



Affected Individuals Must Continue to Self-Isolate

For Immediate Release – September 18, 2020
Tla'amin Territory, Powell River, BC

Tla'amin Nation is reporting 26 active cases of COVID-19. At this time, 7 per cent of all reported cases to date have recovered. Although Tla'amin Nation's Shelter in Place Order was lifted yesterday, September 17 at 5 p.m., everyone who has been contacted by Vancouver Coastal Health to conduct a self-isolation must continue to abide by this mandatory provincial directive for the required duration of time.

Tla'amin Nation Essential Workers continue to provide support to Self-Isolating Residents

Food and medication delivery will continue for those required to self-isolate. The food hamper remains closed through the weekend. Tla'amin members with questions or requiring help with grocery essentials can call 604-578-0447. Those requiring harm reduction services and supplies can call 604-223-4430 for confidential help.

Large gatherings, including parties, are not permitted in Tla'amin Nation

Now is not the time to visit with friends, host family gatherings or attend parties on or off Tla'amin Nation lands. Non-residents are prohibited from entering the Nation, with the exception of approved contractors and delivery companies.

The checkpoint will remain in place over the weekend. Masks will be available at the checkpoint. Tla'amin roads will remain blocked with one entrance to the community at Sliammon Road. Everyone must continue to inform checkpoint staff of where you are going when departing the community and when you plan to return. Harassment of checkpoint personnel or essential workers is a crime and could result in criminal charges.

Those who disregard any order or directive will be subject to additional enforcement measures including potential fines. If you witness any violations or suspicious behavior, call the RCMP 911 emergency line. You can call anonymously.

"Please remember our T'aow by reaching out to family members about the importance of staying safe. We are all responsible for protecting our elders, family and friends. Said Hegus, Clint Williams. "Everyone must continue to do our part and help flatten the curve. If our case numbers get extreme, the Executive Council will initiate another order."

Tla'amin Hegus and Legislators thank residents for your continued efforts and patience as we work through this pandemic. Your continued cooperation will be critical to containing the spread of COVID-19. We share encouragement and thanks to our residents and to all of the frontline workers who are keeping the community safe during this difficult time. We are not out of the woods yet.

Media Contact: Steve Gallagher | 604-578-8483