

# SECWPEMCÚ'ECW



March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Attention Nation members,

Today marks a significant action day, as our Nation came together to plan for the protection, wellness and safety of Secwepemc people amid the Covid-19 pandemic and State of Emergency we are facing in Secwepemcú'ecw and BC.

Leadership, Health Staff, and other vital staff from Secwepemc communities gathered virtually to share the essential services that each community is undertaking to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Secwepemcú'ecw. It is the Nation's priority to work together to prepare for this pandemic, but most importantly be proactive.

The measures the Secwepemc Nation will undertake are:

- Effective messaging of the Covid-19 pre-cautions to ALL members and respective communities, to members especially our youth

**DO THE FIVE: HELP STOP THE VIRUS**

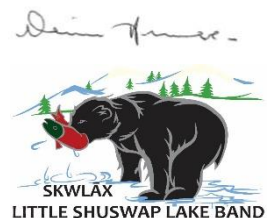
- **HANDS** Wash them Often
  - **ELBOW** Cough into it
  - **FACE** Don't touch it
  - **FEET** Stay more than 3ft apart
  - **FEEL** sick? Stay home
- Adequate & timely funding to support all Nation members
  - Sharing resources between communities, so none are left out
  - Advocating and securing access to all essential materials, protective measures, and healthcare
  - Implementing consistent and coordinated communication to actively resolve concerns as they arise
  - Ensuring food security for communities

The Kukukwpi7 request that our Nation members support one another during this very difficult time. It is important that we all take steps to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our communities. Secwepemc Nation members stand to have considerable impacts on our most vulnerable Elders, immunocompromised and members with pre-existing and chronic health conditions. It is the duty of each of us to care for one another.

It is not a time to panic, rather it is a time to act rationally for the strongest defense.

The Secwepemc Kukukwpi7 ask that all of our members; stay safe, stay healthy, and stay connected.

Kukwstsep-kucw—we thank you,



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