



## Dzawada'enuxw First Nation

### COVID-19 Regulation Phase 1

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This regulation is enacted under *Dzawada'enuxw Pandemic Bylaw 01-2020* to provide clarity under COVID-19 Phase 1.

#### Interpretation

1. In this Regulation:

- a. **“Circle”** means the group of people that each member is in close contact with or not Distancing from.
- b. **“Council”** means the Council of the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation; duly elected pursuant to the *Indian Act*.
- c. **“Distancing”** means the social distancing requirements to maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) between people that do not live in the same residence.
- d. **“Emergency Management Team”** means a group of members supported by Council to review policies and procedures contained within the *Dzawada'enuxw Emergency Action Plan 2014* and *Dzawada'enuxw Emergency Response & Recovery Plan 2017* to develop response strategies, and policies and procedures.
- e. **“Essential Workers”** means Residents who provide essential services necessary to maintain the day-to-day operations on the Reserve including, but not limited to, such services: as water treatment, waste management, hydro, finance, transportation, fuel, delivery drivers, health personnel, on-call personnel, boat owners & operators, food security workers, and O&M workers.
- f. **“External Essential Service Providers”** means Non-Residents who provide essential services to and within the borders of the Reserve, including, but not limited to, such services as: water treatment, waste management, critical infrastructure, the delivery of freight, housing maintenance personnel, construction and construction-related activities, communications, medical personnel services & care for vulnerable persons.
- g. **“Non-Resident”** includes any person who does not maintain a primary residence off Reserve and includes those people that:
  - i. maintain a secondary place of residence on Reserve; or
  - ii. is an invitee, visitor or tourist.
- h. **“PPE”** means wearing personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves and other covering intended to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- i. **“Preventative Measures”** means the measures and actions that are intended to prevent the spread of Covid-19 such as Distancing, sanitizing and washing hands regularly.
- j. **“Quarantine”** means that for a fourteen-day period upon entering the community a person must:
  - i. not leave their place of residence or their yard;
  - ii. not come within 6 feet of anyone that is not in quarantine with them;
  - iii. not visit family in other houses or allow them entry to their residence;
  - iv. arrange to have freight/groceries delivered to their residence and
  - v. stay indoors until the drop off of freight/groceries is completed and the delivery person has left the premises;
  - vi. If one person in a residence is required to quarantine, all household members living in the residence must also quarantine;
- k. **“Reserve”** means I.R. #7, Gwayi Village and includes the privately owned Dzawada’enuxw Dock located in Kingcome Inlet.
- l. **“Resident”** means a community member whose primary residence is on the Gwayi reserve, I.R. #7; a person may only have one primary residence.
- m. **“Traffic”** means any form of transportation and includes aircraft, boats, all-terrain vehicles, and others.
- n. **“Travel Request Form”** means the form and process outlined in the Dzawada’enuxw Community Notice regarding COVID-19 Interim Travel Process of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- o. **“Vancouver Island Region”** means Victoria to Port Hardy and neighbouring north island communities such as Alert Bay, Gilford Island etc.
- p. **“Vulnerable Persons”** means a Resident that is at greater risk for developing complications from COVID-19 such as:
  - i. Elders (65 years up) who require primary care.
  - ii. persons with underlying medical conditions such as, but not limited to, heart disease, chronic hypertension, chronic diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer.
  - iii. persons with a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment such as, but not limited to, recent surgical procedure, or chemotherapy.
  - iv. persons who have difficulty with accessing specialized medical care.
  - v. persons who require a live-in carer, supervisions requirements or support for maintaining independence.

## **General**

- 2. The Council, working with recommendations from the Emergency Management Team, will continue to enact regulations due to COVID-19, under the *Dzawada’enuxw Pandemic Bylaw 01-2020* until the section[s] or regulation[s] are lifted by a written motion of the Council.

