

**Site Wide Notice**

To: Site C – All Site Employees & Contractors Date: March 14, 2020

From: Chris Waite, BC Hydro

Subject: **COVID-19 UPDATE – ADDITIONAL MEASURES IN WORKER ACCOMMODATION**

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BC Hydro has been monitoring COVID-19 since early January 2020 and taking appropriate action as the situation has evolved. BC Hydro's actions have included the postponement of non-essential site tours and meetings, the implementation of increased cleaning in the Two Rivers Lodge and increased site-wide communications promoting good hygiene.

**As of today, there have been no presumptive cases of COVID-19 reported on the Site C project, and work on the project continues as planned.** We are, however, continuing to see a few cases of influenza from the outbreak earlier this year.

**Health and safety is our number one priority.** It is important that we continue to proactively manage the risk associated with COVID-19. Beginning on March 15, 2020, ATCO will be implementing further enhanced cleaning and other measures in the Two Rivers Lodge.

Efforts are being focused on the common areas of the lodge as well as preparing areas for self-isolation and quarantining, should that become necessary.

Below is a list of the changes you will see around the lodge, effective March 15, 2020:

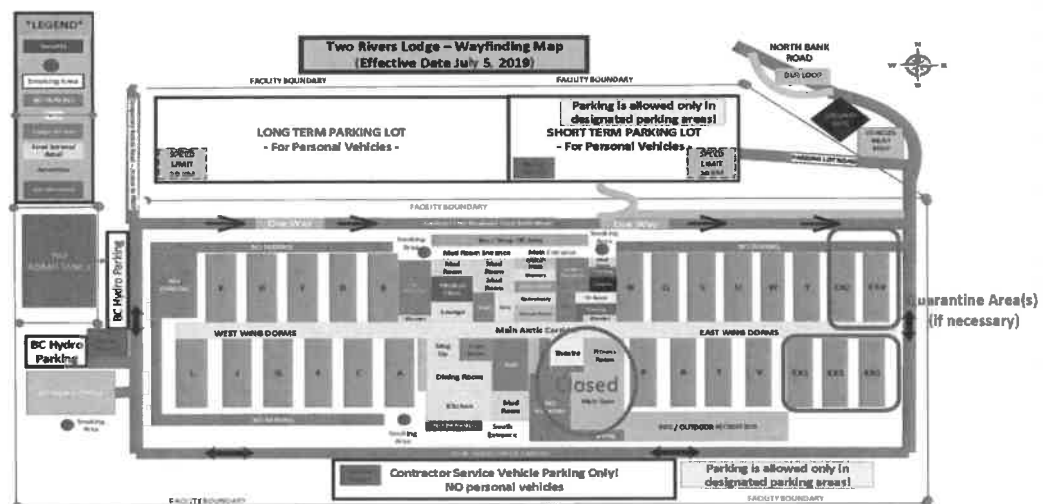
**Common Areas**

- Further enhanced cleaning measures: Cleaning of all high touch point areas will now be done every two hours.
- Dining tables will be cleaned after each use.
- All condiments, such as sugar packets, ketchup, etc., will need to be requested.
- Cream and sugar will be added to hot beverages by an ATCO worker.
- All beverage dispensers will be placed out of service. Beverages will remain available but will be served in individual servings instead (water, pop, etc).
- All self-service food stations, such as the salad bar and ice cream machine in the dining room, will be shut down temporarily.
- Additional touchless hand sanitizing stations will be available in the Dining Room.

- The gym, all recreation areas, the salon and theatre will be temporarily closed.
- The Bean, the Lounge, the Commissary, the Dining Room and the Mug-Up will remain open, with increased frequency of cleaning and revised serving procedures.

### Preliminary Self-Isolation and Quarantine Preparations

- ATCO has vacated eight rooms in the Phase 1 expansion dorm for allocation to self-isolation and quarantine, should this prove required.
- ATCO will also vacate one full dormitory (30 rooms) which will be made available for self-isolation and quarantine space, if necessary.
- There are an additional four dormitories (120 rooms) that could be converted to self-isolation and quarantine, if necessary.
- ATCO will also construct a “quarantine smoking structure” outside of the furthest dormitory and the ISOS clinic has nicotine patches on hand.
- Guests who are in self-isolation or quarantine will continue to receive meals but will have their meals delivered to their rooms in disposable serving dishes which are bagged and disposed of separately. Linens will be sent to an authorized commercial cleaning facility. ATCO will also implement additional precautions for staff members that interact with any guests who are in self-isolation or quarantine (such as wearing masks, gowns and gloves).
- Guests who are in self-isolation or quarantine are not permitted in common areas of the lodge.



