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**To:** Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

**From:** Graham Morry, Executive Director

**Date:** April 21, 2021

**Re:** CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

## Current Situation

Hi everyone. While it appears the current curve of COVID-19 in BC is starting to bend in the right direction (downward), average daily case counts still remain fairly high while the provincial government's "circuit breaker" strategy starts to have an impact.

On Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> there were 849 new cases of COVID-19 in BC. Island Health's dashboard indicates that 32 of these were on Vancouver Island. It appears that the number of active cases in the Central Island has dropped considerably (by half, compared to my memo last week), which is encouraging news. Of the total 326 active cases on the Island, 194 are in the South region, 94 are in the Central region, and 38 are in the North region.

That said, BC has been setting records for hospitalizations – so the virus and its variants that are out there still need to be taken very seriously. Please continue to keep up your vigilance to protect yourself and others as we still ride this third wave.

We'll be learning more about the province's travel restrictions this Friday to see if they'll have any additional impact on us operationally, but I don't expect much will change from what we've already been doing – sticking close to Nanaimo as much as possible.

## Vaccinations

Vaccinations and bookings for both persons served and staff have been continuing, with younger adult age groups now able to register at a quicker pace and pharmacies now able to vaccinate people age 40+ with AstraZeneca's available supply. It's comforting to know we're getting that much closer to having more of our NACL family protected.

Thanks for continuing to submit proof of vaccination to our HR Department – we definitely appreciate your support in that regard.

## In Conclusion...

I'm always here for any questions or concerns – so please feel free to contact me anytime. In the meantime, please still take care and stay safe.

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