

VIRTUAL WEBINAR

Impacts of COVID-19

Part 4 - Community Perspectives

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- Continuing to align with provincial restrictions. In the middle of our local state of emergency, families were respectful of process and respected restrictions. All planned ceremonies have been postponed for the most part and we continue to monitor the pandemic for future planned events.
- Yes, several services and events have been canceled, traditional ceremonies were ended early and others canceled, cultural practices for death of member has been greatly impacted. Traditional harvesting and land practices have been impacted or canceled.
- Our regular summer events like fish canning, community camp-out, and waterslides day are not happening. There are a lot of

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1. Impacts to community events, ceremonies, burials

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kids/youth that stick to their small group so we are thinking of ways to provide them with activities.

We did do our seasonal community burning with social distancing measures in place.

There were two deaths, one of them just the immediate family gathered at our campground, the other one had social distancing measures and cleaning stations.

- All community events, ceremonies,

burials cancelled/not happening.

- Right now we are pretty much closed to the public, fortunately we have not any burials in our community, regarding events, ceremonies at this time we've postponed those, we are waiting to decide what will happen for our winter activities they could be postponed, pending on the pandemic.
- Community events have been suspended in our Community,

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1. Impacts to community events, ceremonies, burials

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except that our Youth Leader is still booking events for our youth in local areas. Private movie night, Harrison Lake Day, and a private water slide event is coming up.

We have not rented out our community buildings to the members, but we have loaned out chairs and tables for funerals.

- Most community events have been cancelled. Ceremonies have been delayed

or reduced to ensure COVID-19 Safety protocols can be followed.

- At the moment we have limits to how many people can be in an area at a time. if there is an even it is split into groups and possibly different days for attendance to be kept small.

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2. Access restrictions – violation equals trespass (1/3)

- There are concerns around the increase in visitors who use BC Ferries, our main transportation means for access to the island. This is an on-going conversation at a leadership level, and the tri-authorities.
- The nation office is closed until September 2020 and updates follow prior to September. Members requiring Health and Social Development services are the only members able to access services in the office, at this time. Non-member trespass has been happening in our nation lands mostly for recreational purposes and camping.
- Our community is gated, but we still have security at each gate monitoring the activity and stopping outsiders who park outside the gates and walk through to the river.
- We lifted the restricted access on July 15 as in removed gates. Lease holders and trailer park

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2. Access restrictions – violation equals trespass (2/3)

people not allowed in this year.

Only essential staff at work 2 or 3 days week.

- Right now we have signs for our reserve roads, and rely on the RCMP as well as our Environmental Officer along with a few others willing to protect our lands to ask people to leave.
- The community is shut down to non-residents. We did have security manning the entrance

to the community originally, but the costs were far too high to continue services

- Developed an order that give pedestrians the right of way on roads to ensure social distancing can be practised by pedestrians by vehicles to local traffic only (residents, local deliveries and contractor doing work in the area)
- for recreation there are signs stating the rules to follow. the office is

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2. Access restrictions – violation equals trespass (3/3)

still closed to public unless an appointment is made to see someone in office. everyone that enters the office has to sign-in and record the time they are there and whether they have been sick or not.

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3. Stay at home/travel restrictions (1/2)

- During our combined tri-authority state of emergency, we were able to access provincial supports to limit and control ferry traffic by enlisting the help of BC conservation officers who were stationed at each terminal and asked questions, and ensure those on the ferry that they needed a ferry pass, or else they would not be able to return to the island as long as the local state of emergency was in effect. We also enabled our siren system to alert residents to be home by a curfew.
- We don't have any restrictions beyond BC Health Protocols, at this time.
- We can't control everyone, so we suggest that everyone limits the amount of visitors.
- At the moment, with

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3. Stay at home/travel restrictions (2/2)

- the gates removed, can't keep track of comings and goings.
- Right now we've been fortunate that majority of our members follow all restrictions for their safety.
 - Staff are encouraged to stay home if they're sick. Staff are also no longer to attend meetings out of the office, or invite meetings to the office.
 - All staff are not permitted to travel by air.
 - no restrictions for
- community is applied.

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4. Restriction/prohibition of public gatherings, parties

- As we eased out of our local state of emergency, we continue to monitor community concerns
- We don't have any restrictions beyond BC Health Protocol, at this time. No major member incidents that I am aware of but we have a lot of non-members on one of our reserve lands.
- People who were still having parties were asked to stop.
- Public gatherings prohibited, but personal parties not restricted at a person's home.
- We are not allowing public gathering or parties.
- Restriction of no more than 6 people gathering in 1 space is in effect
- Not permitted as per the Order of the BC Public Health Officer.
- people are still told to keep physical distancing.

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5. Maximum occupancy of residences, buildings (1/2)

- Residency occupancy was outlined in our law, however we have eased restrictions as provincial restrictions changed. Continues to be an evolving matter. Buildings each have their own restrictions, all visitors to band building are restricted and by appointment as needed. Staff who are in closer quarters are adhering to staggered schedules.
- We don't have any restrictions beyond BC Health Protocol, at this time. This will be a challenging if the nation needs to restrict number per home. Overcrowding is problem.
- No maximum for residences, but office buildings will have restrictive numbers.
- We are only allowing essential workers to be in office, if a face to face meeting is required, no more than 6 people and only if there is ample space for appropriate distancing and ventilation.
- This has not been clarified. We have 3 differently sized buildings

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5. Maximum occupancy of residences, buildings (2/2)

- Residences - none. Office space to meet Work Safe BC Regulations.
- at the moment we have limit for 2 people to be in one small office room, 6 people max in a meeting room, and for gymnasium i cant remember the limit at this time.

