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REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

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Emergency Operations Centre Provides Update on Tla'amin Nation COVID-19 Outbreak

Powell River, B.C. – The Regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is appealing for kindness and calm in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak in Tla'amin Nation.

On September 7, 2020, the Tla'amin Nation was made aware of a confirmed COVID-19 case. In response, the Tla'amin Nation activated a local Emergency Operations Centre and is working with provincial health authorities and the First Nations Health Authority to contain the spread of the virus.

Tla'amin Nation is taking strict and aggressive action to care for their community and the entire region. The Nation voluntarily issued a Shelter in Place Order for Tla'amin Nation residents and the Nation has restricted access to their community through a single roadway with checkpoints.

The Nation is currently conducting vigorous contact tracing and those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are self-isolating. These additional containment measures were put in place very quickly and will stay in place as long as necessary to protect the community and region.

Tla'amin Nation members and other indigenous people in the qathet Regional District are reporting being subjected to racially motivated harassment at work, running errands, or while out in our communities. This is causing additional stress, anxiety and fear.

Now is not a time to be divided. Racially motivated bias and harassment have no place in our region. We ask that everyone support the Nation at this difficult time. We must treat each other with decency and respect. Please follow the words of Dr. Bonnie Henry, “Be Kind, Be Calm, Be Safe”.

For more information regarding the ongoing COVID-19 Outbreak at Tla'amin Nation, please visit: <https://www.tlaaminnation.com/category/COVID-19/>. Supplemental information is available by visiting: qathet.ca and powellriver.ca.

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