



Yuulu?if?ath Government Travel Advisory

April 13, 2021

COVID-19 Cases Spike. **Please Stay Home.** Avoid Non-Essential Travel in and out of hitaču.

BC confirmed **3,289 new cases** in the dates of **April 9 to April 12** bringing the total to slightly under 10,000 active cases in BC, with **494 active cases on Vancouver Island**. Case numbers for BC and Vancouver Island currently continue to rise. As communities begin to see an increase in travelers and seasonal workers, hitaču residents need to be diligent in following health orders, most importantly travel for essential needs only.

Essential Travel:

- ☉ Medical & dental appointments
- ☉ Financial priorities; banking, bill payments
- ☉ Health and wellness; food, medicinal needs, prescriptions

This is not the time to travel out of hitaču to visit friends and family. We ask residents to please refrain from travel that is not essential to you or your household. There is a definite expectation for increase of cases to Vancouver Island, in the upcoming weeks, and this could include the west coast. We need to protect one another, our community, and most importantly, our elders.

What if I am vaccinated?

- ☉ We are still waiting for the second vaccination to ramp up immunity to become fully vaccinated.
- ☉ Being fully vaccinated means if you contract the virus, your symptoms may be reduced to better fight the virus.

Remember:

- ☉ The vaccine does not prevent you from contracting the virus.
- ☉ The vaccination does not protect against carrying COVID-19 and spreading the virus on to others, to those who are, or are not vaccinated.

If you have questions on essential travel requirements or want to submit a non-compliance of non-essential travel activity, please contact the huuᑭatu Centre at **(778) 942-0578**. To see COVID-19 case data, for Vancouver Island, visit **islandhealth.ca** and search for the **COVID-19 Daily Dashboard**.

We have been doing well Yuulu?if?ath. The more we stay diligent now, the faster we can be hopeful in reducing restrictions. We are still waiting for second vaccinations to be issued via Island Health. Individuals will be contacted by the Yuulu?if?ath. Health and Social Services Team when second doses are ready to be administered.