



COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thursday, September 3, 2020

1. Updated numbers

We have received confirmation of 1 additional positive case of COVID-19 on-reserve since yesterday, bringing our total to 26 cases as of this afternoon.

Contact tracing work continues, and public health officials are reaching out to everyone who is reported to have had close contact with confirmed cases.

2. Self-isolating (for those who have been exposed) & maintaining a small bubble (for those who haven't)

We've talked a lot about self isolating and maintaining a small bubble over the past several days, and hope we have been able to convey the importance of these two important measures for stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

For any member who is self-isolating, please reach out to us. Our Member Services staff are working tirelessly to ensure we are able to provide you with the support you need to get through this difficult time.

We are offering support for off-reserve members as well as those living on-reserve. Please give our office a call. Again, the number is 604-982-7610 during business hours, and after-hours or on the weekend, you can call 604-505-3776.

For those who have not been exposed, please continue to keep your bubble small. Interactions with anyone outside your bubble should be at a safe distance of 2 metres or more, and preferably outdoors.

Let's all continue to do our part to protect our Elders, our children, and those who may be at higher risk.

3. Reminder about the Community Care Packages

The on-reserve delivery of community care packages will be taking place tomorrow, with pickup on Monday (Labour Day) from 10-2 at the North Vancouver Fish Freezer for off-reserve members. Details can be found on the Squamish Nation Facebook or website.

Off-reserve pick-up in the Squamish Valley will be at 3 pm tomorrow at Totem Hall.

The care packages for each household will contain soap, sanitizer, and assortment of food items, and a crossword or word search to help keep you busy safely at home.

For those members off-reserve who can't make it during this time, please contact Ayas Men Men at 604-985-4111 to arrange for a later pick up time.

4. Skwxwú7mesh strength, solidarity, and resilience

It has now been one week since the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in our community. Over this past week, we have seen our community come together in incredible ways to show support for one another — whether it's been through comments and posts on social media, hearing of friends and family members doing grocery drop-offs for those in isolation, or simply our people reaching out to those who may be particularly scared or anxious about the situation at hand.

We have heard great stories over this past week about how our people have come together as Skwxwú7mesh people.

In some ways, these are unprecedented times; in other ways, they are not. Our people have lived through pandemics before. We are resilient.

We find our strength through standing together in solidarity. We are united in our work to stop this virus from spreading any further in our community.

We encourage all of you who are not in isolation or battling this virus to reach out to someone who is. It's hard to imagine how difficult it must be to have to spend two weeks with no direct contact with even your immediate family, the ones you share a home with.

Reach out to them by text, phone call, or FaceTime. Send them a funny video you come across on Facebook. Recommend a great movie to watch on Netflix. Let them know you're thinking of them, and help ensure they stay connected and hopeful.

We have received an outpouring of support from our neighbouring First Nations communities, near and far. We are so grateful for the support we have received, and continue to receive.

Yesterday, we received some beautiful words from the Old Masset Village Council, our Haida relatives, and we'd like to share them with you:



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September 2, 2020

In Solidarity with the Squamish Nation

On behalf of the Haida Nation, the Old Massett Village Council would like to send our thoughts and prayers out to the Squamish Nation, who recently had an outbreak declared within their communities.

As our own communities have recently dealt with our own COVID outbreak, we hope our residents will keep the Squamish Nation in their prayers over the course of their outbreak. We understand how stressful and difficult these next few weeks/months can be, so we will be offering our assistance to the Squamish Nation.

We will share everything we have learned over the course of our own outbreak, with the hope that it will assist the Squamish Nation in eradicating COVID from their communities as quickly as possible.

We stand in solidarity with the Squamish Nation, we stand united in the fight against COVID, we stand together as Indigenous people. Unity and kindness towards one another will bring us to the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel.

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Stay safe, everyone! We're in this together; we'll get through this together.