

COVID-19 UPDATE

JULY 6, 2021

Level 1 Updated Travel Restrictions

As of May 25, 2021 it will have been two weeks from when our community received our second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. This means we have achieved Herd immunity and it occurs when a high percentage of the community is immune to a disease (either through vaccination and/or prior illness), making the spread of disease from person to person unlikely. Even individuals not vaccinated are offered some protection because the disease has little opportunity to spread within the community and it eventually dies out. We should all be very proud of ourselves for collectively preventing the Covid-19 virus from ever entering our lands and villages. Also, because we are no longer in flu season it means **we may finally lift the 14 day isolation period for COMMUNITY MEMBERS** who are traveling to and from the village.

These travel provisions are effective immediately.

Council and the Emergency Operations Committee will be reviewing these periodically and watching the numbers for signs of a resurgence.

Anyone who is not a Wuikinuxv community resident, Wuikinuxv Nation member, or Wuikinuxv hereditary are not able to travel into the community.

Guidelines for Wuikinuxv Community residents returning to the village:

- If you DO NOT have your 2nd dose of the Covid-19 vaccine you must isolate upon arrival for 14 days and closely monitor for symptoms of Covid-19.
- If you are fully vaccinated there is no longer a quarantine period where you are required to stay in your home. However, we recommend you closely monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 during the 10 day incubation period once you return to the village and please continue to:
 1. Wear a mask outside of your household at all times and continue to wash your hands frequently
 2. If you visit others households, keep to smaller numbers and try to gather in outside or where it allows enough space to social distance.
 3. All household members are required to follow the same guidelines for the 2-week incubation period, after return.
 4. Maintain 2 meters distance from anyone encountered.

Please be mindful of the children under 12 and some others who have not been vaccinated. We still need to follow these guidelines for their protection and prevention of any transmission of Covid- 19 Virus.

We are currently following the Provincial Public Health Orders along with [*BC's Restart Plan now in Stage 3*](#) as of July 1st.

If you are planning to host an event this summer here in Wuikinuxv Village, please reach out to the EOC Director for assistance in planning and also follow the current Public health orders.

Guidelines for Wuikinuxv Nation Membership or hereditary, or the immediate family of a Wuikinuxv Village resident:

Wuikinuxv Members who don't reside in the community year-round are still able to travel home, provided they meet and agree to a number of conditions.

In order to travel into the community you must:

- Be a registered Wuikinuxv member, hereditary or the immediate family of a resident.
- Disclose whether you are fully vaccinated, and the date you received your second dose. If YOU HAVE received your second dose of Covid-19 vaccine there is no longer a quarantine period where you are required to stay in your home. However, we recommend you closely monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 during the 10 day incubation period once you enter the village.
- If you DO NOT HAVE your second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine you must complete the quarantine upon arrival for 14 days and closely monitor for symptoms of Covid-19.
- Regardless if you HAVE OR HAVE NOT received a vaccine , you must submit a safety plan to eocdirector@wuikinuxv.net that includes the following:
 - Assurances you have not traveled out of Canada anytime in the past month
 - Show no symptoms of illness (including, but not limited to, cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, gastrointestinal symptom etc.)
 - Agree to enhanced social distancing for a minimum of 14 days upon arrival
 - Wear a mask anytime outside of residence
 - There will be no:
 - 1. Entering any public buildings for the minimum 14 days (band office, treaty office, big house, stores etc).
 - 2. visiting community members households for the minimum 14 days
 - 3. being in enclosed spaces with community members for the minimum of 14 days (boats, cars, big house).
 - All household members are required to follow the same guidelines for the 14 days after return.
 - Maintain 2 meters distance from anyone encountered for the minimum 14 days
 - Provide eocdirector@wuikinuxv.net the signed copy of the Quarantine form and Resident Quarantine form. This state you have secured a place to stay for the duration of your time in the community and throughout a potential quarantine if someone begins to experience symptoms of Covid-19. Also states the household also agrees to quarantine themselves from other community members if anyone experiences symptoms of Covid-19.
 - Assurances you are able to bring sufficient resources (food, medication, household supplies, etc.) to support yourself during your time in the community and throughout a potential quarantine. A minimum of 2 weeks worth.

Guidelines for Essential Services Workers:

- Please be sure to disclose in your Covid-19 safety plan whether you have received your second dose of Covid-19 vaccine, and the date you received it in your Covid-19 safety plan. (The second vaccine is fully effective after 14 days). If **YOU HAVE** received your second dose of Covid-19 vaccine there is no longer a quarantine period required. However, we require you to closely monitor for symptoms of Covid-19 and follow the enhanced social distancing protocols during your 10 day incubation period. Further explanation is available if needed.
- If you **HAVE NOT** received your second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine you must follow your Covid-19 safety plan and closely monitor for symptoms of Covid-19.
- Submit a safety plan to eocdirector@wuikinuxv.net that includes:
 - Practice social distancing and wearing masks
 - Wear PPE outside of your bedroom.
 - Only interacting with community members with PPE on.
 - Remain in your dwelling outside of work hours.
 - Only interact in person when necessary.
 - Incoming workers, when entering the community in a multi person setting;
 - will eat separately from the other guests;
 - will wear masks in common areas

We will be working with local transport companies to ensure compliance with these measures are followed prior to booking any

travel into the community. These restrictions continue to be in effect. In order to book a flight, the plan needs to go through the EOC process and be approved by Leadership.

Please, continue to wear your masks in public, wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing

Thank you for your patience and cooperation everyone be safe this summer!

Council Reserve the right to:

- Put in travel restrictions if there is an increase in cases
- Ask individuals to leave the community if they are providing a danger to the community.

These travel guidelines have been motioned by Wuikinuxv Nation Chief and Council and implemented by the Wuikinuxv Nation Emergency Operations Committee on July 6, 2021.