



OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Xaadaa Laa Isis, Good People.

RE: Gaw Tlagee's Response to COVID-19

The Global pandemic of COVID-19 has mobilized communities, nations, and countries around the world to engage in preventative, responsive, and proactive measures to keep us all safe during the spread of the virus.

On behalf of Old Massett Village Council I would like to take this time to speak to the community in the safest way possible- which is by notice distributed electronically- on where things are at for our village.

To date, OMVC has joined in the collective body across Indigenous Communities in BC to develop an Emergency Operations Command (EOC) to navigate this emergency in our village.

I want to let community know that there has been a significant effort from the EOC in creating policies, communication, and safety measures which will allow us some comfort in knowing that we are taking care of our most precious resource, which is our people, and particularly our elders.

Emergency services and response include and are not limited to:

- Cooking and providing meals to regular program clients and elders
- Meeting daily each morning for safety meetings
- Remaining connected to other municipalities on the island to stay consistent in a collective response
- Seeking and securing emergency resources that can be available to community
- Supporting existing community services in delivering support to homes
- Closing public spaces and putting a restriction on gathering and visitor traffic

If you would like more information on COVID-19, or on the EOC and it's role in the community please call or txt 250-626-7293, or email omvcemergency@gmail.com , and a staff member will be in touch with you as soon as is possible and between the hours of 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday. You can also follow EOC on Facebook under the page "Emergency Management Gaw Tlagee and Area".

OMVC thanks everyone for making the collective effort to do your part in staying home when possible, finding people to shop for you if you are isolated, social distancing, and checking in on loved ones through safe measures.

**As we are unable to deliver door-door please share this notice with loved ones that do not have access to it electronically.*

Haw'aa and stay safe everyone, we will get through this.

Chief Councillor,

Duffy Edgars