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Nuxalk Nation requests cooperation from tourists and visitors during COVID-19 pandemic

Bella Coola, BC

The Nuxalk Nation Staltmc (hereditary leadership) and elected Chief and Council are requesting that tourists and visitors to Nuxalk Nation territory (Bella Coola) abide by the following protocols when visiting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 1) **Physical distancing** – please observe a distance of 6 ft between yourselves and others
- 2) **Contact Tracing** – please provide your contact information to your accommodation provider and follow up with them if you develop any symptoms
- 3) **Avoidance of public spaces** – please limit your interaction within our grocery stores; if possible ask your host to shop for you
- 4) **Wear a mask** – masks have been shown to reduce transmission of COVID-19.- please use one when you are in contact with others
- 5) **Be respectful** - please consider our limited health care resources (call ahead to our hospital if you are feeling ill) and respect our frontline workers and checkpoint staff

There are only three fluent Nuxalk speakers left in our Nation. They are elders and protecting them is one of our top priorities.

We only have one hospital to serve our community and limited resources to deal with COVID-19. An outbreak in our on-reserve households would be devastating as there is overcrowding and many people with compromised immune systems. As First Nations people it is proven that we are more susceptible to COVID-19; we need to take every precaution to protect our people.

The following numbers are available to you if you need help or have questions:

Nuxalk Nation EOC – 250 799 5959
Bella Coola General Hospital – 250 799 5342
Bella Coola RCMP – 250 799 5363

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