

# COVID-19 COORDINATED INFORMATION UPDATE for the Bella Coola Valley - June 19, 2020

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

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A message from Staltmc  
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  
Travel permits may be requested from the EOC

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

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A message from the  
Nuxalk Nation EOC

- **Travel restrictions are still in place - thank you to everyone for your continued cooperation - we know this is a difficult time**
  - Essential services are exempt from this order
  - Questions regarding travel permits should be directed to Colleen Gabriel or Terry Webber at [eocops2.nuxalk@gmail.com](mailto:eocops2.nuxalk@gmail.com) - this email is monitored daily or phone 250 799 5959
  - The EOC is undertaking a survey of local businesses and organizations to review their re-opening plans and understand the impacts of COVID-19 on our Valley
  - The checkpoint continues to provide valuable information for the EOC, especially in the event we have a confirmed case of COVID-19, and we request that people to reach out for permits before undertaking travel in and out of the community
  - The Nuxalk EOC is working with Valley 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](http://ccrd.ca) for regular updates and announcements.
  - CCRD's COVID-19 Business Continuity and Services Restoration Plan can be found on the website.
  - There are new message boards around the Valley to assist the public in accessing emergency information. These locations are: Bella Coola Co-op, Hagensborg and Bella Coola Post Offices, Hagensborg Shop Easy, the Bella Coola Harbour, and the bottom of The Hill.
  - 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.
  - Questions? Contact the CCRD Regional EOC at 250-799-5291 or [info@ccrd.ca](mailto:info@ccrd.ca) or visit [www.ccrd.ca](http://www.ccrd.ca)
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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.