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Regional EOC Reminds Visitors Not to Attempt Entry to Tla'amin Village

Powell River, B.C. – The Regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is urging non-Tla'amin residents not to visit Tla'amin village at this time.

Tla'amin Nation's Shelter in Place Order was lifted September 17, 2020. While Tla'amin residents are now able to leave their homes, the Nation is still under a State of Local Emergency Order. This State of Local Emergency Order gives the Tla'amin Nation government the power to enact extraordinary policies and procedures to protect Tla'amin citizens.

The Nation is continuing with additional safety and security measures to keep the community and surrounding region safe. Tla'amin roads will remain blocked with one entrance to the community at Sliammon Road with a staffed checkpoint. The Nation remains under a strict curfew from 9 pm to 6 am each night enforced by local patrols. Tla'amin residents with COVID-19 or exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms continue to self-isolate under the supervision of Tla'amin Health, the First Nations Health Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health. Only established contractors and delivery companies will be allowed entry into the village.

“Now that Tla'amin Nation is slowly opening up, we need to be extra diligent in containing the virus.” said Tla'amin Hegus Clint Williams. “In order to not have cases spread from Tla'amin Nation to the rest of the region, nor have new cases introduced to Tla'amin Nation, we are asking non-Tla'amin residents to please not visit Tla'amin village at this time.”

We ask that everyone support the Nation to help fight the spread of COVID-19 by staying home, staying safe and staying kind.

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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