



Tla'amin Nation State of Local Emergency Order Extended

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Tla'amin Territory, Powell River, BC

Tla'amin Nation is reporting 31 active cases of COVID-19. People who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in contact with those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms have been contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health and directed to isolate to help prevent further spread. Self-isolating at home is the best way to prevent the spread of contagious respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19.

State of Emergency Continues and additional measures in place

In response to the increase in COVID-19 cases over the weekend, the Tla'amin Nation Executive Council enacted an extension to the Local State of Emergency Order until September 29, 2020. The State of Emergency Order allows for additional protective protocols to remain in place to help flatten the curve.

“We have witnessed some individuals not obeying local or provincial orders, this is both selfish and irresponsible,” said Hegus Clint Williams. “Everyone is reminded to keep the course and stay strong. All our actions count. We do not want to be in an outbreak situation and have to enforce another Shelter in Place order.”

In line with the State of Local Emergency Extension, the Tla'amin Nation nightly curfew from 9 pm to 6 am remains in effect, and access to the community continues to be restricted to Tla'amin residents only, with the exception of a few volunteers who have been pre-screened and approved WCB COVID-19 compliant contractors and delivery companies.

The checkpoint at Sliammon Road will remain in place until further notice. Tla'amin residents must continue to inform checkpoint staff of where they are going when departing the community and when they plan to return. Masks will be available at the checkpoint and must be worn at all times when interacting with the public.

COVID-19 Testing Scheduled for September 22, 2020 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Tla'amin Health Offices

The Nation is strongly urging you to seek testing if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms include headache, fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle pain, lack of appetite, and abdominal distress. The testing event will end promptly at 3:30 pm so that test samples can be flown to Vancouver for analysis. For more information on testing please call 604-483-3009. Tla'amin Health is reminding residents to keep your social bubbles small to limit potential exposures. Large gatherings, including parties, are not permitted in Tla'amin Nation.

First responders continue to respond to non-COVID-19 calls

First responders including police, fire, ambulance and social services continue to respond to non-COVID-19 related calls. First responders will arrive to distress calls wearing all required personal protective equipment. Those requiring harm reduction services and supplies can call 604-223-4430 for confidential help. Tla'amin members with questions or requiring help with grocery essentials can call 604-578-0447. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. If you witness any COVID-19 violations or suspicious behavior, please call the 911 emergency line. You can call anonymously.

“During these difficult times, our Nation, our residents and our neighbours continue to come together to show leadership and support for one another, Said Hegus Clint Williams. “There were no food hamper orders over the weekend. That indicates no house is going without food and that checkpoint operations continue to be effective.”

As we face this unprecedented COVID-19 situation, we must always stay safe, stay kind, and remain calm. The Nation is committed to protecting our residents and the surrounding region as we take proactive measures to combat the spread of COVID-19. We continue to remain transparent, and we appreciate the support of our essential workers and community.