

**INTER TRIBAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HUB**



# INTRODUCTION

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## LOCATION:

There are 15 communities located on Vancouver Island and on the coast of the mainland included in the ITHA Hub

All of the communities have small populations and are most are remote thus receive limited health services



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## PURPOSE:

Access to health service expansion and enrichment opportunities for the nations

Improve capacity of ITHA to more effectively support independence through health planning support

Development of Community Health Plans from a “grass roots” community approach

Promote planning through quarterly meetings of member Nation health representatives



## HUB ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Developed Emergency Response / Pandemic plans for 11 communities

Hired a Community Development Support Worker whose responsibility is the front line contact with member Nations

Began one-to-one discussions with member Nations on future partnerships

Began the development of two Community Health Plans

Held an island-wide governance meeting to discuss the future of First Nations health

# HUB ACTIVITIES

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Previous challenges:

ITHA did not do enough up-front community engagement which resulted in slowing down the process

Wide geographic area


Approximately half the communities very remote

Travel funds exceedingly high



# NEXT STEPS

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- Initiate meetings with First Nations to discuss future partnerships
  - One-on-one discussions with respective First Nations to collaborate on implementation of hub activities
  - Initiate discussions with First Nations to ensure full access to program development opportunities through Tripartite and other funding streams
  - Facilitate the development of Community Response Teams to address pandemic activity
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# NEXT STEPS

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- Employ a First Nations Emergency Response/Pandemic Planner (coordinator)
  - Initiate meetings with First Nations to begin planning for future health services (development of community health Plans)
  - Support enhancement and capacity in First Nations in order that they can address own resource needs
  - Support First nations in addressing health service gaps and improve health service delivery
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