



# Metlakatla First Nation

## COVID-19 Update - June 12, 2020

### Message from Metlakatla Governing Council

This week will see the return of regular scheduled ferry service to Metlakatla. Although the ferry will be offered five days per week as of June 15, the ferry **will only carry 8 passengers** and different runs are designated for different group. The detailed schedule is below:

Depart Prince Rupert: 8:15 a.m.  
Staff Only

Depart Prince Rupert at 12:20 p.m.  
Students Only

Depart Prince Rupert: 4:15 p.m.  
Community Members Only

Depart Metlaka after cleaning  
Students Only

Depart Metlakatla after cleaning  
Community Members Only

Depart Metlakatla after cleaning:  
Staff Only

**THE USE OF MASKS IS MANDATORY ON ALL RUNS. ANYONE NOT WILLING TO WEAR A MASK WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON BOARD.**

Due to the limited number of spaces aboard the ferry, community members are asked to reserve their space on the vessel through Desi Ryan. Please note that the schedule is subject to change and any changes will be communicated to the community as soon as possible.

With the return of the ferry service, grocery deliveries to the community will no longer be taking place.

While services are being reintroduced, we would like to remind everyone that the pandemic nor the risk of COVID-19 are not over. Please continue to practice social distancing, frequent hand-washing. Guests and visitors are still not permitted in the community.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding.

**Stay safe and have a great weekend everyone.**

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### **Executive Committee Decisions (week of June 15)**

1. Non-residents will not be permitted to enter the community and will be asked to leave.
2. Reception services are ongoing. However, the Band Office will remain closed to the public until

further notice.

3. Until further notice, the Community Van will not be operating.
4. Ferry service will return for community member and staff use only, but be limited to eight passengers. Please reserve a spot.

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### **Assistance for individuals experiencing COVID-19 Finance Challenges - PLEASE NOTE CONDITIONS**

Both the Federal and provincial governments have made available significant assistance to those who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 virus and business closures. These measures include assistance with rent, deferment of payment for ICBC and BC Hydro, a \$1,000 Provincial Emergency Benefit for workers who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19, and a \$2000 per month from the Canada Emergency Response Benefit.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/covid-19-financial-supports#CATC>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/economic-response-plan.html#individuals>

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