

HORNBY ISLAND TRAVEL ADVISORY, APRIL 21

PROVINCE OF B.C.: ADVISES AGAINST ALL BUT ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

FULL DETAILS:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/travel/current#advisory>



WHEN it is Safe To Travel, Please Explore Hornby Island Responsibly

We want your time on Hornby to be safe and enjoyable for everyone! Given the ONGOING risk 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, Hornbyisland.com has outlined a few Hornby-specific considerations to keep you and our community safe!

10 Tips for a safe, enjoyable, and responsible visit to Hornby Island, WHEN the time is right:

1. **Health first.** If you or anyone in your travelling group has been sick in the previous week or have flu-like symptoms, please stay home.
2. **Plan ahead.** We have limited accommodations on the island and recommend having all bookings/reservations complete before you come. Please see www.hornbyisland.com for booking options!
3. **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 Farmer's Market, Ringside Market, Co-op, Ford's Cove, cultural events/spaces and while visiting friends.
4. **Come prepared!** Please be aware of minimizing touchpoints within the community and carry a "clean trip kit" containing your own hand sanitizer, and wipes. A mask for public indoor areas is not mandatory but highly recommended (and appreciated)!
5. **Explore patiently.** 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.
6. **Less is more.** In accordance with provincial government health guidelines, our businesses will have limited capacity throughout the summer. For restaurants, please make a reservation or order takeout.
7. **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!
8. **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.

9. **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 these dry months.
10. **Check fire bans.** Please observe all local fire restrictions and campfire bans.

Thank you for respecting our home, please enjoy your visit and remember to explore Hornby Island responsibly. We are all in this together!

This message is brought to you by hornbyisland.com with information taken from the BC Government, CDC, and Government of Canada

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. 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:

- Ensure you bring all your prescription medications with you.
- Know the phone # of your primary care provider, for all non-emergent care.
- 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>
- Ensure that your rental accommodation is using the recommended enhanced cleaning protocols.

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

Call the Nurses' Hotline at 811

For all life-threatening emergencies, call 911

Thank you for your understanding.



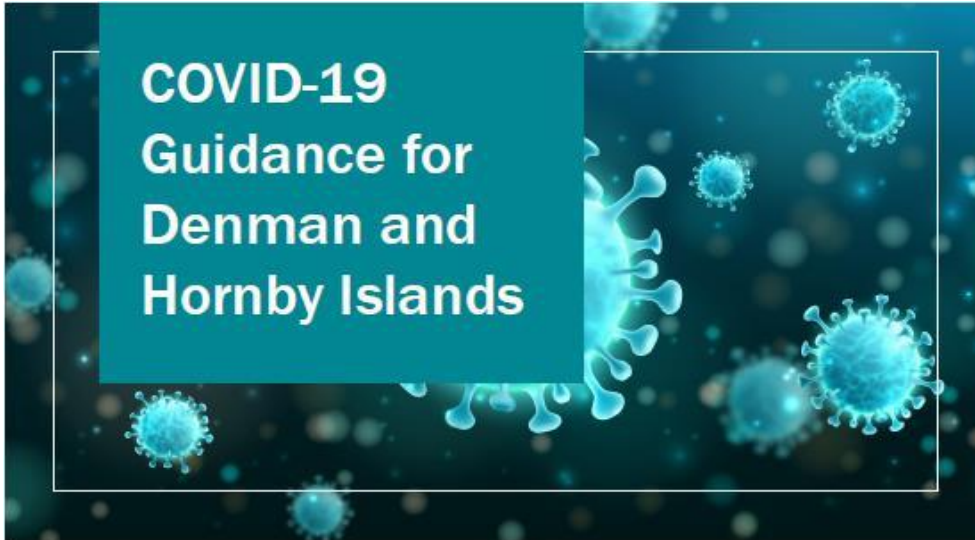
BC Ferries are the life-lines to the islands.

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/travel-advisories/8796191371043>

**IF TRAVEL IS ALLOWED AGAIN IN 2021,
HERE IS THE MESSAGE THAT THE REGIONAL DISTRICT,
AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES, ISSUED FOR VISITATIONS IN 2020:**



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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