## Site C - COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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What is COVID-19?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 is an illness caused by a coronavirus. Human coronaviruses are common and typically associated with illness similar to the common cold.</li> <li>• Symptoms of COVID-19 may be very mild or more serious. Symptoms include fever, cough, and most importantly, difficulty breathing.</li> <li>• Gastrointestinal distress is not typically a COVID-19 symptom.</li> </ul>
How do I prevent myself from getting COVID-19?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wash your hands often</b> with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds</li> <li>• Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands</li> <li>• Avoid close contact, including touching or shaking hands, with people who are sick</li> <li>• Ask people around you to cover their mouth, nose with tissues or their arms when coughing or sneezing; return the favor by doing this yourself</li> </ul>
How do I protect my family from COVID-19?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure your family follows the same steps described above for yourself.</li> </ul>
Should I use face masks when staying in camp?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health professionals warn that face masks are not very effective in preventing infection for the general population. People often touch their face masks frequently - to have a drink, smoke, or because it needs adjusting. Any germs on their hands may transfer to the mask which is then placed directly over their nose and mouth.</li> <li>• Masks should be worn by people who are symptomatic, to prevent transmission to other people.</li> <li>• If you feel strongly you'd like to wear a mask, please consider using your N95 mask.</li> </ul>
What has BC Hydro done to protect all the Site C workers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATCO and the Health Clinic are providing COVID-19 information and signage throughout camp</li> <li>• BC Hydro has restricted non-essential visitors to site by postponing or cancelling all site tours and guest employee meetings.</li> <li>• BC Hydro has limited our Site C employees to only intra-provincial travel.</li> <li>• ATCO has already implemented a higher level of enhanced cleaning procedures in shared areas of the worker accommodation area and all BC Hydro construction offices, where Site C meetings are often held.</li> <li>• ATCO is in the process of closing some higher exposure areas, for example the theatre.</li> <li>• The Bean, the Lounge, the Commissary, the Dining Room and the Mugup will remain open with increased frequency of cleaning and revised serving procedures.</li> <li>• Security has implemented cross-contamination controls at all Site C access points.</li> </ul>
Does ATCO have enough cleaning and housekeeping supplies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been well publicised that supplies of basic hygiene products (such as surgical masks, sanitizers, and even toilet paper) are increasingly limited, especially for retail sale. However, ATCO has several wholesale suppliers and to date has been able to source sufficient supplies for Site C needs, including for our contingency plans.</li> </ul>
What is my employer doing to protect workers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Hydro is providing contractors/employers with regular updates, and coordination meetings will continue as information is updated. Contractors and Employers on site are required to hold information sessions with their work force, relaying COVID-19 information as appropriate</li> <li>• BC Hydro is requesting contractors/employers provide their specific management plans to manage COVID-19 exposure for their workers.</li> <li>• Contractors have already been actively participating in additional cleaning measures.</li> <li>• Please contact your employer for additional information.</li> </ul>
What travel policies are being implemented for Site C workers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, health authorities are advising strongly against non-essential travel outside of Canada. Their direction includes the requirement to self-isolate for 14 days if a person has been out of the country. BC Hydro is committed to following the guidance of the health authority.</li> </ul>

