

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

LETTER TO MEMBERS CONCERNING NEW CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

The Board of Directors and Co-Op Committees held an emergency meeting to assess our readiness in dealing with the coronavirus outbreak. Our primary concern is keeping our community healthy and safe. In line with the City of Burnaby's most recent measures and the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BC-CDC) current guidance, we are taking the following precautions.

Effective Monday, March 16, the following facilities are **CLOSED**:

- the Co-Op Pool
- the Common Room (future bookings for member events are cancelled until further notice)
- the washrooms adjacent to the Laundry Room

The Laundry Room will be open for members to use for laundry. Members using the room must wipe down the surfaces and machines they use after completing their laundry. We have placed disinfectant wipes in the Laundry Room for you to use for this purpose, and this purpose only (please do not remove the disinfectant wipes from the Laundry Room).

The following events at Garden Square Co-Operative are **ALL CANCELLED**:

- the March General Members' meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25
- the Children's Easter Party scheduled for Saturday, April 4

Committees will be using email, telephones, or video conferencing to hold any meetings needed for the near future. Other measures will be announced as they are ready to launch.

Our **maintenance contractors** will be **limited to responding to essential repairs only** at this time. Previously scheduled work that is not essential will be postponed. If you have an emergency at your unit, please report it to the Maintenance Committee: maintenance@gardensquare.org.

The Co-Op will be exploring financial assistance resources for members should the need arise. More information will be circulated as it becomes available. Please send questions or concerns to the board's email address: board@gardensquare.org.

We encourage everyone to keep informed and connected using the following resources:

BC-CDC COVID-19 Information: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

Burnaby COVID-19 Information:

<https://www.burnaby.ca/City-Services/Public-Safety/Novel-Coronavirus--COVID-19-.html>

BC COVID-19 Health Information Line: 1-888-COVID19 (1-888-268-4319)

BC HealthLink Number (general inquiries): Dial 8-1-1 on your telephone

Garden Square Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/193387111073209/>

We recognize that some of these measures are inconvenient, but we feel they are necessary to protect our members. As always, we will get through this together as a community. Stay safe, practice social distancing, and in case you haven't heard, wash your hands.

Sincerely,

The Garden Square Board of Directors