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Joint statement on COVID-19 response planning across the North Shore

NORTH VANCOUVER – Mayor Linda Buchanan, Mayor Mary-Ann Booth, and Mayor Mike Little have issued the following joint statement regarding updates on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) response planning across the North Shore:

"There has been a growing concern in our communities about the spread of COVID-19. We share in your concern and have been diligent in our community response planning.

"North Shore Emergency Management is working with internal and external partners, including Vancouver Coastal Health and all three North Shore municipalities, reviewing pandemic guidelines and implementing response measures. All three municipalities have plans in place to ensure uninterrupted delivery of essential services.

"As municipalities are guided by local, provincial and federal health authorities on health matters, we are regularly checking for updates and assessing our plans as we learn more. North Shore Emergency Management is proactively working with our partner agencies on mitigation, response, and planning.

"We encourage residents to take all of the usual precautions to prevent cold and flu viruses from spreading. This includes, washing your hands regularly and thoroughly, avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes when possible, cough into your sleeve or tissue, and stay home if you are not feeling well. The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for the general population in Canada. Canadians planning travel should consult PHAC travel health alerts and follow all guidelines."

If you think you may have symptoms of coronavirus, call 8-1-1 for an assessment. For more information and updates please visit: www.healthlinkbc.ca

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