



Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Snuneymuxw First Nation COVID-19 Economic Response

The highest priority of Snuneymuxw Chief and Council is to protect the health and safety of Snuneymuxw citizens. The Snuneymuxw Government authorized the Snuneymuxw Health Plan for Pandemic Preparedness, Response and Emergency, declared a state of local emergency, approved the SFN Covid-19 bylaw resulting in prohibition of public access into Snuneymuxw reserves, and has issued closures for Snuneymuxw public facilities and service buildings. This enforcement measure is to help prevent an outbreak of the coronavirus in the Snuneymuxw community. In the pursuit to protect health and safety, Snuneymuxw Chief and Council understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is causing economic hardships for Snuneymuxw people. The Snuneymuxw COVID-19 Economic Response benefits are intended to off-set some of these financial burdens and support Snuneymuxw families. Due to the evolving nature associated with COVID-19, the Snuneymuxw Government will announce supports for members as it becomes available.

What financial assistance is Snuneymuxw First Nation providing to Snuneymuxw citizens?

Snuneymuxw Economic Response to COVID-19

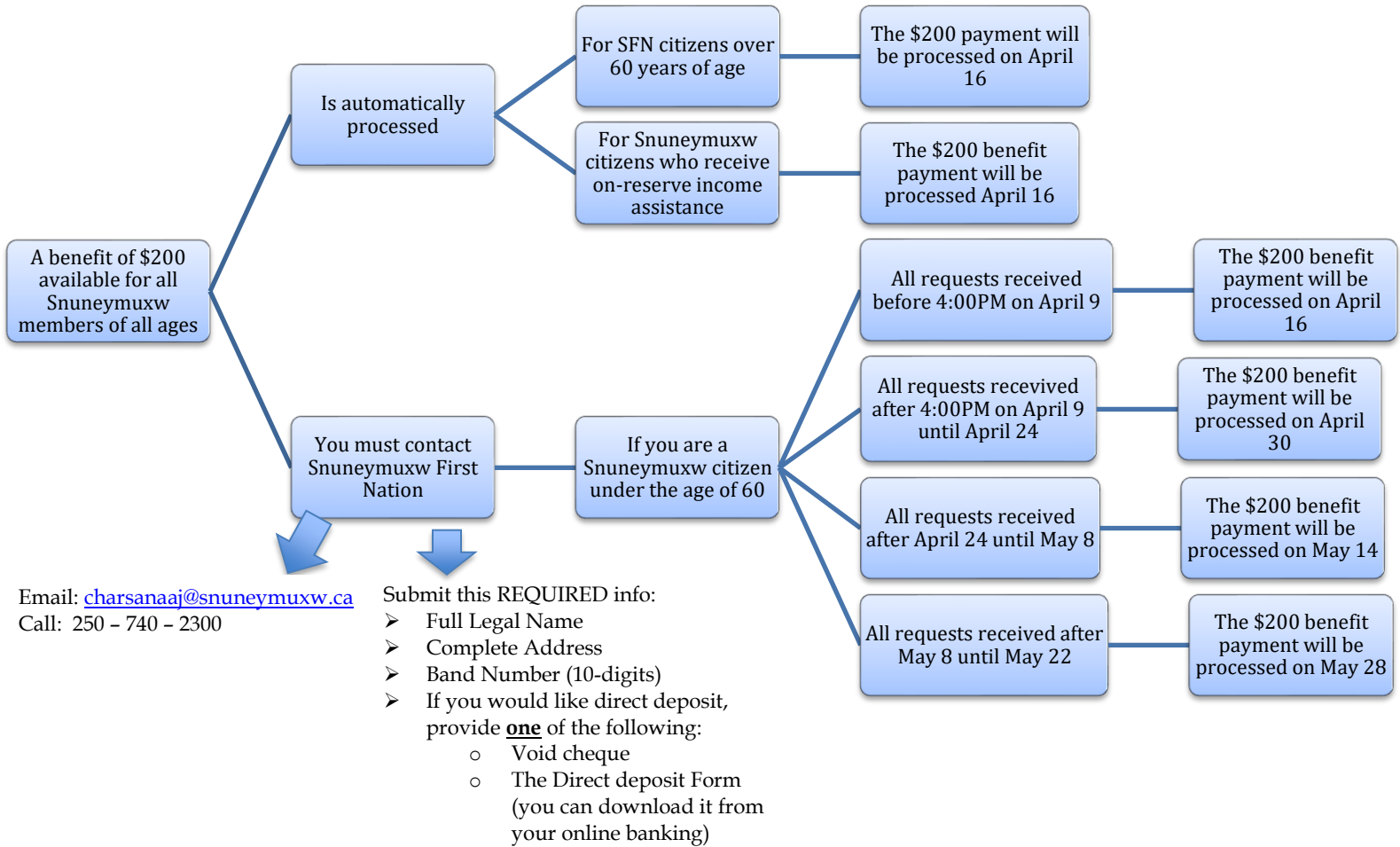
- A one-time hardship benefit of \$500 for full-time Snuneymuxw students currently enrolled in a post-secondary university or college
- A benefit of \$200 available for all Snuneymuxw members of all ages
- An automatic \$300 - monthly COVID-19 crisis supplement for all on-reserve income assistance clients for the next 3 months starting in April
- Alternative arrangements for on-reserve housing payments may be made on a case by case basis

Canada and British Columbia are providing benefits to workers, businesses and families. These benefits are in addition to the Snuneymuxw COVID-19 Economic Response benefits listed above. If you need help applying for these federal and/or provincial benefits, please contact Chenoa Point at 250-668-7180 or Terena Ross at 250-740-2316 on Monday to Friday anytime between 8:00AM – 4:00PM.

Snuneymuxw First Nation is working diligently to put together supports to help those that are in need of assistance. We understand home life might be more stressful than usual and are working hard to provide as many supports as we can

I am a Snuneymuxw citizen. How do I access financial assistance from SFN?

Below, is a timeline for processing the \$200 benefit available for all Snuneymuxw citizens of all ages:



Below, is a timeline for processing the one-time \$500 hardship benefit for Snuneymuxw students currently enrolled full-time at a university or college:



Email: Nancys@snuneymuxw.ca
Call: 250 - 740 - 2315

Indigenous Services Canada has announced that on-reserve income assistance clients will receive an additional \$300 for three months. This applies to everyone who receives income assistance from Snuneymuxw First Nation. If you currently receive income assistance from Snuneymuxw First Nation, the additional \$300 will automatically be included on the April, May and June monthly income assistance payments. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Paul at 250 – 740 – 2309.

Will a benefit payment be processed by cheque or direct deposit?

- If you have direct deposit already set up with the Snuneymuxw finance department, or you have submitted this information before the submission deadline, then the benefit payment will be processed using direct deposit. Please allow for three (3) to ten (10) business days to receive it.
- If you have provided your mailing address to Charsanaa Johnny, Nancy Seward, or Louella White then the benefit payment will be issued to you by cheque and mailed to your mailing address. Please allow for three (3) to ten (10) business days to receive it.
- If you have not provided the REQUIRED information, then a payment will not be processed for you until all required information is received.

I make monthly payments to the SFN housing department. What can I do if I am struggling to continue to make those payments due to COVID-19?

Please contact Jackie Good at jackieg@snuneymuxw.ca .