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GITLAXT'AAMIKS VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

COMMUNIQUE

COVID19 PANDEMIC

We now have 19 cases that have been in or originated within the Nass Valley. The cases are primarily in Gitlaxt'aamiks. Due to the seriousness of this, the following lockdown plan will apply for the community of Gitlaxt'aamiks:

This lockdown will be effective Thursday, November 26, 2020 to Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Offices & Entities:

- There will be an immediate lockdown of all offices located in the Gitlaxt'aamiks;
- There will be no access to any offices, clients requiring services are to contact workers via email;
- The Recreation Centre shall close until further notice;
- The Churches shall close until further notice;
- Due to required essential services, O&M Public Works will remain open to provide services for water, sanitation, refuse collection and snow removal;
- New Aiyansh Gasbar Store shall remain open on reduced work schedule to provide essential fuel services and groceries;
- Canada Post will remain open;

Mandatory Masks:

- Wearing of masks in any public places is mandatory including all stores;

Family Gatherings:

- Family gatherings are prohibited for the duration of the lockdown;
- Visiting one another is prohibited for duration of the lockdown unless you are providing assistance to family for medical reasons;
- **House parties are prohibited during the lockdown, this continues to be a concern;**

Curfew:

- Effective Thursday, November 26, 2020, there shall be no entrance to Gitlaxt'aamiks after 12:00 midnight for the duration of the lockdown;
- Access in or out shall be from 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight each day for the duration of the lockdown;



Security Monitoring:

- Gitlaxt'aamiks shall have security monitoring at the entrance of the village;
- There shall be no inter-village contact or visiting while under lockdown;
- No outside visitors shall be allowed;
- Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government shall also provide security patrol throughout the village from midnight to 7:00 am;
- Any contractors working in the Nass Valley are to be contacted and advised of the lockdown, only projects that are of an urgent matter such as water projects, hydro power outages, ambulance, electrical or flooding shall continue;

Security Monitoring Schedule:

- November 26, 2020 to December 10, 2020
- 8:00 AM to 12:00 Midnight – each day
- Village Security Patrol – 12:00 midnight to 7:00 am

Essential Travel:

- Community members are encouraged to restrict travel to and from Terrace for essential services only, such as groceries and or medical appointments for duration of the lockdown;

Essential Social Services:

- Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government will provide essential services only for those families who test Positive for Covid19 and may require medical services;
- Families are encouraged to use your own family members to do your grocery shopping for you, as you do not want to put others at risk;
- The Gitwinkshilkw Food Share program is also available to any families who may need this service while in isolation; Anyone providing groceries to families who are Covid19 positive, are to leave the groceries at the door, do not enter the premises;
- Anyone who tests positive for Covid19 are encouraged to contact Sherry Wright at sherry@peopleofthegrizzly.com so that you may be placed on our list for weekly wellness checks;

School aged children:

- Must be encouraged to stay in doors, do not allow your children to play outside or visit their family and friends while we are in lockdown;
- We have 6 school aged children who have tested positive for Covid19;

Village Government:

- Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government shall take the lead throughout the lockdown by providing up to date notices on the status of the virus in our community;
- **Will encourage anyone out in public that masks are mandatory in the village of Gitlaxt'aamiks;**
- Primary contact for Gitlaxt'aamiks – Darlene Morgan, CAO;
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