



Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Good afternoon Snuneymuxw,

Yesterday, the public health officer announced a total of 2,112 test positive cases for the coronavirus in B.C. Our community strength to overcome the challenges we face as a Nation during this pandemic is extraordinary.

Our community resilience is a result of all Snuneymuxw people working together. Snuneymuxw leadership, staff and community bind together to ensure the emergency needs of our people are addressed. I want to thank all of you for your dedication and allegiance during these difficult times.

Today, our Nation processed more COVID-19 benefit payments for Snuneymuxw citizens. If you contacted our Nation before April 24, 2020 to receive financial assistance, please allow for three (3) to ten (10) business days to receive it. If you have not contacted our Nation yet, please call 250-740-2300 between 9:00AM–4:00PM on Monday – Friday in order to receive a COVID-19 benefit payment on May 14, 2020.

You may notice that Canada and B.C. are beginning to discuss ways to restart the economy. But this does not mean restrictions are lifted. We must remain strong and continue to social distance and stay home as much as possible. The Snuneymuxw First Nation state of emergency and the Snuneymuxw COVID-19 bylaw is still in effect. However, our Nation must be included within government economic recovery plans so that Snuneymuxw people are supported after the pandemic.

The more we follow the instructions of the health authorities, the better off we will be in the future. When the health authorities advise it is ok for us to gather as a community, our Nation will host a feast to bring our people together.

Please be safe and let's continue to work together to flatten the curve for COVID-19.

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse