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TAHLTAN NATION COVID-19 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN TAHLTAN TERRITORY

The Tahltan Nation COVID-19 Emergency Management Team (TNCEMT) met today and would like to inform the Tahltan Nation that there are now three individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Dease Lake. One additional individual is presumed positive. All four individuals are from the same family, are self-isolating and are being supported by the Tahltan EMC.

These cases of COVID-19 have been traced to an exposure outside of the Territory and Province and are an important reminder to everyone to take all precautions to keep our vulnerable communities safe.

The Tahltan Nation continues to work closely with Northern Health, and the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA).

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate and immediately contact your local clinic.

LOCKDOWN ORDER LIFTED

Contact tracing has been completed and no further transmissions have been identified.

As a result, and according to our policy, **Tahltan leadership has lifted the lockdown order.**

TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF EVERYONE IN TERRITORY THE FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE IN PLACE IN TAHLTAN TERRITORY UNTIL AT LEAST AUGUST 9TH:

- Stay Home: Unless you must go to work, or you are going onto the land to exercise with those in your household (people you live with);
- No organized gatherings;

- People scheduled to go back to camp can do so and those coming out are asked to return to their communities where they permanently reside. People coming and going to camps need to notify their local EMC;
- Avoid ALL Non-Essential Travel, including stop going to other communities;
- Limit the number of times you go to high traffic areas such as the store or post office;
- Physical Distancing: Do not gather in groups. Ensure you stay a minimum of 6 feet away from other people;
- Wear A Mask;
- Wash Hands Regularly: Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds or more. Soap is the best-known remedy for killing this virus so wash frequently;
- Cough or Sneeze Into Your Elbow or a Tissue: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your tissue in a waste basket. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands;
- Don't Touch Your Face: Don't transfer the virus into your body by touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
- If you have the slightest of symptoms stay home and contact the health centre;
- If you get tested for COVID-19 stay in isolation until negative lab results; and
- Stores in Iskut and Telegraph Creek: Mandatory mask wearing and only 1 person per household may access the store.

VACCINES

It is not too late to get your COVID-19 vaccine!

While some people may still get COVID-19 after they have been vaccinated, all vaccines have been shown to have a high level of protection against serious COVID-19 illness and death.

More COVID-19 vaccine clinic dates have been added at Stikine Health Centre, including 9 am to 11 am Tuesday August 3, 2021.

Youth seeking vaccine appointments can call at 250-771-4444 to be booked into a future clinic in August.

Q&A

What if I live in Territory but I am currently outside. Is it safe to return?

If you live in Territory, you may return as long as you follow all measures above.

What if I am at Fish Camp, or I left and I want to return to Fish Camp?

Please contact the local EMC for further instructions.

What if I am Tahltan or non-Tahltan and want to come visit the Territory?

At this time, everyone is asked to assist the Tahltan Nation in our efforts to stay at home and to not travel to Tahltan Territory.

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