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## **HAIDA GWAII DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**March 23, 2020**

**Haida Gwaii’s governments have all declared a State of Emergency. The Council of the Haida Nation, Skidegate Band Council, Old Massett Village Council, Village of Queen Charlotte, Village of Port Clements, Village of Masset, and Regional Districts D and E have officially declared a Local State of Emergency within their jurisdictions.**

**“This decision is critical to the public health of all Island citizens. It is based on advice from local health professionals and will limit the risks that the COVID-19 pandemic poses to our Island communities,” said Haida Nation President Gaagwiis *Jason Alsop*. “There are no confirmed cases on Haida Gwaii at this time and we are doing all that we can to ensure the ongoing safety of our communities.”**