3. Phase status will be reviewed weekly by the Council and Emergency Management Team to assess the current data and decide on which phase the community should be in. These decisions will be made including determining the risk based on information compiled from the BC Center for Disease Control, Provincial Health Services Authority and Health Region updates and Emergency Management BC.
4. If the Vancouver Island COVID-19 case count changes significantly at any point, the Council and Emergency Management Team will review the new information and will inform the community in writing of any necessary changes and amendments resulting from the change.
5. Council may, in its sole discretion, if it determines that the COVID-19 pandemic situation has improved enough to do so, through a written council motion:
  - a. end or progressively ease the section[s] or phase[s] or
  - b. re-institute prior section[s] or phase[s] as it determines necessary.
6. Every person in Gwayi Village, Kingcome Inlet or any person attempting entry shall comply with all measures established and all orders issued under this regulation.
7. If a second wave of COVID-19 is declared in B.C., the Restart Plan and this regulation may be suspended until Council determines it is safe to enter Phases again.

### **Phase 1 Travel Protocols**

8. Travel by Residents for medical appointments and family emergencies is permitted and requires the Resident submitting a Travel Request Form a minimum of five days prior to planned travel departure date as outline in s. 13.
9. If Resident travel is to the Vancouver Island Region and the known COVID-19 case count is low and the region overall is considered to be low risk or clean, then Quarantine will not be necessary on return.
10. If travel is outside of the Vancouver Island Region, then Quarantine is required upon return to the community.
11. Council decisions on whether quarantine will be required will be made including determining the risk based on information compiled from the BC Center for Disease Control, Provincial Health Services Authority and Health Region updates and Emergency Management BC.
12. Travel into the community by any person requires the use of PPE while on the dock and coming up river until entering their home.
13. The process for applying for authorization from Council is:
  - a. The person wishing to travel in or out sends a request in writing using the Travel Request Form including the following information:
    - i. names of all travellers.
    - ii. reason for travel in or out.
    - iii. dates of travel, including date in and date out of village.
    - iv. method of travel.

- v. the area[s] that they have or will be in prior to travelling in; and
  - vi. contact information.
- b. The Council will review each travel and notify the person of their answer; including if quarantine is required; following the steps as outlined in Appendix A.
14. Non-Residents are not permitted entry into the community except under s. 15 or s. 17.
15. External Essential Service Providers are permitted, with prior authorization from Council, to do day trips as long as they wear PPE while travelling up and down river and while in village and practice Distancing around everyone. Requests must be received a minimum of 5 days prior to planned travel date.
16. If an External Essential Service Provider has their own policies, they must still follow the regulations and orders as set out by the Council while on the Reserve. If there is a conflict between the two policies, the stricter of the two will be followed.
17. Family support for Vulnerable Persons is permitted on a case by case basis. Anyone wishing to enter the village for this reason must apply in writing to the Council for authorization a minimum of 5 days prior to first travel date and following the process set out in s. 13.

### **Phase 1 Community General**

18. It is recommended to continue to social distance from other community members outside personal Circle.
19. Circles can be enlarged to include:
- a. Close friends
  - b. Immediate family
  - c. Grandparents
20. Prior to expanding a personal Circle, the person must have the consent of the other party and establish guidelines that everyone agrees to.
21. Visiting inside the homes of personal Circles is acceptable so long as each member of each household is feeling well and having no symptoms of COVID-19. A total of no more than 15 people at a time is recommended.
22. All community gatherings or meetings must be hosted in a location and way that meets Distancing practices.
23. The Playground will be opened. Children must use an antibacterial soap before and after playing on any equipment. Everyone at the playground should practice Distancing with those not in their Circle.
24. It is recommended that any incoming freight from outside of the community be sanitized before entering the house.

25. It is recommended that boat owners/operators and passengers wear PPE when meeting any incoming Traffic at the dock and to wear them until delivery of freight has been completed.

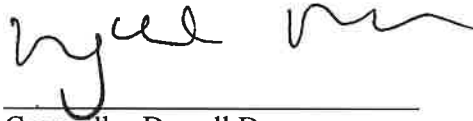
26. It is recommended that Essential Workers and Vehicle operators in the village delivering freight or passengers wear PPE.

THIS REGULATION IS HEREBY made at a duly convened meeting of the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020

Voting in favour of the Regulation are the following members of the Council:



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Council Chair Willie Moon



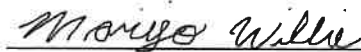
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Being the majority of those members of the Dzawada'enuxw Council present at the aforesaid meeting of the Council.

The quorum of the Council is three (3) members.

The number of members of the Council present at the meeting: 5