



## **Tla'amin Nation Allows State of Local Emergency Order to Expire**

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Tla'amin Territory, Powell River, BC

Tla'amin Nation is reporting no new COVID-19 positive cases at this time. The total COVID-19 positive cases since September 7, 2020 remains at 37. Members continue to be cleared by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), however VCH has stated that they are unable to provide clearance details due to system pressures.

### **Tla'amin Nation Allows Local State of Emergency Order to Expire**

Tla'amin Nation has allowed the Local State of Emergency Order to expire tonight at midnight. Extraordinary measures enacted as part of the State of Local Emergency will also be lifted. Staff will begin removing barriers from access roads to the community. The fire ban in effect for Tla'amin Nation will also be lifted. Members must continue to follow all provincial fire regulations and restrictions. Measures that will remain in place include signage on all roads advising that the Tla'amin Nation remains closed to non-residents and the continuation of nightly patrols from 4 p.m. until midnight, from Monday to Friday and 8 A.M. to midnight Saturday and Sunday.

### **Community Members Must Refrain from Hosting or Attending Gatherings**

While the State of Local Emergency Order is expiring as of midnight tonight, members are reminded that gatherings of any size can expose you to COVID-19. In order to keep yourselves, your families and your friends safe, please refrain from hosting or attending any gatherings or parties on or off Tla'amin Nation lands. Dr. Bonnie Henry has suggested that this weekend's Thanksgiving gatherings be limited to a maximum of six people. We ask that all Tla'amin members continue to practice COVID-19 safety measures. These measures include keeping sick children home from school, wearing a mask at all times when dealing with the public, washing your hands regularly and using hand sanitizer. Please continue to practice physical distancing and stay home if you are feeling sick or unwell.

### **Supports Available to Tla'amin Nation Residents**

Those requiring harm reduction services and supplies can call 604-223-4430 for confidential help. Tla'amin members with questions or requiring help with grocery essentials can call 604-578-0447. 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. If you witness any suspicious or criminal behavior, please call the 911 emergency line. You can call anonymously.

“As the Nation continues to see recoveries and fewer new cases, we feel we are in a good position to allow our local state of emergency order to expire”, said Hegus Clint Williams. “We are trusting that our residents and guests to our Nation will continue to use their best judgement and follow all local, provincial and federal health orders. We are all in this together.”

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