

memo



To: Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

From: Graham Morry, Executive Director

Date: March 31, 2021

Re: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Current Situation

Hi again, everyone. With cases of COVID-19 escalating in BC (including a big uptick in variants), I will resume weekly memos for the time being – both to keep us on the pulse on latest developments with the pandemic, and to encourage continued compliance with PHO orders and our own related protocols.

Per the most recent data, there were 840 new cases of COVID-19 in BC within the last 24 hours, with 38 of those being on Vancouver Island (according to Island Health). South Vancouver Island currently has the highest concentration of cases, with 170 of the total 339 active cases – but Central Vancouver Island isn't far behind, with 144 active cases.

We're not out of the woods yet, folks – so even with hope on the horizon and the COVID fatigue we're all feeling now that we're over a year into this, we absolutely **must** remain vigilant in our collective efforts to protect each other from this virus. Complacency and/or letting our guard down isn't an option.

In light of this, we'll be reviewing NACL's COVID-19 Exposure and Control Plan to ensure it continues to cover what we need in terms of preserving and protecting the health and safety of our organization – and also to clarify that NACL complies with PHO guidelines/orders at all times.

Vaccinations

With our persons served and front-line staff now able to receive COVID-19 vaccinations, I'm pleased to hear that we're well underway with getting people protected. Please ensure you provide proof of vaccination (both first and second doses, where applicable) to NACL's HR Department for your personnel file.

That said, it will be a while before we can be certain that as many people as possible within our NACL family are vaccinated. So, let's continue to work together and "stay the course" for as long as it takes to hopefully put COVID-19 behind us.

In Conclusion...

As mentioned above, we'll go back to weekly COVID-19 memos until such time we feel we can reduce their frequency. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns. Take care, and please continue to stay safe.

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