



# Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Dear Snuneymuxw,

On behalf of Chief and Council, I want to extend deepest condolences to Snuneymuxw families who have lost a loved one. Snuneymuxw people always work together to embrace a grieving family and support them as they take their last walk with a relative. Our community compassion, unity and teachings are a source of strength as we support one another to walk forward together.

The rate of transmission for COVID-19 is declining in B.C. and the Vancouver Island region reported consecutive days for no new test positive cases, until yesterday. The provincial health officer announced that 2,392 people in B.C. have tested positive for Covid-19, 372 cases are active, 1,885 have recovered, and 135 people have died. Overall, people in B.C. have reduced social interactions by 30%.

May long weekend is ahead of us and we must be mindful that the spread of COVID-19 is still happening. We must all continue to do our part to help prevent the outbreak of the virus by continuing to practice the protective health measures. In mid-May, British Columbia may move into phase 2 of the B.C. Restart Plan. In the coming weeks, Chief and Council will announce a slow and steady approach to re-start our Nation.

This week, more COVID-19 benefit payments were processed for Snuneymuxw families to help offset financial hardship due to the pandemic. Please allow for three (3) to ten (10) business days to receive the financial assistance. Over the last couple of weeks, our Nation has been able to connect with a majority of Snuneymuxw citizens during these challenging times. The work of the Snuneymuxw Team to make this happen is remarkable. Thank you.

Please be safe during Victoria Day long weekend and try to stay home.

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse