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National and Local Emergency Test Alerts Scheduled for May 8, 2019

May 7, 2019 – As part of Emergency Preparedness Week, there are two scheduled emergency communications tests.

Scheduled for 1:55pm PST on May 8, 2019 there will be a test of Canada's Emergency Alerting System, Alert Ready. Test Alerts will be broadcast on Television, Radio and Compatible Wireless Devices across most provinces and territories. For more information, visit www.alertready.ca.

Scheduled for 2:00pm PST on May 8, 2019 there will be a test of Kitimat's Emergency Alerting System, Rapid Notify. The Test Alert will be released to all devices that have been registered to receive emergency messaging and many phone numbers listed in the local phone directory. To sign up for the District of Kitimat Rapid Notify System, visit www.kitimat.ca/alerts.

For more detailed information on these Test Alerts visit www.kitimat.ca.

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Many wireless service providers have already sent SMS text messages to their subscribers notifying them of the upcoming May 8th test. It is important to note that receipt of that message does not mean that a device is compatible to receive wireless emergency alerts. Device compatibility, software version, phone settings and connection to an LTE network can impact whether the alert is received. As more compatible wireless devices are sold in Canada, more Canadians will be able to receive emergency alerts on their wireless device. Test alerts demonstrate what an emergency alert will look and sound like in the event of a life-threatening situation. Alert Ready was designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians.

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Currently, the national system cannot be integrated with community alert systems. The District of Kitimat will continue to issue Kitimat focused alerts and information through Rapid Notify to provide the public with the most accurate information relevant to local conditions. This means that LTE cellular phone customers in the District who are not signed up for Rapid Notify will receive an initial notification from the nation or province, but not any Kitimat notifications with local information and conditions.

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