

January 18, 2021



TŜILHQOT'IN COMMUNITY COVID-19 MEASURES

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the communities and in the surrounding area of Williams Lake, the Tŝilhqot'in communities have implemented various COVID-19 measures. These measures include:

- Xeni Gwet'in is in a full lockdown for 14 days effective Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Informational checkpoints have been placed at the entrance of the community.
- **?Esdilagh** is in a full lockdown as of January 13, 2021 until further notice. Informational checkpoints have been placed at the entrance.
- **Tŝideldel** remains open to essential visitors; however, they have also placed three informational checkpoints at their entrances.
- **Tl'esqox** has placed informational checkpoints at the entrance and are asking for no visitors.
- **Tl'etinqox** is in a partial lockdown as of January 14, 2021. They have placed an informational checkpoint at their entrance and are allowing no visitors.
- **Yuneŝit'in** is on lockdown until further notice and have placed informational checkpoints at their entrance.

Enhanced COVID-19 measures may be implemented by the communities as the situation continues to evolve.

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TNG INCREASES EOC ACTIVATION AT A LEVEL 2

Since March 18, 2020 the province of B.C. has maintained a declaration of public health emergency due to COVID-19. TNG activated our Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) on March 17, 2020 and has decided to resume our EOC activation at a Level 2. These are measures to ensure that all resources available are being used to address COVID-19.

HOW TO REACH TNG

As a precaution for the health and safety of our staff, members and the Tŝilhqot'in communities, TNG has closed its offices until further notice.

We are seeing rising COVID-19 cases impacting people and families in Williams Lake and the Cariboo-Chilcotin, including in Indigenous communities. It is important to TNG that we play a part in stopping the transmission of COVID-19 and keeping our communities safe.

Our TNG staff will continue to work from home to serve the Tŝilhqot'in communities and will still be able to assist you by email or telephone.

To reach TNG during our office closure and while the team is working remotely, please use the following telephone lines as necessary.

TNG Public Information Line – Ph:(250) 305-6151 – for information as it relates to the TNG Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

TNG Downtown Office - Ph:(250) 392-3918 – to contact TNG staff regarding regular TNG business.

TNG Health Office - Ph:(250) 398-8575 – if you have questions or concerns related to COVID-19 or other health matters.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE

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TNG will continue to share updates and information on the COVID-19 situation in the area on social media and the TNG website. These are challenging times but we would like to remind everyone that we will get through this together with the strength, kindness and compassion that we have demonstrated as Tŝilhqot'in peoples for many generations.

We're continuing to monitor the situation closely and are following the guidance of public health authorities. We will keep you informed as information continues to change.

Stay safe and healthy, and remember we are all in this together.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

<u>Tŝilhqot'in National Government – Emergency Page</u> <u>Government of Canada – Public Health</u> <u>Government of BC – Health Link BC</u> <u>First Nations Health Authority</u> <u>World Health Organization</u>

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