COVID Update: 08/27/2021

A person who attended Huckleberry Camp tested positive for COVID Wednesday.

Thursday, the Nisqually Health Clinic staff pitched in to shuffle schedules, get notifications out and conduct a drive through rapid COVID testing clinic.

This event was well received with 72 people being tested in less than 5 hours.

We had only one additional case, a break-through to a fully vaccinated person as was the case for the original positive test.

More than 70 BinaxNOW rapid tests were administered at camp as well as those who were tested before they left town to attend camp.

As the Delta variant continues to ramp up in this surge that is expected to last another five weeks or so, it is a frustrating truth that even those of us who are fully vaccinated must mask up when in crowded situations, indoors or out, if we want to protect ourselves and loved ones.

A recent outdoor concert at the Gorge Amphitheater in George, Wash. resulted in nearly 200 positive cases and untold additional spread.

Additionally, keep an eye out for future announcements regarding a booster shot for our elderly and high risk tribal members. As we near 8 months out from their original vaccinations, it will be time to add another layer of protection.

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