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Celebrate with care this Easter – follow public health orders to keep Campbell River healthy

Fresh buds and blossoms, warmer temperatures, and chocolate bunnies usually mean time with extended family and group Easter egg hunts. But this year, community members must celebrate with public health orders in mind.

“Easter symbolizes hope and renewal, and we urge everyone to show your love and community spirit this year by keeping celebrations small, contained to household members only,” says Mayor Andy Adams. *“Please, with the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, this is a time to avoid the typical Easter activities such as crowded church services, neighbourhood Easter egg hunts and extended family gatherings. We recognize this is difficult, but it’s in everyone’s best interest to stay as healthy as possible.”*

Here are some ideas to help you celebrate with care.

- Following all public health orders means staying home as much as possible.
- Celebrate in person only with members of the same household.
- Connect with friends and extended family by telephone or online.
- Online video chats let you safely host a virtual Easter dinner or decorate eggs together.
- Kids can hunt for eggs in the house or backyard.
- If you must go out, maintain physical distance of at least two metres (six feet) from people who are not members of your household, wash your hands often and cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- If you have the means, donate to the food bank or Campbell River Community Foundation or other local charities supporting families in need.

“We know this virus has created challenges for many people around the world, and right here at home. Beyond donations, the best way to help is choosing to celebrate with care, according to all public health guidelines. This is how we can all help protect our families, our medical professionals and those most vulnerable members in our community,” Mayor Adams emphasizes. *“Thank you in advance for choosing to make a difference this Easter. You keep the spirit of hope and renewal alive by making community health a shared priority.”*

Find COVID-19 related resources, updates and information at www.campbellriver.ca/COVID-19.

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