

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

## Update from Chief and Council - March 31, 2021

On behalf of Council, I wanted to provide a COVID update. As more and more of our community members get the COVID vaccine, it is still crucial that we do not let our guards down. We must continue our efforts as the numbers in BC are rising again quite significantly.

On Monday, Dr. Bonnie Henry announced new restrictions that will be in place until April 19, 2021. She continues to limit travel to essential services only, which includes for work or medical. She has also encouraged everyone that can work from home, to do so.

As we are coming up on Easter long weekend, Chief and Council just wanted to wish you a "Happy Easter" and encourage you to stay home and celebrate with your immediate families only. Remember that COVID spreads primarily through social interactions. We particularly want to encourage our members that are age 20 – 39 to do their part and stay home to keep your families and your community safe.

If you have not had a COVID vaccine yet, please contact QHS to get your name on the waiting list for the next clinic. To get herd immunity in the community, we must have 70% of our members vaccinated. Currently we have 30%. If you have had your first shot, remember that that does not mean that you have full immunity. Even with two vaccines, you still need to uphold all the normal COVID safety precautions.

Please be part of the solution and do your best to stay home and limit social interaction for the next three weeks so we can bring the case count down again.

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On behalf of Council