



T'it'q'et

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RE: T'it'q'et Community COVID-19 Update for members and residents

**Stats for T'it'q'et Community as of Jan 2, 2021**

Total Recovered Cases	Active Positive Cases	# of People in Isolation
2	1	3 (estimate)

**T'IT'Q'ET STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Effective January 2, 2021, T'it'q'et will be reverting back to PHASE 1 of our community COVID-19 response under the T'it'q'et State of Emergency. In line with or in addition to the Provincial Health Orders in place the following also apply to everyone residing in T'it'q'et communities:

- Stay home order in place (except for essential travel or access to essential services or employment)
- Physical distancing order in place. Maintain a 6ft or 2m distance from people not in your core social bubble.
- T'it'q'et lands closed to all non-residents except for essential services and individuals/organizations authorized by T'it'q'et Council
- Administration buildings will remain closed to public
- No in-person meetings, workshops, classes, or gatherings of any size

**ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING**

A Health checkpoint will be placed at the entrance to IR#1 along with security patrols in all T'it'q'et communities.

St'at'imc Tribal Police and RCMP have increased patrols and will be issuing fines to households or individuals who are in non-compliance with public health orders.

Individuals are subject to a \$230 violation ticket if you:

- Do not wear a mask in an indoor public setting, unless you are exempt
- Refuse to comply with the direction of an enforcement officer, including the direction to leave the space
- Engage in abusive or belligerent behaviour
- Attend an event at a private residence or vacation accommodation
- Encourage or invite other people to attend a gathering or event
- Refuse to leave or disperse from the event or gathering when directed to do so by an enforcement officer

Violation tickets of \$2,300 can be issued to owners, operators and event organizers who host an event or gathering



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## **TESTING**

First Nations Health Authority Lillooet office please call **250-256-7017**

You can book a test 7-days a week through Interior Health by calling **1-877-740-7747** or **book online** <https://interiorhealthcovid.secureform.ca/index.php>

## **ISOLATION**

T'it'q'et Administration will be coordinating support services with FNHA for our residents and members who are in isolation due to COVID-19. If you are currently isolating due to COVID-19 exposure and require assistance please contact the T'it'q'et EOC at 250-256-4118.

Please follow public health recommendations to self-isolate:

- Anyone who has been in contact with a person who has tested positive to COVID-19 should self-isolate for 14 days starting from the last date of contact.
- Anyone who has been tested for COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days even if your test result is negative starting from the last date of contact with a positive case or when first experiencing symptoms.

## **MINIMIZING THE SPREAD**

T'it'q'et would like to remind our members, residents, and neighbours that we all play an essential role in minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Please maintain COVID-19 prevention measures including physical distancing, maintaining small social bubbles, wearing a mask in public, frequent sanitization of commonly touched surfaces and hand washing, and abstaining from non-essential travel.

## **MAINTAINING SMALL CORE SOCIAL BUBBLE**

Please maintain 6ft or 2-meter distance from anyone that does not reside with you or who is not a part of your core social bubble.

Core Social bubble means the people you live with, or for people who live alone, your core bubble includes 1-2 other people who also live alone. For families that support an elder in community, we strongly urge you to select one person, preferable someone with a small core bubble, to provide support to your elder during this time.

The goal is to reduce the amount of physical contacts who may potentially expose you to COVID-19. Remember, a person does not have to look sick to be a carrier of COVID-19.

## **CONTACT TRACING**

Once a positive COVID-19 is confirmed in community contact tracing is a necessary process to notify anyone that may have been exposed. Contact tracing takes up resources especially if the infected person has been in direct contact with multiple people. It is very important to keep the number of direct contacts with people outside of your core social bubble as small as possible.



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To assist in the process of contact tracing is needed, please keep a log of public places you have visited and people you were in direct physical contact with. Direct physical contact is defined as being within 6ft of someone for more than 15 minutes.

## VACCINES

T'it'q'et is scheduled to receive doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine the week of January 11, 2021. More information regarding the vaccine and clinics in community will be shared soon. T'it'q'et Council stressed the importance of minimizing the current spread of COVID-19 in community because this puts stress on our local health care system and may jeopardize our ability to implement vaccine clinics.

## RETURNING TO SCHOOL

The decision to send your school age children back to school is solely at the discretion of each family. SD 74 Superintendent Teresa Downs, who provided the following update;

- The district and each school are following the guidelines established by the Provincial Health Office and Ministry of Education
- Families who may want to wait to send their children to school to see what happens the first weeks after the holidays can be supported by their school and teacher during this transition time
- Families who want to move to remote learning (learning from home supported by a teacher dedicated to this work) can let their school know of this decision and they will be supported to move to this format.
- Any decision made by a family is flexible and the district will support families as needed during this very difficult time.

**We must all work together. This is not going to last forever, but for right now, we must all be vigilant.**

**Amhálhts'a7, T'úl'lec, Ats'xtsútwi7  
Be kind, Be calm, Take good care of yourselves.**

T'it'q'et Chief and Council and T'it'q'et Administration