



Gitga'at First Nation

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COVID 19 RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE – FEBRUARY 24, 2022

After a long two years, we are finally at a place where we could ease up on some safety protocols. During this difficult time Leadership and the Covid 19 response team mandate has always been the safety of the community and its membership. We have faced some difficult times and the future is still unknown but for now we have the following updates:

Vaccination

- Double vaccination is still a requirement for community members, visiting membership, visiting contractors and visiting professionals.
- Proof of vaccination is required when completing travel form
- Updates will post soon for upcoming vaccine clinics for anyone eligible for first, second, or booster vaccine.

Travel to Hartley Bay

- Essential travel has been lifted.
- Isolation due to travel has been lifted.
- Masks are mandatory on Ferry
- Non-resident Gitga'at members are still required to complete visiting travel form and provide proof of double vaccination.
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/eada5f3891aa4e9097e848407422a90c>
- All visiting contractors and visiting professionals are required to complete visiting form and provide proof of double vaccination.
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2db85d0a5e33466d9b06ab55ad6f333f>

Traveling away from Hartley Bay

- Masks are still mandatory and should be worn in all public places.
- Maintain 2 meter/6 feet distance from others
- Wash hands (for at least 20 seconds) or sanitizing often
- Take all safety protocols into consideration when visiting or staying with family

Rapid Tests

- Households will be given rapid test kits, if at anytime you feel unsure or symptomatic you can do this home test.
- If positive you will need to follow the 5 day isolation rule
 - Wear masks
 - Isolate away from others
 - Report the positive test to clinic
- Symptoms
 - Headache, runny nose, fatigue, sneezing, sore throat, persistent cough, hoarse voice, fever, chills, etc.
- Guide to at-home nasal swab – rapid test, watch this YouTube link.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5o8LUwt1VA>