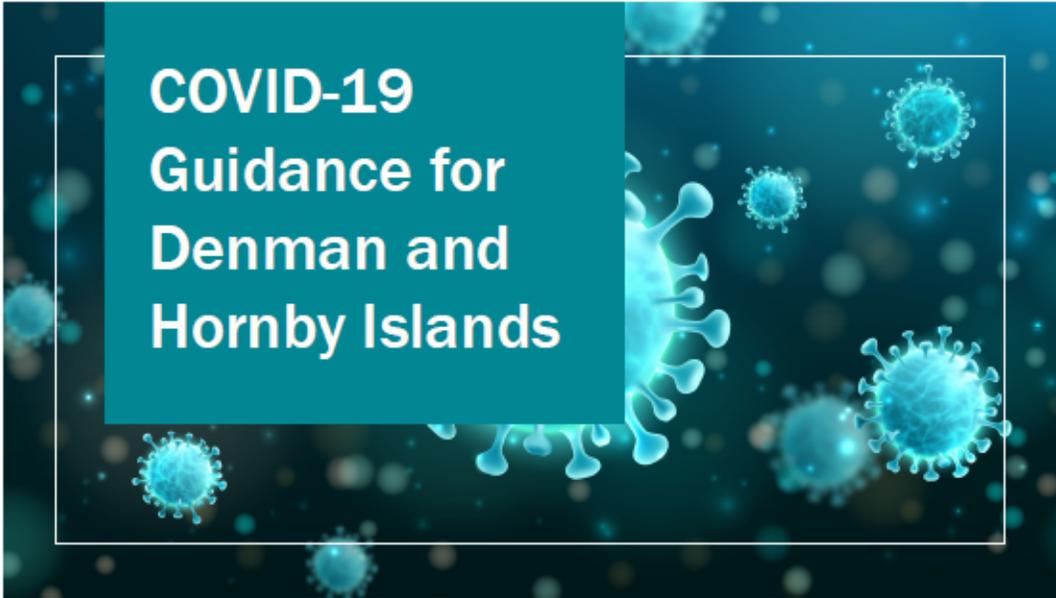


**BC Ferries are the life-lines to the islands.  
Follow their health and safety measures to ensure their crew stays healthy.**

**Please visit their website for current travel advisories and conditions.**

<https://www.bcferrries.com/about/projects/covid-19.htm>





## COVID-19 Guidance for Denman and Hornby Islands

### Welcome residents and visitors!

While you're on the islands, please help reduce the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak. The islands have limited capacity for first response and medical attention.

- Wash hands regularly and stay at least 2 metres away from others.
- Avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces in shops and public spaces.
- Avoid crowded places, including beaches and parks. If crowded, consider going somewhere else or come back later.
- Please support local vendors and follow their specific requests. Plan your shopping ahead to reduce browsing. Step outside to socialize at a safe distance.

If you experience COVID-19 symptoms, immediately self-isolate and seek assistance.

**Together, we can help keep each other and these island communities healthy and safe.**



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