



# Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

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## NTC Acknowledges Nations Response To Covid-19 During Emergency Preparedness Week

It has been well over a year since Covid-19 has been declared a world-wide pandemic. Each and every one of us have had to adapt to a new reality in response to mitigating the risks associated with Covid-19. Celebrations, funerals, and other significant events have been drastically altered or cancelled all together. We acknowledge the impact this has had on our respective members. Since the very beginning of this pandemic, our Nuuchahnulth Nations, communities, and their respective members did what it took to protect their members from Covid-19 and for this we say łeeko łeeko, particularly to our Nations Emergency Operation Centres which have played a huge role in protecting our members from Covid-19.

The week of May 2-8, 2021 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Emergency Preparedness Week. This year, the theme is “Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything”.

Our Nations have proved time and time again that they are “ready for anything” and the response to Covid-19 has been a testament to the great work that’s being done to mitigate the risks of Covid-19. Whether it was closing down territories through check-points, implementing curfews, monitoring territories, or delivering essential services so people don’t have to travel, our Nations did, and continue to do, what it takes to protect our valuable people.

Further, on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, our NTC board of directors passed a motion calling for BC/Canada to meet 4 requirements prior to allowing non-residents within our Hahuuŕi: testing, the ability for our people to receive quick and easy testing within their communities; screening, the ability to screen residents prior to entering community/territory; contact tracing, the ability to do culturally safe contact tracing in the event of a positive Covid-19 test; and communication, the ability to freely receive information regarding positive Covid-19 tests that may pose a risk to the Nations and its members. Our leaders have said “health over economics” from the very beginning of this pandemic and the measures put in place in community ie check-points, food delivery, monitoring territories etc. are a testament to the valiant efforts made to protect our valuable people.

Judith Sayers states “The risk of emergencies impacting our people are real. Many of our Nations are far from essential services like a hospital or a nurse. This is yet another reminder that we each have a critical role in preparing for emergencies.”

Vice President Mariah Charleson adds, “Our Nations have gone above and beyond the Public Health Officer’s recommendations since the beginning of the pandemic. łeeko łeeko to all those

who continue to do what it takes to protect our loved ones. I also encourage each of you to take time in your day to ensure your emergency preparedness kits are up to date.”

Visit [Your Emergency Preparedness Guide \(getprepared.gc.ca\)](http://getprepared.gc.ca) for more information on how to create an Emergency Preparedness kit as well as other valuable information regarding Emergency Preparedness.

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#### About Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent 14 First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the north to Point-no-Point in the south. The NTC represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay- aht, Kyuquot/Checklesaht, Mowachaht /Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshah, Uchucklesaht and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them.

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