



TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

March 31, 2020

Message to TTC Citizens Update on Covid-19 Virus

Dear Citizens:

TTC continues to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak in the country and the territory in order to minimize the threat to our community and Citizens. Executive Council has been meeting regularly to determine how best to support you during this time of uncertainty. We know that many of you have additional needs one of which may be financial. We will be addressing this need as best we can. Presently, there are 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the territory and this number get higher. Acting now will curb the effect this could have on our Citizens and our community.

Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health requests the following for Yukon:

- All individuals who have travelled outside of Yukon are to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Gatherings of 10 or more people are banned.
- Social distancing (2 metres/6 feet) is to be practiced by all.
- NO parties – Citizens need to self-isolate in their home community and not travel between communities.

TTC asks all Citizens to STAY HOME. We have directed staff to stay at home as well with their families. Staff who can work from home are doing so. We are meeting by phone instead of face to face. A small number of staff are working periodically in the office to provide required services. TTC buildings are closed to the public until April 14, 2020. At that time, we will re-evaluate whether we reopen and as we move forward we will evaluate the situation on a weekly basis and communicate with you regularly.

TTC is:

- Calling Elders and those who are unwell and providing support services as required;
- Capital is continuing to answer the maintenance phone and providing services as required;

On March 27, 2020 we issued grocery gift cards to many Whitehorse Citizens. We will complete issuing Whitehorse Citizens a grocery gift card by mail. Citizens outside of Whitehorse will be issued a \$300 cheque or by direct deposit which we anticipate will occur by April 3, 2020. We are in the process of ordering basic food items such as flour, sugar, etc. and will advise once we have received them on how these supports can be accessed.

We all play a role in keeping ourselves, others and our communities healthy and safe. We ask that non-residents of Teslin not come to our community. Reach out by phone to friends and family and ensure they are fine. PLEASE:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds,
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your arm;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth;
- Avoid close contact with people; and
- Monitor yourself and family members for symptoms.

TTC Executive Council would like to thank TTC staff who are working diligently while we face this difficult time. We want to recognize the TTC essential services staff as well as other member of the community working for residents.

Call your local health care provider or 811 if you experience the symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Please remember to be respectful and kind to each other. Together, we are going to get through this.

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