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

**From:** Graham Morry, Executive Director

**Date:** April 28, 2021

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

## Current Situation

Hi again, everyone. The curve is thankfully still bending downward for COVID-19 in BC, but it's clear that we're still thick into this third wave.

As of yesterday (Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>), there were 799 new cases of COVID-19 in BC. According to Island Health's dashboard, 27 of them were on Vancouver Island. Of the 263 active cases on the Island, 170 are in the South region, 74 are in the Central region, and 19 are in the North region.

It seems like the provincial government's "circuit breaker" strategy, including the newly-implemented travel restrictions from late last week, are having a positive impact. Still, we absolutely cannot let our guard down when it comes to this virus still very much being "out there" and potentially causing serious illness (or worse) for those who contract it – hospitalizations in BC due to COVID-19 have been nearing all-time highs. So, as I always say, please continue to stay vigilant in order to protect yourselves and those you care about – all of our collective efforts will help us get through this pandemic sooner.

## Vaccinations

Vaccinations are still happening as we speak, and it sounds like the provincial effort will ramp up even further in this regard as more supply is received. As mentioned in my last few memos, we really appreciate your support in providing proof of vaccination to NACL's HR Department as soon as possible upon receiving your doses, so we can have a sense of how many of our NACL family are immunized and what this can mean for us moving forward.

## In Conclusion...

Now that things seem to be stabilizing to a certain extent, we'll go back to providing these updates every two weeks unless something significant comes up (so barring that, the next one would be May 12<sup>th</sup>). In the meantime, I'm here for any questions or concerns – by all means, please contact me anytime. As always, take care and stay safe.

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