

memo



To: Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors
From: Graham Morry, Executive Director
Date: July 22, 2020
Re: CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 UPDATE

Current Situation

I'm sorry to report there's been an upturn in cases of late for COVID-19 in BC. As of today, there have been 3,362 total cases, with 141 of those now being on Vancouver Island.

Given the recent spike in cases, it is critical that we stay on high alert to be safe – either while at work or not. This is another reminder, as a follow up to Randy's e-mail last week, that all safety protocols need to be followed for the foreseeable future.

Today is NACL's 34th birthday – and as a guy who's been with the agency for much of that time, it amazes me how far we've come in the last 34 years – and our successes have largely been attributed to you, our staff. We will get through this by staying together and being there for each other.

Pandemic Pay

I know you all are eager to hear when your \$4/hour pandemic pay is coming, and I wish I had news for you – but at this time, I have heard nothing new other than it's still coming. To give you some background, NACL provides approximately 167,000 service hours/year. Four (4) months is over 55,000 hours, x \$4 an hour is over \$220,000, which is beyond our ability to pay up-front. As soon as we get further word from Government, we will immediately inform you via a separate memo.

In Conclusion...

I'm planning to be away for the month of August, but our Deputy ED (Randy Humchitt) will continue to update you only if there are any significant developments.

Please be sure to contact me if you have any questions or concerns up to the end of July, and Randy can be contacted in my absence during the month of August – his contact info is below. In the meantime, take care and stay well. Thanks again for all you do!

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