



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS



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Joint Message on COVID-19 Safety during the State of Emergency

Dear community members,

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and Village of Haines Junction (VoHJ) Councils ask all residents and visitors to Dakwākāda/Haines Junction and the CAFN Traditional Territory to uphold all measures under the current Yukon state of emergency and guidance from the Yukon's Chief Officer of Medical Health (CMOH).

At this time, we ask that everyone avoid non-essential travel between communities. Please do not visit Dakwākāda/Haines Junction and the CAFN Traditional Territory unless it is essential. Our CAFN communities also include Takhini River Subdivision, Champagne, Canyon, Klukshu and other seasonal villages. We also ask that community members avoid travelling to Whitehorse for non-essential purposes.

Please prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Every day and during the current outbreak it's important to:

- Check yourself for symptoms.
- If you are sick, stay home and get tested.
- Please self-isolate as instructed by Yukon health staff.
- Wear a mask in all indoor public settings, and outside where you can't safely distance.
- Keep your gatherings very small (10 or fewer people from 2 households if vaccinated, or stick to your own household if anyone is not vaccinated).
- Avoid travel to other Yukon communities.
- Show your proof of vaccination where required: <https://yukon.ca/en/vaccine-proof>.
- **Please follow Yukon's Safe 6 + 1:** <https://practisesafe6.ca>

What are symptoms of COVID-19?

Fever • Chills • Cough • Shortness of breath • Runny nose
Sore throat • Headache • Loss of sense of taste or smell • Fatigue
Loss of appetite • Nausea and vomiting • Diarrhea • Muscle aches

Please get the COVID-19 vaccine when you can.

As billions of people around the world continue to get the COVID-19 vaccine, it is proven again and again to be safe and effective, and our best tool to prevent serious illness and save lives. We encourage you to make the informed choice to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are able.

As we await the approval of a vaccine for our children ages 5-11, we encourage everyone ages 12 and up to book your 1st or 2nd dose now, or your booster if you are age 50 or older. It's the best way to protect yourself and the people you love.

- Youth 12+ and adults 18+ can book in Haines Junction by calling the health centre (634-4444) and in Whitehorse at [Yukon.ca/thisisourshot](https://yukon.ca/thisisourshot).

Proof of Vaccination

Please support and be patient with each other as we implement the Yukon proof of vaccination system in places it is required. We are learning together.

Please reach out if you need information

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations has also declared a state of emergency and will implement new measures as needed. For details on CAFN's COVID response, please visit: <https://cafn.ca/covid-19>.

For full details on measures in the Village of Haines Junction, please visit <http://www.hainesjunctionyukon.com>.

The current guidance from the Government of Yukon is available here <https://yukon.ca/en/news/new-covid-19-measures-now-effect>.

Shāw nithän - thank you to everyone who lives in this very special community.

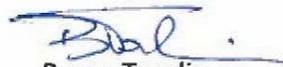
We especially thank all our local health care workers who continue to work extra hard to keep us all safe and healthy.

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Thank you.



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