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<p>Governments are recommending no more than 250 people in a gathering, won't the camp dining area be in violation of this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both the Alberta and British Columbia Provincial Governments have issued guidelines with respect to gatherings larger than 250 people. Their focus is public gatherings which typically do not have effective control measures in place; gatherings such as indoor and outdoor sporting events, conferences, religious gatherings, etc.</li> <li>• ATCO has already implemented enhanced cleaning measures in the camp dining room and, moving forward will be increasing the frequency of this cleaning as well as placing additional sanitizing stations within the area. There are several, industrial grade control measures in place to mitigate the risk to camp guests.</li> </ul>
<p>Will there be any pre-screening for people travelling to or arriving at Site C or camp?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although it is unclear how effective systematic pre-screening of workers accessing Site C or camp could be, BC Hydro is discussing the possibility of such screening with the Health Clinic, ATCO, our security services provider, and Contractors.</li> <li>• Currently, screening is primarily health-based and being done on a case-by-case basis based on recommendations from the BC Centre for Disease Control.</li> <li>• More information will be provided when there is a clearer direction.</li> </ul>
<p>I'm at home and not feeling well. What do I do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you feel sick, contact your employer and stay home to prevent spreading any illness to others. If you live with others, stay in a separate room or keep a 2-meter distance.</li> <li>• Call your local public health authority or a health care professional. Tell them your symptoms and follow their instructions. If you need immediate medical attention, especially if experiencing difficulty breathing, call 911 and tell them your symptoms.</li> </ul>
<p>I'm in camp and not feeling well. What do I do?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If you feel sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, please do not leave your room. Contact the Health Clinic located in camp at 778.844.0281 for a pre-screening. A trained professional from the clinic will come to you if further assessment is necessary.</b></li> <li>• This is important to prevent any possible virus infections from spreading, including the Influenza A, Influenza B, and Gastro-Intestinal infections we have seen before at camp.</li> <li>• Contact your employer.</li> </ul>
<p>What if my symptoms are possibly COVID-19?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Health Clinic is well equipped with test kits and there is a process in place to send swabs for COVID-19 and other respiratory virus testing. All COVID-19 testing is done in Vancouver.</li> <li>• Based on several factors including recent international travel, symptoms, and other risk factors, it may be appropriate for you to be tested for COVID-19. If so, you will be assigned a room in an isolated and protected section of camp until your test results come back. From Fort St. John, test results take about 3-4 days.</li> </ul>
<p>What happens when test results are positive?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with positive test results will be quarantined in an isolated and protected section of camp until there are two successive negative test results; this is usually about 14 days.</li> <li>• The Health Clinic is well equipped with medical supplies to keep most people who are sick comfortable. If someone is really ill with the virus, they will be safely transported to the Fort St. John hospital for treatment and care.</li> </ul>
<p>How will people in camp be protected from contact with possible or actual COVID-19 cases in camp?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATCO, and the Site C Health Clinic have implemented a isolation and quarantine plan to manage any contagious illness, including seasonal influenza , gastrointestinal infections, and possibly COVID-19. ATCO and the Health Clinic are governed by the Northern Health Authority.</li> <li>• The quarantine area is isolated from the main shared areas of camp, provides some amenities for patients including a smoking area, and can be scaled as necessary. ATCO has the trained staff, facilities and supplies required to manage even a sizable quarantine.</li> <li>• Some examples of quarantine controls include meals will be delivered in disposable serving dishes which are bagged and disposed of separately, linens will be sent to an authorized commercial facilities, anyone interacting with the workers will be required to wear masks, gowns and gloves.</li> </ul>

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If I have COVID-19, could I rent a vehicle to self-quarantine at home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You would be obligated to tell the rental agency you are a possible or confirmed case prior to renting, and the agency may refuse to accept the booking. If your booking is accepted, as a contagious person, you would not be able to pick-up the vehicle, someone else would have to.</li><li>• You would also have to make highly secure arrangements to take the vehicle, return it to the agency at your destination, and get home without exposing anyone.</li></ul>
If I get sick and stay home, or even get COVID-19, will I get paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Canadian federal government has announced some assistance programs for people impacted by COVID-19; for example, waiving the one-week waiting period for employment insurance and other income supports for those not eligible for EI sickness benefits.</li><li>• Please contact your employer to understand their health and wellness benefit programs, as well as how to access government assistance programs.</li></ul>
Will there be any screening for people travelling to or arriving at Site C or camp?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screening is being done on a case by case basis per recommendation from the British Columbia Center for Disease Control</li><li>• Although it is unclear how effective screening at Site C could be, BC Hydro is discussing the possibility of screening with the Health Clinic, ATCO, our security services provider, and Contractors. More information will be provided when there is a clearer direction.</li></ul>
Will Site C be shut down as a COVID-19 Preventive Measure?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BC Hydro has been monitoring COVID-19, and developing contingency plans, since January 2020.</li><li>• To protect the health of all Site C workers, and ensure time-sensitive work can be completed safely, BC Hydro and our contractors have implemented progressive measures to prevent and mitigate a COVID-19 health event at Site C. We continue to investigate additional measures.</li><li>• At this time, the work on the project continues as planned.</li></ul>