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Situation Report Week of Dec. 1 - Dec. 7

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 Dec. 1 - Dec. 7

- The Nooksack Clinic should expect the ultra-cold freezer to arrive mid-December, in order to store the anticipated arrival of COVID-19 vaccines. The initial vaccines are expected around the same time.
- The Tribal Council and Nooksack Health Officer Dr. Frank James host a COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Question and Answer Session. The session included two guests from the University of Washington vaccine trial with several questions from participants.
- The Nooksack Health Clinic test all staff after Thanksgiving, some 348 tests. The Tribe operates on essential staff, with all Tribal offices remaining open, until employees test negative and are able to return to work.
- All staff testing will continue after the Christmas holiday, followed by a subsequent essential staff week. All Tribal offices will remain open during this time.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply for the COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Community Outreach Coordinator, open until Dec. 9. This salaried position will be in place for 2 years. The position is a great opportunity to learn about medical careers and work doctors and nurses in the vaccine study.
- The new WA Notify alert allows citizens to receive anonymous phone notifications if they come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The notification does not use location services, but rather, shares a Bluetooth code with other cellphones using WA Notify. Visit wanotify.org to learn more.