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**To:** Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors  
**From:** Graham Morry, NACL Executive Director  
**Date:** November 10, 2021  
**Re:** CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

## Current Situation

Things are getting serious, folks. Cases of COVID-19 continue to impact our agency, within our programs and at the Admin Office. Both persons served and staff have tested positive within the past week. There's no denying that despite our best efforts, the virus is here – forcing us to further navigate the strains it's already been causing us service delivery-wise.

While we are still waiting for the official vaccination mandate from the Provincial Health Office (PHO) for our sector (which I am assured is still imminent), I want to implore upon all of us the need and responsibility we share for protecting each other in every way possible – and the primary tool to do so is through vaccines.

I am encouraged to see that, based on numbers we checked earlier this week, approximately 86.7% of staff are fully vaccinated, and 90% have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. However, with the uptick of cases affecting our agency, we have to double-down to make sure we can still function, be safe, and most importantly ensure we continue to provide quality of care.

There's still a very real possibility that if staffing shortages as a result of illness and/or what may occur through an expected vaccine mandate continue to affect us, we may have to give notice on a service.

## Provincial/Island Case Counts

As of yesterday (November 9, 2021), 500 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in BC – 76 of which were on Vancouver Island. According to Island Health's website, there are 489 active cases – 132 in the South Island region, 275 in the Central Island region, and 82 in the North Island region.

The surge in our region was first noted in the news a couple of weeks ago, and unfortunately isn't showing signs of slowing down.

## Providing Proof of Vaccination

Please submit proof of vaccination (if you haven't already done so) to our HR Department c/o Cindy Bryant (via [cindy.bryant@nanaimoacl.com](mailto:cindy.bryant@nanaimoacl.com) or in person at Head Office) or through your Program Supervisor. As mentioned before, QR codes are welcomed as well as either hard copies or screenshots of vaccination cards.

## In Conclusion...

I'll keep sending these memos as significant developments occur. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns – and in the meantime, please take care and stay safe.



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