

HAIDA GWAII 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 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:

- 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 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 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.
- Everyone returning to Haida Gwaii from any location must self-isolate for 14 days upon returning.
- Non-resident and all leisure travel to Haida Gwaii is not permitted.

ESSENTIAL WORKERS & MANDATORY ISOLATION PROCESS

Those coming to Haida Gwaii to conduct essential service work must apply through the Council of the Haida Nation and include a Safe Work Procedure and Safe Community Plan. Essential service workers must self-isolate and/or follow requirements according to Work Permits issued, follow physical distancing measures and hygiene guidelines during isolation and after. Applications take 7-10 days to process, contact: essentialworkpermits@haidanation.com



For Haida Gwaii COVID-19 updates, go to
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