



## AFTERHOURS COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINATION PASSPORTS & VACCINATIONS

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October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **RE: COVID-19 Afterhours Testing & Vaccination Passport**

Dear Esquimalt Nation Community,

Esquimalt Nation will continue to offer Covid-19 testing between Monday – Thursday from 8:30am-4:30pm. To book a Covid-19 test on-reserve, please contact Stephanie McMahon at [nurse@esquimaltnation.ca](mailto:nurse@esquimaltnation.ca) or 250-381-7861.

Please see below information regarding how to book a Covid-19 test *afterhours*, as well as information relating to how to get your Covid-19 vaccination record.

#### **Afterhours Covid-19 Testing:**

If you suspect you may have Covid-19 outside of Esquimalt Nation Administration hours, please take the following steps:

- Call Island Health at 1-800-901-8442, which is open from 8:00am-4:00pm from Monday – Sunday;
- Island Health will request that you complete the BC Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you need a test: <https://bc.thrive.health/>;
- If Island Health determines you need a Covid-19 test, they will schedule you an appointment at a testing site in the Greater Victoria Area;
- Island Health will not offer testing to individuals who do not have symptoms, even if they are a close contact of a confirmed case;
- If you have symptoms of Covid-19, please self-isolate until you have a negative test result.

#### **Vaccination Passport:**

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, access to certain businesses and events was restricted to individuals who were not at least *partially* vaccinated against Covid-19.

As of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, access to certain businesses and events will be restricted to individuals who are not *fully* vaccinated against Covid-19.

There are two ways to get your Covid-19 vaccination card:

1. **DIGITAL:** If you have access to a computer or smartphone, please visit the following link: <https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard>.
2. **PHYSICAL CARD:** If you do not have access to a smart phone or computer, you can order a vaccination card by phone by calling 1-833-838-2323. This service is open 7 days per week from 7:00am-7:00pm.

**New Vaccination Appointments:**

If you have not yet received a Covid-19 vaccination and you would like one, please see below for options:

1. You may visit any Island Health Clinic without an appointment to get your Covid-19 vaccination (locations can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/vaxforbc#vancouver-island>)
2. You may call the Esquimalt Nation Nurse, Stephanie McMahon for vaccination appointment times. Stephanie can be reached during regular business hours at 250-381-7861.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding,

The Esquimalt Nation Administration