



Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Good Morning Snuneymuxw,

On behalf of Chief and Council, I want to assure you that we are monitoring the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak internationally, nationally, provincially and locally. We are activating precautions and measures to protect our collective health and safety.

Please remain calm, be safe and practice the prevention and response measures articulated by the federal Chief Public Health Officer and the provincial Public Health Officer. While the coronavirus was detected in December 2019 in Wuhan City, China and has since spread across the world, we will get through this together with the guidance of our teachings and caring for one another.

Snuneymuxw will implement all public health orders issued by health authorities. Also, we are actively involved with the Emergency Coordination Centre, an emergency readiness and response team comprised of local and regional emergency responders.

We are compelled to implement containment and prevention measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. All community gatherings, meetings, activities and programming is cancelled until May 30, 2020. As well, Snuneymuxw public facilities (gym, youth center, Woodbank and the House of Learning) and service buildings (band office, Health Centre, Daycare and QQS) will close for two weeks starting March 18, 2020. Essential services (social assistance, tuition, living allowance, garbage and recycle pick-up, doctors, nurses, home support staff, patient travel, acupuncture, community driver, cedar woman house, patient travel and financial administration) will continue. More information will follow about how you can access essential services.

I recognize that what is occurring may cause added economic stress to families. We are currently preparing care packages for you and more information will follow regarding delivery.

We will continue to prepare, respond, and communicate with you about the COVID-19 pandemic as it unfolds.

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse