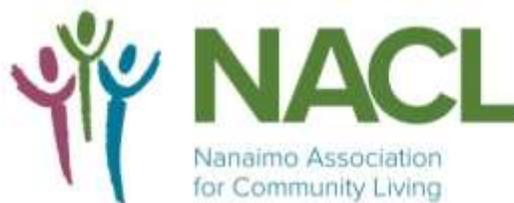


memo



To: Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors
From: Graham Morry, Executive Director
Date: February 3, 2021
Re: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Current Situation

Hi everyone – we’re now over a month into 2021; and while case numbers are showing signs of stabilizing, we still have to remain as cautious as ever re COVID-19 – especially with the new UK and South African variants showing up in BC.

As of yesterday there were 429 new cases of the virus in BC noted on the provincial COVID-19 dashboard, with 27 of them being on Vancouver Island. According to Island Health, the biggest concentration of cases is in the Central Vancouver Island region, with 175 of the 239 currently active cases.

Given this information, my main message is once again to **“stay the course”** – as that’s what has kept us safe so far. Thanks for continuing to vigilantly abide by both NACL’s internal protocols and Public Health orders. Outside the workplace, keep to your household social bubbles and refrain from non-essential travel out of the community.

Vaccinations

With the slowdown in vaccination production, it is a bit more unclear as to when we’ll see them come our way. We’ll continue to keep you updated on anything we hear from Island Health in this regard for both persons served and staff.

Pandemic Pay

We are still actively pursuing information as to when NACL will receive the provincial government’s long-promised pandemic pay, as the end-of-January target was not met. We’ve heard NACL’s funding application is close to being processed. Thanks for your continued patience with this, as we truly understand and feel your frustration. Rest assured as soon as we hear and/or receive anything, you’ll be the first to know.

In Conclusion...

As noted last time, we’ll send these memos on the first Wednesday of each month unless there are any significant developments. I’m always available to you for any questions or concerns – please don’t hesitate to contact me if needed. For now, take care and stay safe.

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