



## *Tkemlúps te Secwépemc*

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

### **April 17, 2020 – COVID Update from Chief and Council**

Chief and Council extends huge Kukwstép-kucw and thanks all of you for everyone's continued efforts to ensure we all are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe in our community and throughout TteS.

We continue to stand behind Dr. Henry's advice on COVID-19. We also continue to work with QHS and FNHA to address our Nation and community's safety needs.

We are dedicated to keeping our members up to date with all information that pertains to COVID -19. Those updates are posted to the TteS website and Facebook.

TteS's Community Services has established a virtual outreach service for members as well. During this time of isolation, it is an opportunity for members to connect when feeling isolated, anxious, and if you need a reminder that you are not alone.

Chief and Council continue to meet weekly virtually on Tuesdays as well as any necessary extraordinary meetings. As an organization, precautionary measures continue to be put in place. There has been signage put up for essential services staff that have to be in the workplace.

Meeting requests are arranged virtually, or by phone or appointment, with council and or any of the essential services staff. A motion was made by Council to continue to support essential services staff to work at home where possible until further notice as per Dr. Henry's health advice.

Our collective Nation level responses to Covid-19 include:

- weekly Nation conference calls,
- signing a Nation declaration state of emergency
- sharing in community updates and best practices, and
- discussing leadership supports for community

To date what has been done and can be found on our website and FB is the collaborative efforts with SNTC/FNHC and leadership throughout Secwepemcúl'ecw:



- a Secwepemc funeral protocol
- a traditional wellness plan, and
- current advocating for funding resources.

In progress the Nation is working together on:

- creating a Nation pandemic plan,
- a Nation health and wellness plan,
- a Nation food security plan, and
- a Nation emergency response plan.

Although the flattening of the COVID-19 curve is giving us optimism, all of us must continue to adhere to Dr Henry's advice: wash your hands, social distance, stay at home and work from home where possible.

Kukwstép-kucw

Yours truly,  
**Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc**

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On behalf of Council