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COVID-19 Statement from Chief Mike Wyse

Snuneymuxw Community:

I am pleased to announce that we, the Nation, are working hard to stay up to date and informed on COVID-19. We are highly committed to keeping our community safe. Following the declaration of COVID-19 as a Global Pandemic, all departments within Snuneymuxw, our members, AND anyone living within our vicinities are advised to adhere to the following recommendations provided within the enclosed information package as advised by FNHA and VIHA.

Please be advised that this pandemic is being closely monitored by the Nation and we are taking all necessary precautions to maintain the current low risk status we are in. This package is being distributed throughout the community and we have assigned the role of Incident Commander to Emmy Manson who will lead the response by working with partners pandemic and our protocol.

In order to ensure the health and safety of all members, including children and Elders, anyone who display symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and refrain from accessing the SFN Gym, Daycare, and Youth Centre facilities to ensure the safety and health of everyone.

We will be distributing regular updates and responding to concerns as they arise. If you are experiencing symptoms of distress such as anxiety, worry, or fear, know that this is a normal response to an abnormal situation. Do not hesitate to reach out for support:

- Kuu-us Crisis line is 1800-588-8717
- To speak with someone at Public Health regarding COVID-19, please call 1-833-784-4397.

As always, please feel free to contact our Health Centre staff for support at 250-740-2337.

Sincerely,

Chief Mike Wyse