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

**From:** Graham Morry, Executive Director

**Date:** April 7, 2021

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

## Current Situation

Hi all. The cases of COVID-19 in BC have been at an all-time high lately, with some of the largest numbers we've seen since the pandemic started. While the variants represent a small percentage of the total overall cases in our province, they're definitely a concern due to the fact that they're more easily transmitted.

As of yesterday, there were 1,068 new cases of COVID-19 in BC – 73 of which were on Vancouver Island (per the provincial dashboard). Island Health's website shows South Vancouver Island has had a considerable spike in cases, now with 254 of the total 463 active cases. Central Vancouver Island has 182 active cases, while North Vancouver Island has 27.

Given these numbers, I can't stress enough the importance of keeping vigilant to protect the health and safety of ourselves and those around us – in both our professional and personal lives. As mentioned last week, we're doing a thorough review of NACL's COVID-19 Exposure and Control Plan to make sure it reflects our current situation and needs, while being in full compliance with the Provincial Health Office. We'll share an updated version with you sometime next week.

## Vaccinations

Vaccinations for persons served and staff are now underway, with all folks in staffed residential services booked – and many staff either with first vaccinations received or booked. We strongly encourage staff to provide proof of vaccination to NACL's HR Department, as this enables us to track who does/doesn't require masks as things open up.

We respect everyone's right to privacy, but hope all understand how this will help us keep people safe in the months ahead.

## In Conclusion...

As always, I'm here for any questions or concerns – feel free to contact me via any of the means below. For now, please continue to stay safe.

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