



IMMEDIATE NOTICE

TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEASURES: COVID 19

Executive Council continues to receive complaints of persons entering into the Teslin Tlingit community displaying activities that places the health and safety of our citizens and families at risk. Further Executive Council has received complaints from our neighboring Yukon First Nations that some citizens are travelling and visiting the rural communities for recreational purposes.

In the interest of protecting the health and safety of our elders, citizens, employees, tenants and families, in response to the **COVID 19 health pandemic** the Teslin Tlingit Council is taking the following measures.

Working in cooperation and coordination with the Yukon Government and RCMP to ensure compliance with the Yukon Chief Medical Officer's Health Protection Orders, which **NOW have the force of law** under the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*, RSY 2002, c. 34. (Ministerial Order 2020/13 and Ministerial Order 2020/14 dated April 2, 2020).

What does this mean?

- A. The *Civil Emergency Measures Act* is a law of general application and applies to all persons (citizens included) on Teslin Tlingit Settlement Lands.
- B. All persons who work or reside on Teslin Tlingit Settlement Lands are legally required to follow the Chief Medical Officer's Health Protection Orders. The following is a summary of requirements that are of particular concern expressed to the Executive Council. To see the full extent of the legal requirements, go to the Government of Yukon page; locate the Civil Emergency Measures Act under "Legislation". The ministerial orders are located under the regulations.
 - **Individuals are required to "self-isolate"** which means to remain in the individual's home or another place where the individual is directed to reside under this Act or the Yukon's *Public Health and Safety Act*.
 - **Individuals are not to interact with others except if the interaction is with one or more members of the individual's home.** If the interaction is elsewhere you are required to maintain a 2-meter distance between yourself and others.
 - **You can go outdoors for exercise and fresh air** as long as you do not interact with another person that violates the 2-meter requirement.
 - **You can leave your home to seek critical services under the Yukon law.** This includes seeking services to preserve life, health and the basic function of Yukon society (groceries, medical supplies, medical or emergency services).
 - **Individuals are not to travel in between the rural communities** within the Yukon, or between BC and the Yukon, for recreational purposes (announced by Minister Streicker: April 6, 2020).
 - **Individuals arriving in the Yukon** from outside the territory must provide a declaration and behave in a way that is consistent with the declaration.
 - **No more than 10 (ten) people are allowed to group together** in the same location unless they are grouping together in a place where they all reside.
- C. Failure to comply with these orders is an offence and a person can be fined or be subject to charges and prosecuted before the Yukon courts.

- D. Persons who are tenants of Teslin Tlingit Council are bound by their lease or rental agreements. Persons who are not listed on your lease or rental agreements are required to self-isolate in their own households. If necessary, Teslin Tlingit Council will seek the assistance of the RCMP to enforce the Chief Medical Officers Health Orders where necessary.

The protection of Teslin Tlingit citizens, families and our community require each of us to do our part **to stop the spread of the coronavirus (COVID 19)**.

The Executive Council understand that these are extremely difficult and exceptional times. It will require the strength and commitment by all our citizens and families to work together and with Teslin Tlingit Council to keep our most vulnerable safe and preserve the future for our children.

It is important that we all do our part. PLEASE

- Self-isolate.
- Do not create situations of where there are groups of 10 or more people, unless they are your family and live with you in your home.
- Do not travel outside of Teslin unless you absolutely have to access critical services.
- Do not travel to other rural communities (in Yukon or BC) for recreational purposes.
- Wash your hands and don't touch your face.
- Be kind and understanding.
- Support each other to honor these important requirements to stop the spread of COVID 19.

Keep safe and healthy,



Richard Sidney, Naa Sháade Háni
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