



## OLD MASSETT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS Newsflash #2 March 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Old Massett Emergency Operations Center Update March 23, 2020

#### What is a State of Local Emergency?

Travel to and from communities on Haida Gwaii will be limited to **essential services** only. If we work together for this safety measures, it will not have to be enforced. Our Chief Councillor, Administration, as well as our Emergency Operations Team works with all other communities on island to plan and coordinate our safety and well-being during this time.

Anyone who is not working in essential services should stay home and shelter in place at this time. Additional emergency measures are being coordinated between Emergency Operations Center and Old Massett Village Council essential services to meet the needs of our community. Message communications to be active soon with EPACT.

Currently the Health Center has been doing extended outreach to families, and elders they have within their programs. A huge Hawa'a to our staff who have been working so hard to meet people's needs. We have also currently been encouraging community members to have a strong support system. Have friends and family support your needs for shopping if you are home on a 14-day isolation. The more we adhere to staying at home and current recommendations, the quicker we will ensure that life will resume to normal. We are very fortunate on Haida Gwaii, and thank you to all our Leadership who have long days in meetings to plan and coordinate our safety here. Food security is a high priority for the Emergency Operations Team.

*If you are sick – stay home. If you have been off island- stay home. We are creating a response to support people in this time as quickly as we can*

*Thank you everyone for your patience and cooperation. It is challenging, **but it will save lives.** Old Massett Village Council is operating as Essential services only until further notice  
Parks closed until further notice, including public basketball hoops.*

**We have set up an emergency line that is taking calls from 830-430 Monday to Friday:**

**(250)626-7293**

**Email 24 hours a day:**

**[omvcemergency@gmail.com](mailto:omvcemergency@gmail.com)**

*please stay tuned for more details as they come out.*



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A huge Hawa'a to our Haida Language speakers and Elders. These times are hard, scary, and frustrating. Leaders and Emergency teams have put in so much love to planning the safety and wellbeing of our most precious elders, and people. The Old Massett Emergency Operations Center reached out and had a prayer created for us in our language to help ground us all during this time.

**Sah nang iitl 'laagadas (Creator)**  
**iitl' kuuniisii kuyaaisis (Our precious ancestors)**  
**Dagwii gudang ahl t'alang giinang.aa (We ask you for strength)**  
**Ga tlaayd.uu dang ahl t'alang giinang.aa (We ask for your help)**  
**Gin t'alang tl'ii yahdee gwii hl aal isdaal (That we do the right thing)**  
**Weedan gin 'waadluwaan sangiits'aaGusdlaang (right now everything is  
very difficult)**  
**'waadluu t'alang 'waadluwaan gud ahl hlGanguulaa 'laa sluu (and when  
we work together in a good way)**  
**iitl' gwii itl' ga kagandaasaang (we will survive this together)**  
**sah nang ahl kil 'laagang (we thank you to the highest)**

*Hawa'a to Jaskwaan Bedard for putting this together for us.*

***Thank you for your cooperation at this time and stay tuned for updates as they come.***