Situation Report Week of Feb. 9 – Feb. 15

To: Nooksack Tribe Community Members

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

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Nooksack Tribe's Notable COVID-19 Response Accomplishments Feb. 9 – Feb. 15

- CDC research finds that tightly fitted masks, doubling with both cloth and surgical masks, could reduce COVID virus transmission by up to 96.5%.
- As scientists learn more about the virus, even those with both doses of vaccine are still encouraged to mask, distance, and wash hands.
- 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.
- The Nooksack Tribe is now in Phase 4 of our Vaccine Allocation Plan. 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 here. Phase 4 includes: Everyone in the Nooksack Tribe not previously immunized; Members of other federally recognized Tribes not Nooksack; and Those with close social and economic ties to Nooksack Tribal members that impact their health and wellbeing. Keep your vaccine cards safe.
- The Tribe hosts an Appreciation Drive-By Parade for the Nooksack Clinic staff for an outstanding rollout of vaccine clinics, testing, contact tracing, and response to COVID.
- Nooksack Clinic hosted vaccination for 26 Mount Baker School District staff and 27 Nooksack Valley School District staff last week, as educators spend a significant amount of time with Nooksack Tribal youth.
- 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.
- Enrollment is complete for the Novavax vaccine Tribal with Lummi Nation and UW.
- 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.