



VUNTUT GWITCHIN GOVERNMENT

Government of Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

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Vuntut Gwitchin Government Extends COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and Revises COVID-19 Emergency Order to Ensure Community Safety

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The Vuntut Gwitchin Council voted today to extend the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration to November 15, 2021. Council's decision is in response to the recent increase of active COVID-19 cases in the Yukon and across Canada. The revised COVID-19 Emergency Order reflects the ongoing progress of COVID-19 vaccinations in Old Crow and across the Yukon.

The revised Emergency Order sets out the following special temporary measures:

Any person aged 12 years and up who enters onto Settlement Land from outside of the VGFN Traditional Territory must immediately self-isolate unless they have provided the Council with proof that they are fully vaccinated by having received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination at least 14 days prior to their date of entry onto Settlement Land with a signed declaration in support;

Any person on Settlement Land that comes into close contact with another person who has tested positive for COVID-19 must immediately notify the Old Crow nursing station and Council and self-isolate;

Any person on Settlement Land that is experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, such as cold and flu-like symptoms, must immediately notify the Old Crow nursing station and Council and self-isolate;

Any person required to self-isolate under this COVID-19 Emergency Order must remain in their own residence for a period of 14 days subject only to the following exceptions:

The revised Emergency Order provides the following exceptions:

- A self-isolating person who provides Council with proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within the past 24 hours may end self-isolation upon receiving confirmation from the Council;
- A self-isolating person belonging to one residence may form and maintain a social bubble with persons from up to one other residence beyond their own;
- A self-isolating person may access outdoor public spaces on Settlement Land and are required to maintain at least 2-metres in physical distance from other persons;
- A self-isolating person may access the VGFN Traditional Territory beyond Settlement Land for traditional pursuits while complying with all other measures; and
- Any other exceptions that may be authorized in advance by Council resolution;

“Council and all government staff are working hard to balance protecting the community while also considering the impact of COVID restrictions on people’s mental health and wellness. COVID variants of concern continue to pose a significant threat to our community, especially our most

vulnerable; it is for this reason that restrictions, as well as enforcement measurements, remain in place. Mahsi' choo to Citizens, staff and the Old Crow community; the sacrifices you've made have helped us to get to where we are with the pandemic. Mahsi' choo as well to our partners, Air North, Government of Yukon and Government of Canada – your continued support has helped us to weather the storm. The best way people can continue to contribute to this effort is by getting vaccinated and by encouraging their friends and family do to the same.” - Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm

Upcoming vaccination clinics are being held for both youth (Pfizer) and adults (Moderna) on Thursday August 12 at the Old Crow Health Centre from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. All VGFN Citizens and community members are encouraged to access the clinic for first or second shots.

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