



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Inspections Protocol - COVID19

The health of our residents is our utmost concern, and the District of Central Saanich is taking the COVID-19 response seriously. Strong public health efforts are underway to slow the spread of the virus, and our community must work together to support these efforts and do our part. As such, our Building Inspection office will be limiting inspections, where necessary, to protect both the public and staff.

What does this mean?

For **complex, large commercial and multi-storey residential** (Part 3) buildings:

- The Registered Professionals (Architect and Engineer's) are committed to provide field reviews under the BC Building Code;
- Prior to continuing to each stage of construction, confirmation from your professional is required, and documents should be copied to our office;
- While our office remains open for phone and email inquiries, please contact us for possible monitoring site inspections at each stage; and,
- During site visits, everyone must remain at minimum of 2 metres (6 feet) away from the inspector at all times.

For **construction of new houses and small residential** (Part 9) buildings:

- Our current practice will be attending the site to complete inspections while maintaining the recommended social distance;
- Workers should remove themselves from the building during inspections; and,
- Framing and final inspections will not occur unless all the required paperwork, including structural engineer's approval, has been submitted.

For **renovations of existing, occupied houses or small commercial** (Part 9) buildings:

- Inspectors will be limiting these inspections to protect all involved;
- While our office remains open for phone and email inquiries, please contact us for details and send photos of the relevant areas of the project; and,
- Review the bylaw excerpt below regarding owner's obligation to comply with the Building Bylaw and BC Building Code.

For your information, the District's Building Bylaw states, in part:

4.3 *It shall be the full and sole responsibility of the owner (and where the owner is acting through a representative, the representative) to carry out the work in respect of which the permit was issued in compliance with the Building Code and this bylaw or other applicable enactments respecting safety.*

CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT:

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