



Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Dear Snuneymuxw,

Over the past couple of weeks, there are periods of time when the Provincial Health Officer has reported consecutive days for no test positive cases for the coronavirus in the Vancouver Island Health Region. With the transmission rate lowering in our area, we must remain vigilant to prevent an outbreak by practicing the protective health measures.

Last evening, Snuneymuxw Chief and Council authorized the Snuneymuxw COVID-19 Safety Plan that will govern our Nation to resume some operations. The plan outlines safe procedures and operations for the return to work of Snuneymuxw employees, and is the result of collaborative engagement between Chief and Council and senior staff. As we move from shutdown to partial re-open, health officials advise that social interaction may increase to 60% and moving to the next phase requires the transmission rate to remain low. Our resumption of operations heeds this advice and ensures a safe workplace.

On May 31 of this year, the COVID-19 bylaw officers who monitor various access points into our reserves will discontinue. I want to thank our bylaw officers for their service to our Nation. During this transition, we will have to do our part to practice enhanced personal and professional hygiene, continue to social distance and stay connected with one another.

Today, our Nation processed more COVID-19 benefit payments for Snuneymuxw families to offset the financial hardship due to the pandemic. Almost all Snuneymuxw citizens received financial assistance from Snuneymuxw and I am proud of the work of our multi-departmental collaboration to make this happen. Thank you.

Please be safe and enjoy the weekend with your family.

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse