



## SQUAMISH NATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 - UPDATE #1

**As a response to Covid-19, Squamish Nation will be implementing the following measures:**

- A Task Force committee has been created to discuss COVID-19 practices made up of key staff in the Squamish Nation.
- All gatherings over 250 will be postponed or cancelled.
- Buildings will be receiving increased cleaning to disinfect and prevent transmission.
- Signs are being circulated and posted for hanging at the entrance points and throughout the offices including: “Stop! If you are sick, do not enter the building; reminders to wash hands, keep hallway doors propped open, etc.”
- Staff are monitoring Provincial and Federal support initiatives for workers, caregivers, and the most vulnerable.

**Important Information:**

- We strongly recommend that Squamish Nation citizens do not attend **large external events/conferences and international travel until further notice.**
- Do not come to a Squamish Nation building if you are feeling unwell and experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, cold, sore throat, etc. Please stay in contact with a health care professional.
- There is an urgent and primary care site in North Vancouver that is set up to test for COVID-19. After testing, you must self-isolate for 3 days after to wait for the results of the testing. More information is available on their Website: [www.vch.ca/UPCC](http://www.vch.ca/UPCC)
- BC Hydro Customers who need help paying their utility bill can call BC Hydro’s customer service line at 1-800-BCHYDRO (1-800-224-9376) and speak to a customer service agent. Customers will not need to provide any documentation.
- Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits provide up to 15 weeks of income replacement and is available to eligible claimants who are unable to work because of illness, injury or quarantine, to allow them time to restore their health and return to work. Canadians quarantined can apply for Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits.



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**The following services are being changed and more changes will be coming:**

- Any elders' gatherings or luncheons in North Vancouver and Squamish Valley will be cancelled to prevent transmission of Covid-19 which presents a high risk to our elders.
- **If family members are unable to assist**, Member Services will offer grocery pick-up to support our elders from travelling outside their home to reduce the risk of transmission during the week. Elders in need of this service can call (604)-505-3776.
- Spring Break Programs at Squamish Nation buildings are cancelled.
- The Squamish Nation is looking at ways to reduce staffing at building and allowing as many staff to work from home as well.
- Community Operations will implement protocols to reduce potential virus transmission during home visits by staff when necessary.

We are working diligently to make sure that all measures are covered for the safety and wellbeing of Squamish staff and our community. We are aligning our risk and crisis plan to coincide with the WHO and Canadian Government's response to COVID-19. **We also ask our families and community to lean on each other and allow Nation resources to be used for the most vulnerable.**

Please pay attention to public health officials. We'll do our best to communicate information through social, our website, emails, and notices.

We thank you for your cooperation during these challenging times.

**Squamish Nation Co-Chairs**