



Siam e ne schaleche
My dear people,

For thousands of years, we have been taught how to take care of ourselves and each other. For thousands of years these values and beliefs have endured, and they will forever endure.

Today, these values and beliefs are being challenged. It was brought to LIBC's attention that we have had our first COVID-19 death at Lummi Nation. Our deepest heartfelt prayers are with the families that have lost their loved ones today. In our hearts and minds, we are there wrapping our arms around you during this difficult time.

As leaders, we have the responsibility to never take away hope from our people. We are in a tough position today because with the implementation of the vaccine distribution we see the light at the end of the tunnel, yet we are still experiencing the serious impacts of COVID-19. The absolute worst has happened today.

Therefore, on behalf of the Lummi Indian Business Council, we are calling upon family leaders to keep your children and grandchildren home. We are pleading with each and every one of you to abide by, and promote, our Shelter in Place order to ensure the health and safety of everyone that calls Lummi Nation their home. We must do this for our Lummis that were here before us, and for our future generations.

Hy'shqe Si'iam to all those that are following the COVID-19 guidelines. We really appreciate you leading by example, and for the sacrifices you have made for the love of our people. Please keep up the good work.

We love you all.

Hy'shqe xwian ne qwaqwol
Thank you for listening to my words

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