



Dada Nentsen Gha Yatastig: ***Highlighting T̂silhqot'in*** ***Responses to COVID-19***

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"I am going to tell you about a very bad disease"

T̄silhqot'in in the Time of COVID

Strengthening T̄silhqot'in Ways to Protect Our People





Achievements

Partnership with other Indigenous Nations for mutual support, knowledge sharing and advocacy in pandemic response.

Consistent dialogue with government partners, despite the pressures of pandemic response.

Rapid community-led response throughout the pandemic, notably the coordinated distribution of food and supplies.





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BE SAFE**



Call to Action 22

The T̓silhqot'in Nation calls on British Columbia to:

Provide immediate and ongoing financial support for checkpoint staff until the end of the pandemic. This financial support should include appropriate compensation, leave, training, mental health support, and traditional healing for checkpoint staff.



UN Special Rapporteur
on the Rights of
Indigenous Peoples,
José Francisco
Calí Tzay

“indigenous peoples enjoying their collective right to autonomy as part of their right to self-determination are best placed to control the virus and to cope with months of isolation.

Those able to... Make community decisions, such as on restricting movement in and out of their communities, have, in many respects, shown more resilience in the crisis.” (p 12)



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ATTENTION



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THAT ONLY LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PERSONS
CONDUCTING BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF
THE COMMUNITY GO PAST THIS POINT

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THE COMMUNITY CONCERNING C

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Call to Action 28

The T̓silhqot̓in Nation calls on BC and Canada to:

Establish a multi-agency health and social table to develop community support programs and policies that adequately and meaningfully address the full range of health impacts created and exacerbated by the pandemic.



Call to Action 6

The T̓silhqot̓in Nation calls on all levels of government (regional, provincial and federal) to:

Develop a T̓silhqot̓in Nation—British Columbia crisis response strategy to ensure the Nation has access to staffing and resources that can meet their emergency needs as well as continue to meet ongoing and expansive health needs of the communities in an emergency



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