

District of Kitimat COVID-19 Community Update

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Stop the transfer of COVID-19

Every level of government; every community organization and agency; and every healthcare professional across the globe are instructing you to do everything in your power to prevent and stop the spread of COVID-19. Please educate yourself on what you are obligated to do.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES!

A Coordinated Community Approach to Stopping COVID-19

The District of Kitimat is working along with the Haisla Nation, local healthcare practitioners, Northern Health, industry, the business community, and local organizations and agencies, and the Province to mitigate and minimize the impacts of COVID-19 in our community.

The District of Kitimat did not declare a local state of emergency (LSE) because the Province instructed that all LSEs would be rescinded. Instead we focused on what we believe to be more productive efforts including planning, support, and communications.

Members of our local healthcare system and Northern Health have been working tirelessly to educate the public and ensure our community is as prepared as possible for the potential impacts of COVID-19.

The Haisla Nation has conducted extensive planning activities to minimize and mitigate risks to their members and our communities. They have graciously donated \$300,000 to bolster COVID-19 testing capacities in our communities.

From the Province's descriptions of essential services, it is clear that all major industries in Kitimat are essential to the wellbeing of our Province and will remain operational under the authority of the Province. As they remain operational, Kitimat's industry partners including Rio Tinto BC Works, LNG Canada, JFJV, and Coastal GasLink have taken extraordinary proactive measures to protect the health and safety of our communities and their workers. Learn more about the measures each organization has taken on their official websites or social media pages.

Community business leaders have taken tremendous steps to protect the health and well-being of our communities and their employees. For some this means temporarily shutting their doors; for others it means taking precautions and keeping their doors open to the public. COVID-19 will be an immense challenge for most of our local businesses. The District will continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce, and other business support agencies to assist local businesses that have done so much for our communities.

There are numerous other agencies, organizations, and individuals all working to protect the health and well-being of Kitimat and Kitimaat Village.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT EACH OTHER!



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