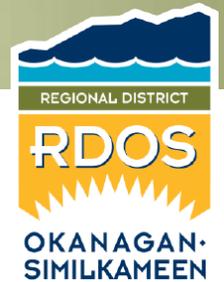


# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

## FACT SHEET

July 5, 2021

### RDOS COVID-19 resource links and updates



**Please follow the advice of health professionals and maintain physical distancing.  
Engage in careful social contact.  
If you or anyone in your family feels sick, stay home and get tested immediately.**

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is following the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) and has implemented a set of measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Masks are recommended in public indoor settings July 1 to September 6, 2021.
- Masks are optional for members of the public attending RDOS sites.

#### COVID-19 Resource Links

- COVID-19 BC Support App and Self-Assessment Tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/>
- Information about the spread and risk of COVID-19: <http://www.interiorhealth.ca>
- If you have health concerns, call HealthLink BC: 8-1-1
- Non-health related questions: 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319)

[Step 3 of BC's Restart Plan](#) came into effect July 1, 2021. Residents and visitors are reminded to continue following Provincial health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Masks are recommended in public indoor settings for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated. The [mask mandate order](#) under the Emergency Program Act was lifted July 1 and no proof of vaccination is needed.

- You're fully vaccinated 14 days after dose 2
- Some people may choose to continue to wear a mask after they're fully vaccinated and that's okay

[RDOS landfills](#) remain open. Payments are being accepted by credit or debit only. Cash temporarily not be accepted until further notice. If you are self-isolating, under quarantine, or if you are currently ill - please stay home.

Playgrounds in the RDOS are open including those located in municipal and regional parks, and at public schools. For information about family activities and other initiatives, please visit: <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/community-services/regional-recreation/covid-resources>



For the health and safety of the public and staff, residents are reminded to use online payment services on the RDOS website whenever possible.

**Please note, Rural Property Tax payments are made through the Service BC office.**

**Electronic Meetings** – Many public meetings, consultations, group and commission meetings are being held electronically until further notice. [RDOS board meetings](#) are also being held electronically and available to view [online](#). You can access all RDOS electronic meetings and events at [rdos.webex.com](https://rdos.webex.com) Enter meeting information or select drop-down menu and click [Webex Events](#)

### **Development Applications | Building Permits**

Applications for planning and building permits can be submitted at the RDOS office: 101 Martin Street in Penticton, dropped off in the bins provided at the front entrance, or sent via email.

#### **Development Applications and Building Permits:**

- Drop off with application payment: 101 Martin Street, Penticton
- Email Building Permit application package to: [buildinginfo@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:buildinginfo@rdos.bc.ca)
- Email Planning application package to: [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca)

Staff will follow up with confirmation of receipt.

Enquiries related to property file search requests can be directed to: [buildinginfo@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:buildinginfo@rdos.bc.ca)

Building inspections will continue under special arrangements to limit the number of people present during the inspection.

**RDOS Office – Penticton: 250-490-4205** or [buildinginfo@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:buildinginfo@rdos.bc.ca)

**Building official Aaron Hough: 250-295-6685** or email: [ahough@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:ahough@rdos.bc.ca)

**RDOS Phone: 250-492-0237 | RDOS Email: [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca) | RDOS Website: [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)**

### **How COVID-19 spreads**

COVID-19 is an infectious disease that mainly spreads between humans through direct contact with an infected person or their respiratory droplets. Respiratory droplets are generated by breathing, speaking, coughing, and sneezing. Your exposure risk is greatest when you have prolonged close contact with an infected person. The virus can also spread if you touch a contaminated surface and then touch your eyes, mouth, or nose. A surface can become contaminated if droplets land on it or if someone touches it with contaminated hands.

### **Masks**

Make sure you know how to wear your mask. Follow manufacturer or industry specifications and directions. Don't wear masks below the nose or chin. This can increase the risk of exposure. Keep your mask clean and dry. If it gets wet, it's less effective at preventing the spread of droplets.

Practice good hygiene even if you're wearing a mask. Don't remove your mask to cough or sneeze. After coughing or sneezing, wash your hands. Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth

**SOURCE: WorkSafeBC**