



## **Comprehensive in-community testing at Tla'amin Nation identifies new cases**

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Tla'amin Territory, Powell River, BC

Tla'amin Nation is reporting over 20 lab-confirmed cases of Covid-19. Contact tracing and a comprehensive testing strategy have enabled the Nation to quickly identify, and provide support to impacted residents.

Yesterday, Tla'amin Nation extended its Shelter in Place order for Tla'amin residents until Monday September 14 at 5 PM. The Order was pre-emptively extended pending test results from 50 residents who took part in the in-community drive thru testing Thursday.

"I want to thank the community for participating in our community testing program. Knowledge is the first step to contain this virus" said Clint Williams, Hegus, Tla'amin Nation "Now we are in a better position to support impacted individuals and families to self-isolate and focus on getting better. We are a strong people who have been through a lot, and we will get through this."

Those who have tested positive are recovering at home under the supervision of healthcare providers or receiving care in hospital.

Nation residents have also been advised to keep their children home from school for the duration of the Shelter in Place order, and School District 47 supports the Nation's decision. Tla'amin Nation thanks educators for establishing connections with Tla'amin students and support staff, and supporting a smooth return to school when the time comes.

Tla'amin Hegus and Legislators thank you for your cooperation at this difficult time. We will get through this together. Stay home, stay safe, and stay kind.

Please share this important message with your relatives, flyer deliveries are limited at this time. Tla'amin members with questions or requiring help with essential items can call: 604-578-0447

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