



# VILLAGE OF VALEMOUNT

*Let the mountains move you*

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## **BC Restart Plan Phase 3**

As spaces and places begin to open up, the Village of Valemount encourages residents and visitors to remain vigilant and to follow the latest Covid-19 guidelines put forward by the Province of British Columbia and Dr. Bonnie Henry. When you travel this summer, you are not leaving Covid-19 behind. We recommend calling ahead to ensure where you are visiting has procedures in place to protect you from the spread of COVID-19.

We also recommend that you inform yourself about what is expected of everyone as we begin to venture out into the wider community; 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.

“On behalf of Tourism Valemount, and in light of the Province of BC’s move to Phase 3, we can say that the Village of Valemount is open to visitors. This gradual easing of restrictions will allow more activities and travel to happen but we still ask that when you visit our community, you adhere to all social distancing and washing/sanitizing recommendations and keeping groups small. 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. When shuttling in a vehicle, do so only with your immediate family or housemates. Practice very low risk riding – we do not need to be a further burden 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

“Covid-19 did not show discrimination. It was all of us that flattened the initial curve. It will be all us – regardless of our race, colour, creed, sexual preference or gender identity – that will be responsible for the safe implementation, and ultimately, the success of BC’s Restart Plan. Welcome back to our community and surrounding area; the mountains are ready for you.” – Owen Torgerson, Mayor, Village of Valemount.

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