



Tla'amin Nation on the Right Path to Decrease COVID-19 Cases

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Tla'amin Territory, Powell River, BC

Tla'amin Nation is reporting 36 COVID-19 positive cases. This number reflects the total number of cases reported in Tla'amin Nation since September 7, 2020. Members continue to recover and receive clearance letters from Vancouver Coastal Health. Tla'amin Health has reached out to provincial health authorities to confirm recovered case totals. Six individuals were tested at the testing event held at Tla'amin Health on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Keep Indoor Gatherings Small

Cold, windy weather means more time spent indoors. Socializing indoors increases the risk of contracting COVID-19. Please restrict your gatherings to those who currently live in your home. Masks must be worn at all times when interacting with the general public and when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

COVID-19 Testing Available at Tla'amin Health by Appointment

The Nation is strongly urging to you to seek testing if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms include nausea, headache, fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle pain, lack of appetite, and abdominal distress. Testing is being offered by appointment at Tla'amin Health, through the Powell River Hospital Emergency Department and via drive-thru testing at the Medical Clinic Associates. For more information on testing, please call 604-483-3009. Testing results take approximately 24 hours. Those contacted by health officials must abide by the mandatory self-isolation protocols and timelines.

State of Local Emergency Continues

As part of the ongoing state of local emergency, members are reminded that Tla'amin Nation will only be accessible through a staffed checkpoint at Sliammon Road. Protective measures including the nightly curfew from 9 pm to 6 am, and restricted access to non-approved visitors remain in full force and effect.

First responders are prepared and continue to respond to non-COVID-19 calls. 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. If you witness any suspicious or criminal behavior, please call the 911 emergency line. You can call anonymously.

“It is up to our Nation to take ownership of where we go from here. Just one individual’s choices could make the difference between containment or further spread”, said Hegus Clint Williams. “Everyone, young and elderly, must take proactive steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This means getting tested, following self-isolation orders, and not meeting up with friends, or extended family”.

The Tla'amin Nation recognizes the continued efforts of our residents, staff and volunteers. Thank you to those who continue to work diligently, implementing the orders and guidelines of the Provincial Health Officer. Your leadership is greatly appreciated.

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