

memo



To: Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

From: Graham Morry, Executive Director

Date: May 6, 2020

Re: CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 UPDATE

Current Situation

Our province-wide efforts re COVID-19 have been effective as demonstrated through the decline in infection rates, with most new cases attributable to long-term care and correctional facilities on the mainland. 23 more positive cases were announced today for a total of 2,255 cases, which as of yesterday included 124 on Vancouver Island.

NACL staff have done an excellent job of following health and safety protocols, helping us avoid any direct cases of COVID-19 so far; I want to thank you for your continued efforts to remain vigilant and dedicated to “staying the course.”

Looking to the Future

There has been much discussion about what a relaxing of restrictions might look like, as directed by the Provincial Health Officer. We will be given a better sense of this in today’s briefing this afternoon with Dr. Henry, Minister Dix, and Premier Horgan.

That said, given the nature of our services, we will not be relaxing our current approach for the foreseeable future. We are, however, exploring what services will look like on a more permanent basis as a semblance of normalcy returns.

Our services are diverse so there will not be a one-size-fits-all approach, and we will always err on the side of safety. Given the potential of a second wave of COVID-19, it is critical that we remain diligent until a vaccination is readily available.

In Conclusion...

As always, I am here for you if you have any questions or concerns – we’re in this together. Again, please don’t hesitate to contact me anytime.

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