



REGIONAL FIRST NATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC STATEMENT

Area leaders from First Nations and Local Governments recently met with area health providers and first responders and will continue to meet to discuss local issues and concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We are closely following direction and advice from the federal and provincial agencies overseeing the response to this health emergency.

When you see our facilities being closed or restricted, we are doing so for your safety as well as the safety of our workers. Essential services such as water, sewer and garbage collection will continue. Our Fire Departments, the RCMP, ambulance services, the pharmacy and health facilities will remain in operation.

Please, for everyone's safety maintain the social distancing rule of being no closer than six feet from others when outside your own home. Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds (two "Happy Birthdays") before touching your face or food. We ask that everyone follows direction from health experts. Be aware that there are scammers out there trying to raise fears to convince you to give them your money and please don't follow advice you see on social media unless one of these web sites confirms it:

Public Health Canada:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

BC Centre for Disease Control:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

Interior Health Authority:

<https://news.interiorhealth.ca/covid-19/>

For non-clinical information:

1 888 COVID-19 (1-888-268-4319)

This number is available seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., in over 110 languages.

People can also text 604 630-0300 for non-clinical support.

People with medical concerns should call 8-1-1.

Lastly, please treat everyone with kindness and respect during this stressful time.

