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## **Situation Report Week of Oct. 20 - Oct. 26**

**To:** Nooksack Tribe Community Members

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

**Subject:** Situational Report

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### **Nooksack Tribe's Notable COVID-19 Response Accomplishments Oct. 20 – Oct. 26**

- The Nooksack Pandemic Response Team (NPRT) discusses the benefits of doing employee testing in batches of 10, a common practice for large organizations to save on costs. The practice is recommended for Nooksack by Health Officer, Dr. Frank James.
- The NPRT discusses the impacts of the fall flu season on employees, such as applying the Pandemic Policy and differentiating COVID symptoms between the flu, cold, or allergies.
- Dr. Frank James notes that COVID-19 is spreading both globally and locally. Thanksgiving is expected to have an increase of cases in Whatcom County.
- The Nooksack Clinic plans to bring on an additional nurse and a few emergency temporary staff to assist with COVID-19 testing, coverage, and response within the Tribe.
- The NPRT discusses Nooksack's participation in the vaccine trial and future immunization plans for Tribal members. Native Americans are at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19.
- Household disinfectant kits are complete and a drive-thru event is organized for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> to pass out kits to Nooksack families prior to the fall flu season.
- Initial plans are underway with the Economic and Planning Department for construction of a new COVID-response pole building in Deming. The building will provide storage for PPE and related COVID supplies, and provide an out-of-home isolation center for Nooksack.