

EMERGENCY INDOOR SHELTER LOCATIONS UPDATE – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

On February 6th, Environment Canada issued a special cold weather alert for Victoria, BC. An Arctic front is here with temperatures below zero all week. Snow is predicted. Please find below a list of current emergency indoor shelters, warming tents and drop-in spaces available to provide respite from the cold weather for people experiencing homelessness. *This list will be updated regularly.*

INDOOR SHELTER OPTIONS:

LOCATION	DETAILS
<p>Out of the Rain 1450 Elford Street (Youth 15 – 25, inclusive of 25 years old)</p>	<p>Opening 7:00 PM – 8:00 AM from Friday, February 12 to Monday, February 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mat spaces available for up to 25 individuals • If workers are finding issues with transportation for youth, please call the shelter for arrangements at 250-415-3856.
<p>Island Health Sobering Centre 1125 Pembroke Street</p>	<p>Mat spaces available up to 24, open from Friday, February 12 to Tuesday, February 16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop by 24/7 to ask about a spot or call to see if there is space at 250-213-4441
<p>Kirk Hall St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness 680 Courtney Street</p>	<p>Opening 8:00 PM Friday, February 12 to Wednesday, February 17.</p> <p><u>Night-time Shelter:</u> Friday to Tuesday mat spaces available for up to 20 individuals, first-come-first-served.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can keep mat for duration of opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Must be back by 6:00 pm to claim mat or will be given to next person • Breakfast and dinner <p><u>Daytime Drop-in:</u> Saturday to Tuesday, 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM daytime warming for up to building maximum of 40 people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-ins allowed • Snacks/Coffee/Tea etc. <p>Open 24/7 for the duration of the cold front presently upon us. This will be re-evaluated, as necessary.</p>

<p>The Salvation Army ARC, Chapel 525 Johnson Street</p>	<p>Mat spaces available for up to 10 individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening tonight, February 11th to Monday, February 15th. • Operating hours will be from 8:00 PM – 8:00 AM. • Call 250-384-3396 or stop by the ARC to sign up for a mat.
<p>The James Bay United Church, Victoria Dandelion Society 511 Michigan Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction: Go along the right-hand side of the church and access through the back patio 	<p>Warming respite for up to 20 individuals from Thursday, February 11 to Wednesday, February 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not mats, space for people to come in, sit down and warm up • 24/7 for the duration of the cold front presently upon us. This will be re-evaluated as necessary. • Toilet facilities • Coffee/Tea • Snacks
<p>Shelter for Seniors, Downtown Accessible Location, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness (55+ who are currently sheltering outdoors)</p>	<p>The GVCEH has 10 spaces available for vulnerable, low acuity, seniors (55+). Open from Thursday, February 11 to Wednesday, February 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These spaces would be available for individuals to stay 24/7 (with a site closure for maintenance between 12:00 – 5:00 PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The persons accessing the space are required to stay in the designated area only. • Referral is through phone intake, please call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Site Manager 250-589-7481 hours 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM ◦ After hours call the Site Office line 250-508-9326 • NO DROP-INS • PETS OKAY
<p>Rock Bay Landing Seasonal Shelter, Victoria Cool Aid Society 535 Ellice Street</p>	<p>Open to come to the shelter or call to get on the list at 250-383-1951.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 more overnight mats added this week and <u>available as long as the current extreme weather continues.</u> • Breakfast and a bagged lunch. • All the seasonal mats at RBL will still be overnight-only, people will still have to leave by 8:30 AM.

<p>Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC), Seasonal Shelter 231 Regina Avenue</p>	<p><u>NO DROP-INS</u>, call any time during the day to see if there is space at 250-812-7100.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mat spaces available for up to 25 individuals • Hot meals, showers and laundry • In addition to normal shelters hours, will be staying open 24/7 from Thursday, February 10th to Tuesday, February 16th
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WARMING TENTS:

LOCATION	DETAILS
<p>MEEGAN - Community Care Tent, Community Volunteers Cook Street near Dallas Road</p>	<p>Open: 24/7, community donations can be dropped off during daytime hours from 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming tent • Donated supplies • Coffee, Tea and Food • Community connections through peer support, outreach, and workshops <p>Night Hours: 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary shelter for people who don't have any camping gear or whose tents have been damaged or are otherwise unusable • Overnight support and crisis response • Support and access to donated supplies - food and survival supplies
<p>Royal Athletic Park (RAP) , Peers Victoria 940 Caledonia Ave</p>	<p>Open: 9 AM - 9 PM this week, normal operating hours 12:45 PM - 8:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peers Victoria 20 x 20 warming tent for people living at RAP, with a permit from the City and in collaboration with the North Park Neighbourhood Association • Emergency supplies and harm reduction supplies, support
<p>Mustard Seed 625 Queens Ave</p>	<p>Open: Monday to Saturday 9 AM - 2 PM, Friday & Saturday nights 6 PM - 8 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot warming tents accessible during Mustard Seed open hours for food

<p>Our Place Society</p> <p>919 Pandora Ave</p>	<p>Open every day from 6:30 AM – 9:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tents with heaters and lights are open at the same time as the indoor drop-in. • Busiest during meal service: 7:00 – 8:00 AM, noon – 1:00 PM, 5:00 - 6:30 PM
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DROP-IN SPACES:

LOCATION	DETAILS
<p>Sanctuary Youth Centre (ages 14-22)</p> <p>767 Humboldt (near Blanshard)</p>	<p>Up to 6 youth at a time can be inside and will have to wear a mask when not eating/drinking.</p> <p>Contact number: 250-385-6255</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal operating hours: Friday - Sunday night • Emergency “Snowy Day” hours: Wednesday, February 10th and Thursday, February 11th from 12:00 PM to – 6:00 PM • Food, showers and laundry
<p>Red Cedar Café</p> <p>1900 Douglas (Paul’s Diner)</p>	<p>Open every day from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay-what-you-can coffee, tea, and pastries, soup and bread • Access to washrooms and free WiFi
<p>SOLID</p> <p>1056 North Park</p>	<p>Open every day from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harm reduction supplies and Cannabis Substitution Program. • Limited number of people able to be in the space to maintain COVID requirements for physical distancing, so can’t stay for long.
<p>Our Place Society,</p> <p>919 Pandora Ave</p>	<p>Drop-in centre open every day from 6:30 AM – 9:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry and secure storage for personal belongings of people affected by homelessness • Health and hygiene services including showers for the community (Showers: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM) • Three meals served daily

For further information on **pre-existing shelters and drop-in sites**, and in acknowledgement of the good work being done in community please refer to the [Street Community Survival in COVID Times: What's Open / Closed / New / Different in Lkwungen Territory \(aka 'Victoria'\)](#) compiled by the [Indigenous Harm Reduction Team \(IHRT\)](#) and [Poverty Kills 2020](#). *(Updated regularly)*

The Indigenous Harm Reduction Team (IHRT), or I-Heart, is a group of Indigenous (Native / Aboriginal) folks who do harm reduction by and for Indigenous people.