



# Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Good Day Snuneymuxw,

Yesterday, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced 21 new Covid-19 cases in B.C. for a total of 3,170. In our health region, there are 136 cases and Dr. Henry announced one new test positive case this week. Even though British Columbia is now in Phase 3 of reopening, it is important that we practice heightened awareness for social distancing, enhanced hygiene and support one another. We are still in the midst of a health pandemic and we will remain in this state until a vaccine is developed and no new cases continue to occur.

You may be aware of the special investigation into B.C.'s Healthcare System due to physicians playing a game to determine the blood alcohol level of Indigenous people while in their care. We know that racism exists and the investigation, led by Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, will outline solutions to ensure Indigenous peoples receive quality healthcare and are not treated differently because of their culture and way of life. A survey was recently released to collect living experiences of people, and you are encouraged to complete the survey and share your story.

The Snuneymuxw Elders Advisory has made it a priority to clean up our cemetery on IR#1. After much planning, the work to clean up the cemetery will begin shortly and you will notice work taking place there. Please be assured that we are doing this properly, applying our teachings and being mindful of our relatives who have been put to rest there over that last 160 years. More information about this will be provided in a notice.

As well, the Snuneymuxw COVID-19 Safety Plan and workplace safety requirements are still in effect until further notice. Snuneymuxw service buildings and facilities are closed to the public, and services are by appointment only.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Nation at anytime.

Have a good weekend!

Respectfully,

Chief Mike Wyse