

Advisory to the Residents of Lax Kw'alaams

COVID-19 Advisory #25



10 DAY LOCK DOWN

Effective January 17 – 27/21'

The Lax Kw'alaams Band has been monitoring the situation in Prince Rupert and over the weekend there has been four confirmed COVID cases. One of the confirmed cases may be uncomfortably close to our community, we are being cautious as there is that distinct possibility. Please stay home unless you must go out. Please wear your masks. There are no cases of COVID in the community.

The EMC decided that: (Effective Sunday, January 17 – 27/21')

- 1) Lax Kw'alaams is on lockdown effective Sunday, January 17 – 27th
- 2) Effective Sunday, January 17, residents leaving the community will not be allowed re-entry unless:
 - A) They are residents authorized to do so for EMERGENCY patient travel as authorized by the Health Centre Nurses. These patients must isolate for 10 days upon their return.
 - B) They are authorized to leave the community by the Assistant to the CAO for compassionate reasons (funerals, attending to those in critical care).
- 3) Non-residents currently in the community do not have to leave; but when they do leave, they cannot re-enter the community
- 4) Contractors who enter the community will be assessed on an individual basis. Priority will be given to essential services or the various projects currently underway that influence community infrastructure and safety. These contracts will have no contact with community members.
- 5) Retail grocers must not go back and forth. As before, please put your vehicle on the ferry, get it picked up at Aero Point by another individual, and get your vehicle returned unattended.
- 6) Limit of 3 in the local stores at a time and must wear a mask.
- 7) The Lax Kw'alaams Band **will be** ordering groceries for the community.
- 8) We encourage you to shop on-line or by phone in Prince Rupert, and get your groceries delivered to the ferry. Our flat deck will be on the ferry Monday, Wednesday and Friday's in the morning and will remain at Aero Point until the afternoon sailing. We will deliver groceries to the Rec Centre on your behalf.
- 9) The ferry will continue to run on its regular schedule in order to allow the continued supply of groceries and materials to the community.
- 10) In order to prevent the unauthorized boat traffic from Prince Rupert to Tuck Inlet, the Tuck Inlet road will be open one hour before and closed one hour after each sailing. Should the road need to be open for emergency purposes, please get in touch with the maintenance department (either Luke or Reuben). The Fire Chief has the key for emergency purposes.
- 11) We will be hiring security to monitor the traffic at Tucks Inlet and the harbour in Lax Kw'alaams.



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- 12) Patient travel clients can travel for EMERGENCIES ONLY and must isolate for 10 days upon their return.
- 13) The isolation period is 10 days. With-in that 10-day period, they must not have no sign of elevated temperature, breathing difficulty, or any signs of COVID-19.
- 14) Susan Dennis, Community Health Rep will be monitoring those that need to isolate. She will be giving directions for isolation as well as checking up on the health and well-being of those during the isolation period.
- 15) Ferry traffic will be monitored closer, not only will walk on passengers be required to give their name to the ferry reservation clerk, so will all people travelling in vehicles. If your name is not on the list, then you will not be permitted travel on the ferry.
- 16) The band office will be open one day a week for essential services such as sales, and cheque cashing. The maintenance department will be serving fuel, and doing their normal garbage pick up days and recycling days. The band office and maintenance will open on Monday, January 18th and then on Monday, January 25th.
- 17) The clinic will be closed except for emergencies at this time; 2 nurses will be on site. If there is an emergency please go to the Emergency doors, ensure you wear a mask. The main doors will be locked during the day, otherwise please call 3331 after hours for the nurse on call.
- 18) Home and community care will continue for elders in need, our staff will be doing continuous check in's.

Members are encouraged to wear masks AT ALL TIMES and use hand sanitizer.

Any questions regarding the flow of ferry traffic in and out of Lax Kw'alaams can be directed to Lisa Green, Assistant to the CAO at (250) 625-3293 Ext 242, 1-877-725-3293 Ext 242 or via email at lisa_assistadmin@laxband.com.

Be safe.
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