



March 13, 2020

Dear Members,

At Kelowna Yacht Club, the health, safety and well-being of our colleagues, members, guests and community is always our number one priority. We are carefully monitoring the public health and safety risk associated with the COVID-19 outbreak, with reassessment as new information becomes available from [Interior Health](#) and the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#). At this time, PHAC has assessed the public health risk as **low** for the general population in Canada. You can find more information on this assessment, as well as advice and precautions related to hygiene, travel and symptoms [here](#).

As we continue to monitor the situation, in addition to the standard strict cleaning procedures that are part of our daily maintenance schedule, we have implemented additional measures to increase the sanitization of our facility. We have based these enhanced safety measures on the latest guidance of the Interior Health Authority, Healthlink BC and Public Health Agency of Canada.

The actions we are taking include:

- increased number of hand sanitizing stations throughout the Clubhouse;
- increased daily cleaning of our restrooms to multiple times per day;
- designating Kelowna Yacht Club as a no handshake, no contact and no sharing facility;
- increased cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces such as entrance/exit door handles, plates, restroom doors, handrails, counters and other high-traffic areas;
- lowering seating capacity in the Member Lounge to allow for acceptable social distancing;
- ensuring those of our staff who have travelled internationally within the last 14 days adhere to a voluntary 14 day self-isolation;
- ensuring each member of our staff is briefed daily on the proper precautions to take to ensure the safety of our members and guests; and
- posting of safety documents and protocols related to maintaining proper precautions and hygiene in all of our restrooms.

On March 12, 2020, the B.C.'s provincial health officer [issued a statement](#) regarding the cancellation of any gathering larger than 250 people. We do not have any events scheduled in the immediate 30 days that has more than 250 expected attendees, however we will be constantly reassessing the situation daily and will keep you apprised of any further information. As such, we continue to welcome members and guests to our facility and events.

We encourage all colleagues, members and guests to follow recommended precautions as advised by BC Health Officials. For the most current information on COVID-19, please visit:

- [Healthlink BC](#)
- [Interior Health](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

It is our hope that the above and additional measures we have implemented will allow you to feel comfortable and safe while at your Club. Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Thom Killingsworth,
Executive Director*