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Situation Report Week of April 7 – April 13

To: Nooksack Tribe Community Members

From: Nooksack Pandemic Response Team, Tribal Government & Emergency Management

Subject: Situational Report

Date: April 13, 2020

Like much of Whatcom County, the Nooksack Indian Tribe is currently responding to the outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus in Washington State. The Nooksack Tribe has been preparing for this response and has developed a Nooksack Pandemic Response Team to keep abreast of the current COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the Nooksack Indian Tribal Community.

Nooksack Pandemic Response Team Main Objectives:

1. Prevent the spread of disease in our community
2. Protect the safety of and provide the health and wellness of all community members and staff
3. Provide timely, complete and accurate guidance to Tribal community members on the incident, response, disease, prevention, and when to seek medical care
4. Continuing to provide essential community support services

Nooksack Tribe's Notable COVID-19 Response Accomplishments Week April 7-April 13

- Tribal Council approves a \$300 COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Payment to each Nooksack members, the second COVID-19 mitigation distribution.
- Health Clinic, Behavior Health, and IT staff worked to launched our new [Nooksack Telemedicine Services](#) to provide medical and behavioral health therapy via telemedicine visit while the stay-at-home order is in place.
- Initiated regular COVID-19 testing for Health Clinic staff, in addition to daily screenings and health status reports prior to each shift.
- The command center was moved to the Health Clinic to serve as an emergency mobile health unit.
- Launched a campaign to encourage and model the CDC's April 3rd recommendation to wear face covering in public places.

- Nooksack volunteer sewers and staff made 200 cloth masks available at the Health Clinic for those in need, including children's sizes.
- Staff researched funding options to support internet services to Five Cedars for both up-to-date emergency information and district education needs.
- The Nooksack Pandemic Response Team maintained regular communication with FEMA, BIA, NWWIHB, and other health officials and services.
- Nooksack CFO coordinated a detailed tracking system for COVID-19- related expenses and sought multiple methods for funding additional costs related to the pandemic.
- Nooksack Social Services added an additional Food Bank curbside pick-up for the month on Friday April 10th.
- Staff continued to coordinate dumpsters at all housing sites for spring cleaning with sanitary services businesses to keep our spaces clean.

By the Numbers April 7 - April 13

- **\$300** will be distributed to each Tribal member declares Tribal Council
- **200** cloth masks available to community members in need
- **156** lunches were home-delivered to eligible recipients
- **182** salmon were distributed with Food Bank boxes
- **91** bags of food were distributed by the Nooksack Tribal Food Bank
- **0** confirmed COVID-19 cases as of April 13th

Please find all documents on <https://nooksacktribe.org/departments/health/covid-19/>

Daily Public Health Notices

4/13/20 [Nooksack Clinic Daily Public Health Memo](#) 0 confirmed cases

4/10/20 [Nooksack Clinic Daily Public Health Memo](#) 0 confirmed cases

4/9/20 [Nooksack Clinic Daily Public Health Memo](#) 0 confirmed cases

4/8/20 [Nooksack Clinic Daily Public Health Memo](#) 0 confirmed cases

4/7/20 [Nooksack Clinic Daily Public Health Memo](#) 0 confirmed cases

Important Dates

4/6/20 [Tribal Council Approves a \\$300 COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Payment for ALL Nooksack Members](#) to assist with the financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tribal Council also amended Title 99 General Welfare Ordinance so there is no tax implication.