



# Snuneymuxw

First Nation

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Dear Snuneymuxw,

I am writing to update you that our Nation has confirmed two (2) more test positive cases for covid-19 in our community, for a total of twenty-one (21) active cases. The affected persons are in isolation and Island Health is conducting contact tracing. Island Health nurses are also conducting daily check-ins with the affected families and our Snuneymuxw Health Team are providing support to the families as well.

Today, two active cases have fully recovered from the virus. This is great news. Thank you for the support of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), Island Health and Snuneymuxw Health Team for helping them back to good health.

Today is the first day our Nation is reporting a lower rate of transmission. We are advised that our community containment efforts are working and we are progressing in the right direction. But we are not out of the woods yet. We still have 21 active cases and several contacts of confirmed cases under active monitoring. We must continue to be vigilant in our community efforts to contain the virus and eliminate the spread.

Today was the first day for the Snuneymuxw Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic, and attendance was steady throughout the day. Approximately 263 doses of the Moderna vaccine was administered and people were extremely thankful to have the chance to be vaccinated.

By taking the vaccination you have another layer of protection, but it does not mean you are completely immune to the virus. Everyone must not let their guard down. Do not increase your interactions with people and decrease your movement within community. Please continue to follow the stay at home order, community security procedures, wash your hands and wear a mask.

Snuneymuxw is very appreciative to all of our Partners – especially the FNHA and the medical health officers for their leadership to collaborate on implementation of the Snuneymuxw rapid response plans to swiftly address the outbreak in our community. We have restored a sense of hope in the Snuneymuxw community and Snuneymuxw

People are grateful for your partnership. Our Nation will work with all of our Partners to monitor the impacts of delivering the vaccine in the face of a cluster in community – and we are hopeful this knowledge will help other First Nations and everyone around the globe.

Finally, I want to offer words of encouragement for our relatives in other First Nation communities. I understand that the FNHA is focused to launch a vaccination plan for First Nation communities starting with rural and remote and those impacted by COVID-19. Know that Snuneymuxw is walking with you in your journey to protect your nation. Remain strong in your safety procedures and steadfast in your conviction to beat Covid-19.

Updates will be published daily and the next one will be tomorrow. Please be safe, reach out to our Nation at any time, and be kind to one another.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Wyse', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief Mike Wyse