



Let the mountains move you

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BC Restart Plan Phase 3

In Valemount, we are keeping our contacts small, maintaining physical distance, and if feeling ill, avoiding others altogether. When physical distancing is not possible outside of your immediate household or small social bubble, the Village encourages the use of a mask – they should be part of your everyday carry, along with things with you already like your car keys or wallet. You are encouraged to review Dr. Bonnie Henry's "**Good Times Guide.**" This is for your protection and for the protection of our residents and businesses. If you are feeling sick, stay home. **No exceptions.** If symptoms develop while travelling, self-isolate immediately and contact 8-1-1 for guidance and testing.

"As British Columbia continues in Phase 3, Tourism Valemount encourages all visitors to our area to adhere to the Provincial guidelines including social distancing, hand washing and sanitizing, and the use of a mask if unable to have physical distance. While we are indeed in the middle of everywhere, our resources are limited. Our businesses, accommodation and tourism providers are doing what is required to keep you and our Village safe and Covid free. Everyone is feeling the stress of what is taking place. Be patient, be respectful and enjoy your visit. Fewer Faces, Bigger Spaces." – Pete Pearson, Chair, Tourism Valemount

"We are proud of our trails and have always encouraged their use by everyone and anyone and if you do get out on the trails, recreate only with immediate family and housemates in small groups. Practice very low risk riding – we do not need to be a further burden on our health services and first responders. Maintain physical separation of at least two meters between yourself and all other trail users. Further distances have proven even greater personal protection." – Curtis Pawliuk, General Manager, Valemount and Area Recreation Development Association

"From the grocery store, to retail shops, to the gas stations and right up to the mountain bike park or down to the marina, with summer comes a bit better weather and line-ups will be a bit longer. We ask for you to be kind, to be calm and to be patient. I am really pleased with our residents and businesses – all of whom have adapted so well during these unprecedented times. We encourage visitors to be respectful of our community and to be safe as you enjoy our 360 degrees of opportunities." – Owen Torgerson, Mayor, Village of Valemount

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