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Situation Report Week of Feb. 16 – Feb. 22

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 Feb. 16 - Feb. 22

- Please DO NOT TRAVEL, says Health Officer Dr. Frank James. Ask your friends and family not to travel as well, unless absolutely essential. Travel to and from our community is how the COVID variants will come to us. People that routinely travel are recommended to be tested periodically. 40% of cases are asymptomatic and the 60% of people that become symptomatic are most infectious in the 48 hours, prior to symptom onset. Because rates in the state and county are going down and some people are immunized, people are taking more risks. However, the new variants pose a serious risk and we will not all be safe until everyone is immunized.
- The Nooksack Clinic will be receiving 100 doses of Pfizer vaccines from IHS to vaccinate youth ages 16-17. The Moderna vaccine allows for administration 18+ years. Please contact the Clinic or fill out our online form <u>here</u>, to be connected directly with a nurse.
- The Market Center and Northwood Casino staff have received the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Due to inclement weather, vaccine boosters (second dose) where only available this past week. Appointments for prime doses (first dose) were rescheduled.
- The Nooksack Clinic confirms that vaccine will be available for those who have already contracted COVID-19.
- Clinic staff have administered vaccines to as many patients as possible and continue to schedule appointments for all phases. Any Nooksack Tribal member is welcome to schedule a vaccine appointment by calling Georgiann Perez at the Clinic at 360-966-2106. Online appointment requests can also be made <u>here</u>.
- With many schools meeting in person, parents are encouraged to bring their children of any age in for testing at the Nooksack Clinic, M-F 1:30-3 pm. Please call ahead.
- The Nooksack Health Clinic is short-staffed and looking to hire a temporary nurse position. To learn more and apply, visit the Tribe's Human Resources webpage.