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TAHLTAN NATION COVID-19 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Tahltan Nation COVID-19 Emergency Management Team (TNCEMT) met today and would like to inform the Tahltan Nation that two individuals, from the same household, have tested positive for COVID-19 in Iskut.

As a result, and according to our policy, **effective immediately all three communities are now in lockdown and will remain in lockdown until contact tracing is completed and Tahltan leadership lifts the lockdown order.**

It is important we remain calm, united and understand that TNCEMT will be adapting to our circumstances with our number one priority being: keeping our people safe.

It is understood that the two individuals who tested positive are okay and are self monitoring. Currently our thoughts and prayers go to the family, and the Tahltan Nation stands ready and will support you.

The TNCEMT would like to remind everyone to remain diligent and ensure only verifiable information is shared. We all understand the damage that false information can have.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE NOW IN PLACE IN TAHLTAN TERRITORY:

- 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);
- 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;
- Avoid ALL Non-Essential Trips In Your Community: 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;
- Indoor mask wearing is mandatory;

- **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; and
- If you get tested for COVID-19 stay in isolation until negative lab results.

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 Blueberry Camp, or I left and I want to return to Blueberry Camp?

Blueberry Camp is shut down effective immediately and everyone is asked to go home and follow all measures above.

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, with the exception of essential services, until the lockdown is lifted.

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