



## **Nisga'a Nation Declares State of Local Emergency & Villages Implement Temporary Lock Down Measures**

**November 26, 2020 - New Aiyansh, B.C.,** In light of rising numbers of COVID-19 in the Nass Valley, the NLG Executive on the recommendation of the Nisga'a Emergency Preparedness Committee has declared a state of local emergency.

The positive cases are linked to two family events that took place in the Nisga'a Village of New Aiyansh. The Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government took immediate steps to implement lock down measures (Communique attached), including the closure of all offices, a curfew for residents and access monitoring in and out of the community.

"We are all in this together," said President Eva Clayton. "We must follow all Provincial and Nisga'a Health Orders to ensure we stop further spread of this serious virus."

Nisga'a Valley Health continues to conduct COVID-19 testing and as of today's date 21 positive laboratory COVID-19 tests have been confirmed.

"NVHA is working closely with our partners, NLG EPC, Northern Health Authority and First Nations health authority in ensuring we are all working together to protect our community members." said NVHA Chief Executive Officer Brandi Trudell-Davis. "We are meeting regularly and, undertaking comprehensive COVID-19 management action. However health management is a reactive process, we look to our Nation, communities, families and individuals to actively take precautionary measures to stop the spread. We are all in this together and it is the only way we will all get through this."

Nisga'a Valley Health Authority is working collaboratively with Northern Health to monitor the active cases and ensure appropriate contact tracing measures are taking place.

### **NVHA COVID-19 Testing:**

The table below demonstrates Nisga'a Valley Health Authority's COVID-19 testing statistics to date:





**Tests Conducted Since November 20, 2020:**

This table show tests conducted since the first confirmed cases on November 20th

Tests Conducted To Date:	Tested <b>Negative</b> for COVID-19	Tested <b>Positive</b> for COVID-19:	Pending Results	Recovered
<b>136</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>-</b>

**Total Tests Conducted to Date:**

This table shows total cumulative testing results since Nisga’a Valley Health began testing at the beginning of the pandemic

Tests Conducted To Date:	Tested <b>Negative</b> for COVID-19	Tested <b>Positive</b> for COVID-19:	Pending Results	Recovered
<b>722</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3</b>

Nisga’a Valley Health Authority’s COVID-19 Hotline is now active, and any member of the public may contact them for any COVID-19 related questions: 250 633 5048, and afterhours call 8-1-1.

The Nisga’a Emergency Preparedness Committee will continue to provide updates as new information is available.

Please check [www.nisgaanation.ca/covid-19](http://www.nisgaanation.ca/covid-19) for all information in relation to the Nation’s COVID-19 response.