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6. Closure/restricted access to schools and public buildings

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- Band school continued through online learning even after province started their phased approach. Awaiting further information on the new school year.
- No leaseholders have closed their establishment unless they voluntarily close. The nation band office has closed and it might be extended based on BC health updates.
- Our playground was closed and the kids have been pretty good at staying home and playing in their yards. Our campground has decided to close to the public but is open for members to enjoy.
- Barriers now up at reception areas and other public areas.
- We are very happy with all the protocols that the BC government have enacted and upcoming protocols for students reentering the school system,

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6. Closure/restricted access to schools and public buildings

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and we will support parents in their individual decisions whether they will allow or not allow their children to go to school.

- Community buildings have been shut down to residents, unless they call and make an appointment with a staff member
- Closed all TFN buildings to public, fully closed preschool.
- The band office has restrictions on public access.

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7. Essential businesses/restricted hours/social distancing within businesses

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- Businesses that are open (we have very few on reserve) continue with limited access/restrictions on service. Community based businesses on the island off-reserve such as the grocery/general store and pharmacy have been great leaders in ensuring public safety. They worked closely with the tri-authority to stay informed, address concerns, etc.
- Currently don't have a nation employee or contractor monitoring health protocols in leasehold establishments.
- Our office tried to open but closed again the same day after concerns with the increase in cases in BC the weekend before. Our lands department has ordered our lands committee laptops and tablets

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7. Essential businesses/restricted hours/social distancing within businesses

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so we can still do our bi-weekly meetings. One of the tablets is for an elder with no internet at home, so we will be getting her a data plan so she can still participate.

- Masks a requirement and social distancing the norm for employees. Rotating office hours for employees to avoid all employees being in

office at same time. We have a daycare, but will only accept 5 children at a time, hence rotating employee hours.

- We have one business that created a very good safety plan to allow them to reopen, and has been very successful in their social distancing and keeping staff safe, with restrictions to regular partridge only.
- No such businesses within our community

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7. Essential businesses/restricted hours/social distancing within businesses

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- All of the above are governed by restrictions passed by Government of BC.
- business hours are the same in office, if some share office they stagger hours. plexi glass is placed on desks to protect office workers. as for campsite, it is run regular hours, it is asked for campers to keep with in their own campsite area.

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8. What do you see as your next challenges or risks to manage?

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- Increase in visitors continue to be a community concern, and should a second wave hit close to home, we would be looking to learning from our original outbreak experience to better support the needs of our community
- The second wave will be a challenge for voluntarily following BC health protocols as some members and non-members in the community are becoming COVID fatigued. Keeping people out of the community that don't legally reside on the reserve will be a challenge. Enforcement will be the largest concern if we have incidents of compliance. We don't have pandemic plan but we do have medical access to local hospitals and other essential services.
- The new school year will be a concern for everyone.

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8. What do you see as your next challenges or risks to manage?

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- Getting community members to take the social distancing seriously by limiting travel off reserve was a challenge during lockdown and continues to be a challenge.
- We have members who live in Washington State, and have had requests for a few to return home, we've denied due to break outs in Washington, and because they did not have a plan, or want to follow any restrictions in returning. We have so few Elders left and alot of very young children to protect.
- Already having challenges. Not everyone in the office is following the new guidelines
- social isolation fatigue, mental health issues (drug use) and what to do if have there is a cluster of COVID-19 cases on TFN lands.
- campsite is a challenge as

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8. What do you see as your next challenges or risks to manage?

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there are a lot of people that
want to socialize and move about.
risk that i believe will be
challenging are the children going
back to school. challenging to get
people to abide by laws.

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9. Are you planning/expecting for a second surge?

- We are very fortunate to have a FT Health & Safety Coordinator, who leads our emergency operations function, and so they continually assess and prepare for any potential increased risks
- As a community we don't have a plan. As far as I am aware no members living on or off reserve have been tested positive for COVID-19.
- Not at this time.
- Yes, we are expecting a second surge and our health office team are working on a plan for that.
- We expect a second surge, but we do not have a strong planning committee to plan appropriately
- Yes, updating our pandemic plan.
- as for what the health news has been stating its possibly for another serg

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10. Other ...
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- NOTES from ADMIN - With children going back to school, has there been any discussion on what nations will be doing once this happens Community educational tools COVID-19 brings attention to other laws that we should be considering for development moving forward
- Even though there is no law or plan in place the nation cultural practices

naturally flowed in to a COVID-19 response including helping one another. Family have been providing assistance to elders and other family members that require assistance such as grocery shopping. Membership have been providing assistance with obtaining essential foods, checking in on one another, giving emotion support and lifting each

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10. Other ... (2/2)

others spirits. Band office has provided a mix of food supplies, gift cards and financial support to membership. Some staff are looking to provide support remotely when services can't be provided in person. However, it would be ideal to have a COVID-19 law and plan in place.

- On August 10, staff may be returning to work at least 2 days a week.
- Throughout this whole pandemic time,

we've had issues with higher use of illicit drugs with a small amount of people.