

HAIDA GWAI STATE OF EMERGENCY

A State of Emergency was declared for Haida Gwaii on March 23, 2020. This is a historic and critical measure to **reduce the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic** in our communities and it is supported by Haida Gwaii's healthcare practitioners and All-Island leadership.

EMERGENCY MEASURES IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

STAY HOME: SAVE LIVES

- People who are not working in essential services should stay home and shelter in place.
- Only those who live in the same household can have physical contact with each other (each person must be healthy and observing emergency measures).
- Persons with any sign of illness must self-isolate from other members of their household for 14 days and monitor their symptoms.

PHYSICAL / SOCIAL-DISTANCING & HYGIENE MEASURES

When leaving home for essential service work/errands, or to get fresh air, do so alone or with other members of your household only. People must be in good health and respect the following:

- Social distancing (now called "physical-distancing"): keep at least 2 meters / 6 feet away from people who are not from your household
- Wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and water for 30 seconds
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth
- Cough or sneeze into your arm sleeve or a tissue (*immediately dispose of tissue and wash hands*)
- Grocery stores and essential services that remain open to the public must ensure physical / social-distancing is maintained at all times

GATHERING PLACES CLOSED

Areas that typically attract larger groups of people where separation of 2 meters / 6 feet cannot be maintained are now closed to the public (including, gyms, libraries, playgrounds, etc).

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED

Children under 12 must be supervised or within communication distance of an adult when outside.

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY

- Avoid all non-essential travel between local communities. Those who must travel should do so carefully and efficiently and must practice physical / social-distancing and hygiene measures.
- Residents should not travel off-Island unless essential. For example, essential travel includes medical emergencies, urgent family matters, and essential service work off-Island.
- Non-resident and all leisure travel to Haida Gwaii is not permitted.

SELF-ISOLATE WHEN RETURNING FROM TRAVEL

Everyone returning to Haida Gwaii from any location must self-isolate for 14 days upon returning. Those coming to Haida Gwaii to conduct essential service work are exempt if self-isolation is not possible and they do not exhibit COVID-19 symptoms. Essential service workers must follow physical / social-distancing measures and hygiene guidelines.



For Haida Gwaii COVID-19 updates, go to
< haidanation.ca >

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HAIDA NATION ESSENTIAL SERVICES

- 1. Essential Health Care Operations, including:** research and laboratory services • hospitals • walk-in-care health facilities • emergency veterinary and livestock services • elder care • medical supply wholesale and distribution • home health care workers or aides for the elderly • doctor and emergency dental • nursing homes, or residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities • medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers • ambulance service • mental health services • pharmacies • Haida Traditional medicine & healing practitioners • Health Centres • counselling services
- 2. Essential Infrastructure, including:** utilities including power generation, fuel supply fire wood suppliers, and transmission • public water and wastewater • telecommunications and data centers • airports/airlines • transportation infrastructure such as trucking of freight or for-hire vehicles, garages, BC Ferries • hotels and places of accommodation
- 3. Essential Production, including:** food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages • agriculture/farms • local food and medicine gathering (including fishing/hunting/trapping) • woodworking (carving) • local wood processing for local use
- 4. Essential Retail, including:** grocery stores including all food and beverage stores • pharmacies • convenience stores • farmer's markets • gas stations • restaurants/bars (but only for takeout/delivery) • hardware and building material store • animal and livestock feed • cannabis
- 5. Financial Institutions, including:** banks • insurance • payroll • accounting
- 6. Essential Services, including:** trash collection, processing and disposal • mail and shipping services • laundromats • building cleaning and maintenance • child care services for essential service providers • auto inboard and outboard repair/small engine repair • warehouse/distribution and fulfillment • funeral homes and cemeteries • storage for essential businesses • animal shelters
- 7. Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations, including:** homeless shelters and congregate care facilities • food banks • human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support • child care services
- 8. Construction, including:** skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers • other related construction firms and professionals for essential infrastructure or for emergency repair and safety purposes
- 9. Essential Services Necessary to Maintain the Safety, Sanitation and Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses, including:** law enforcement • fire prevention and response • security • emergency management and response • building cleaners or janitors • general maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor • automotive repair • disinfection • Haida Nation and municipal governance
- 10. Vendors that Provide Essential Services or Products, Including Technology Support, Child Care and Services, including:** technology support for online services • child care programs and services • government owned or leased buildings • essential government services