



Gitsegukla First Nation Administration

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COVID-19 Community Update May 8, 2020

The Gitsegukla Band Council would like to thank everyone for their cooperation, patience and understanding during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ensuring our community is well protected has come with challenges but we must persevere as one. The extent and severity of a potential local outbreak will be determined by the actions each of us take on a daily basis. As an effort to keep our community members safe, protection measures will remain in place until the COVID-19 Pandemic is officially lifted and Health Officials confirm the risk of infection is low enough that our safety is no longer compromised.

As you are well aware, Gitsegukla is a remote community with limited access to health services. Healthcare facilities in Hazelton, Terrace and Smithers could be quickly overwhelmed in the event of a local outbreak. We continue to urge all community members to stay home, practice vigilant self-monitoring, strict physical distancing and rigorous personal hygiene.

Administration

- Although the Administration Building is closed, we are still accessible by phone, email and the website. Just call the usual phone number at 250-849-5490 or complete the Feedback (aka Communications Form) online <http://www.gitsegukla.net/contact/feedback/>

Health

- We are happy to announce that our new Health Manager will be starting on May 11, 2020. An official introduction will be done in the coming weeks.
- Starting the week of May 11, a Nurse Practitioner will be in for a full day once a week. Dates will be announced once confirmed.

Education

- In line with the Province's guidelines, the Gitsegukla Elementary School will remain closed until further notice.
- Should the school need to re-open, a notice will be distributed to the community.
- Note that the safety of students and staff is paramount.

This message is from Gitsegukla Chief and Council