

November 25, 2020

***** Non-Essential Travel Statement *****

On November 20, 2020, the Public Health Officer (PHO) of British Columbia strongly advised against any non-essential travel. Non-essential travel, among other things, includes travel for leisure and enjoyment. Of course, this is exactly the reason people come to Valemount because of the amazing snowmobiling and recreation opportunities we have to offer.

We are asking our valued visitors to remember that we are a small community with limited medical resources; we are not well equipped to handle a community outbreak of COVID19. As a result, we want to emphasize the message coming from Dr. Bonnie Henry: people are to avoid all non-essential travel for the time being.

We understand your desire to come here and get away from the worries and concerns we are all facing. However, we are concerned for the safety of our community and the viability of the winter season ahead. Restrictions and travel advisories have been put into place to help flatten the curve of infection rates and to slow the spread of the virus.

If we don't take action now, we run the risk of a complete lock down and the loss of an entire winter season that is necessary to keep our local businesses operating, and for your recreation enjoyment.

Small sacrifices at this present moment will help ensure we are able to welcome you back for another world class snowmobiling and winter recreation season. Please help us keep our community safe and our businesses operating by staying home for now. The mountains will still be here, and we want to see you as soon as possible, once we have been advised by our PHO it is safe to do so.



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