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An update from the VQC Emergency Operations Centre

**The Village of Queen Charlotte expresses its condolences to the Davidson and Jones family. The loss of Ben Davidson is felt by us all. We are saddened by the loss of such a positive and talented man.**

## WHAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER IS TELLING US:

NUMBER OF CASES TO DATE: **26**

NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES: **0**

NUMBER OF CASES IN ISOLATION: **1**

(the one person is stable, and it is anticipated that they will be leaving isolation soon)

- The increase in cases in BC is expected and is linked to the restart
- Positive cases are linked to social gatherings with large numbers of people who are breaching the Public Health recommendations. (large numbers, close contact on a sustained basis, no masks or handwashing)
- Although the new cases are in the younger age groups and the symptoms are milder, there is concern that COVID-19 will be taken back to the vulnerable members of these younger people's families.
- Public Health will be monitoring the situation carefully. Public Health will be watching to see if there is community transmission with a rapid increase in numbers of new cases.
- At the moment the speed of increase is controlled, and Public Health is monitoring the situation closely
- We are still on track to have the Outbreak cancelled by Aug 28th.

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## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

Through the months of the Pandemic, we on Haida Gwaii have observed what has happened in BC and have taken measures to ensure that we take an approach that learns from the mistakes made. The lesson that we need to take away from this information from the Public Health Officer is that we all have to take responsibility for our actions and that activities that we participate in can have serious implications for others-including the ones we love.

Here on Haida Gwaii, we have seen people step up and take responsibility through compliance with Public Health Recommendations. Social distancing, hand washing, keeping our groups small, and wearing masks when we cannot maintain social distancing are the front-line weapons against COVID-19. Even if we keep visitors from coming to Haida Gwaii, we still must be vigilant and do our part to prevent another Outbreak.

We are all tired, anxious, and frightened by the current situation, but keep in mind that we as an island community were able to contain our Outbreak and now, we have no active cases on Haida Gwaii. Now we know we can deal with COVID-19 cases and if we continue observing Public Health requirements, we can prevent the spread of COVID 19.

## WHAT ABOUT THE RESCINDING OF THE OUTBREAK DECLARATION?

The rescinding of the Outbreak and the Provincial Order are tied to one another. The Order will be cancelled when the Outbreak is declared over. The municipalities and the Council of the Haida Nation are working together with the Province to identify what that means going forward for the Essential Permit process and for Travel Restrictions. We will provide updated information as soon as we have any.

**Keep up the good work Haida Gwaii we have a lot to be proud of.**

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