

COVID-19 COORDINATED INFORMATION UPDATE for the Bella Coola Valley - July 3, 2020

The various leaderships within Nuxalk territory are working together for the safety of all residents



A message from Statałtmc
Nuxalk Ancestral Government

We continue to have a checkpoint on our highway
Our Nuxalk Valley remains closed to all non-essential traffic
Essential traffic includes food, fuel, mail, supplies and medical
Please avoid all non-emergency travel out of our Valley

Respect, honour and prayers to those working to keep us healthy.



A message from the
Nuxalk Nation EOC

- As of July 1 travel permits will no longer be issued
 - The checkpoint will remain in place for information gathering purposes
 - We thank everyone for their cooperation and please be respectful on those on the front lines
 - Non-essential travel is still not recommended - 14-day isolation upon returning to the community is no longer required but is still recommended
 - Nuxalk leadership will reassess its gradual re-opening plans on July 21
 - The checkpoint continues to provide valuable information for the EOC, especially in the event we have a confirmed case of COVID-19
 - The Nuxalk EOC is working with Valley tourism operators, businesses and local organizations moving forward with local re-opening plans
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A message from the Central
Coast Regional District

- The CCRD Regional EOC continues to provide response support throughout the Central Coast, including Denny Island, Bella Bella/Heiltsuk Nation, Ocean Falls and Rivers Inlet/Wuikinuxv Nation, Bella Coola Valley/Nuxalk Nation. Please check the CCRD website: ccrd.ca for regular updates and announcements.
 - The new provincial report titled Building BC's Recovery Together can be found on the CCRD website in the notifications section.
 - The Bella Coola Legal Advocacy Program can assist with questions on the Canada Emergency Response Benefit and more. Contact Anne Fletcher at 250-982-2110.
 - The Bella Coola Community Support Society offers counselling and support services to all residents of the Bella Coola Valley. Services include victim assistance, women's outreach & anti-violence counselling, family/parenting support, and addictions counselling. To access these services, please call 250-799-5588.
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A message from Vancouver
Coastal Health

- The pharmacy will stop the drive-through and start using a walk-in option on Monday. It will be open from 12-5 with 3 people allowed in at a time. Please follow their social distancing rules.
- The clinic is open to see patients, but most appointments will still be by phone unless there is a need for a physical examination. If you have an urgent medical need do not delay your visit to the clinic.
- The emergency department is open for emergencies as always, but restrictions remain in place for the number of people accompanying patients. An adult may chaperone a minor and for special clinical needs, an adult patient may have someone come in with them. In the ED please wear a mask and adhere to social distancing rules.
- Please use the VCH website for updates on Covid-19.
- Air Travel remains to be used for essential travel only at this time for Bella Coola - for staff, supplies, and essential medical appointments/transport. Air travel is not for general public travel at this time. Please respect local travel guidelines and restrict travel to essential needs only.