



Tla'amin Nation Revises Protocols for Funerals

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Tla'amin Territory, Powell River, BC

Tla'amin Nation is reporting no new COVID-19 positive cases. The total COVID-19 positive cases since September 7, 2020 remains at 36 cases. 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.

COVID-19 Testing is available by appointment at Tla'amin Health. Those contacted by health officials must abide by the mandatory self-isolation protocols and timelines. For more information on testing, please call 604-483-3009.

Finding New Ways to Grieve Lost Loved Ones

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the ability of friends and family to come together in person and grieve in our traditional ways. As Tla'amin Nation continues to experience loss of life, finding new ways to connect and support each other while physically distancing is a necessity. Tla'amin Legislature has enacted mandatory safety protocols for wakes, funerals, burials and cremation services in order to proceed with utmost safety. Check our website for the full protocol.

<https://www.tlaaminnation.com/funeral-protocols/>

Emergency Protective Measures Protect Tla'amin Nation Community

Front line workers and staff continue to assist in delivering groceries and supplies to self-isolating residents, Nightly patrols from 9 pm to 6 am provide peace of mind to residents and checkpoint volunteers continue to safeguard access to the community. Tla'amin Health continues to be available for assistance with mental health and harm reduction services and supplies. 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.

“Our Nation continues to show its strength and resiliency as we continue to face this pandemic”, said Hegus Clint Williams. “We continue to rely on our friends, family and neighbours to work together and make difficult sacrifices for the greater good of our community. We understand the desire to mourn in our traditional ways in order to heal the wounds in our hearts, and we hope, in time, we will be able to do so together again soon.”

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