



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Cowichan Valley

COVID-19 Program Updates

With the rapid rise in Covid-19 cases on Vancouver Island, it has become necessary to be even more vigilant in the protection of our staff, clients and business partners. **Effective immediately, all staff are required to wear masks (as per provincial guidelines) and screening of staff, clients and all visitors will be required at all CMHA-CVB locations. This screening will include several basic health questions and a temperature check. All locations are required to retain these records until further notice.**

By taking these steps, CMHA-CVB is doing its best to protect the community and our staff.

The Canadian Mental Health Association - Cowichan Valley Branch has taken the following precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

WARMLAND HOUSE SHELTER (2579 Lewis St):

Effective immediately the Shelter gates will be closed 24-hours per day. If clients want to use the services, they will buzz at the gate and we will manage how many people are inside at any one time. People who are not tenants (apartment or bunkhouse) will not be permitted to gather inside during the day at this time.

The Warming Program is on hold for the unforeseeable future.

Donations: We are not taking clothing donations at this time (only socks and underwear). Check our social media feeds to see how you can order items directly from Amazon (these are delivered directly to us). Warmland will continue to accept donations of food. If you have food that may spoil because you are closed, please consider donating to the shelter (call us to discuss 250.715.1132).

Staff are working to accommodate clients to the best of their ability with the resources available.

SOBERING ASSESSMENT CENTRE (2579 Lewis St):

Will remain open, business as usual with extra disinfection and extra distancing between clients.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION SITE (221 Trunk Rd):

Business as usual but with extra disinfection and extra spacing between tables to provide distance between clients.

OPEN DOOR YOUTH SERVICES CENTRE (371 Festubert St):

Open Door staff will no longer be making breakfast, At this time we are making brown bag lunches for the youth.

YOUTH OUTREACH SERVICES (mobile):

No change in services.

BIKEWORKS/DISCOVERYWORKS (51 Trunk Rd):

All programs closed until further notice.

RAINBOWS FOR CHILDREN:

Cancelled until further notice.

MALAHAT YOUTH GROUP:

Cancelled until further notice.

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