

Advisory to the Residents of Lax Kw'alaams
COVID-19 Advisory 24

The Lax Kw'alaams band has been monitoring the situation in Prince Rupert and there has been four confirmed COVID cases. This resulted in the EMC to decide on the following:

- 1) Lax Kw'alaams is on lockdown effective Sunday, January 17th at 5:00pm
- 2) Residents that are in Prince Rupert have until Sunday, January 17th to return to Lax Kw'alaams. You will be required to wear your mask everywhere you go, use hand sanitizer and practice social distancing while you are in Prince Rupert.
- 3) Effective Sunday, January 17th at 5:00 pm, 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).
- 4) Non-residents currently in the community do not have to leave; but when they do leave, they cannot enter the community
- 5) Travel to Lax Kw'alaams is restricted to Lax Kw'alaams residents only.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) We will not be ordering groceries for the community. 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. WE WILL BE PROVIDING SECURITY TO PREVENT RE-ENTRY.
- 11) Patient travel clients can travel for EMERGENCIES ONLY and must isolate for 10 days upon their return.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.

The EMC will be calling a meeting on January 17th or 18th and will keep you posted on changes.

Members are encouraged to wear a mask at all times.

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

Gary Reece,

Mayor