



Task Force Activity Update

October 1st, 2020

In September, to address the overdose crisis, Cowichan Tribes staff and managers:

- **Implemented an Outreach Plan** with staff from Youth Centre, Harm Reduction Team, and Lalum'utul' Smuneem.
- **Increased in-person outreach** to support at-risk youth and members with addictions.
- **Connected at-risk community members and youth to supports and resources.**
- **Increased awareness among community members** about the toxic & deadly drug supply, overdose prevention, and where to get help for addiction treatment.
- **Distributed over 160 Naloxone kits** to community members. (Over past 6 weeks, distributed 340 kits, more than in all of 2019)
- **Provided Naloxone training:** 5 community trainings - 38 people trained (91 in 2020).
- **Ongoing, frequent communications** about the deadly drug supply, overdose prevention, and where to get help, through Cowichan Tribes Facebook, webpage, and newsletter.
- **Launched survey** to inform action plan and recommendations.
- **Visit cowichantribes.com** to take survey & learn more about how we are taking action.



In September, Ts'ewulhtun's Harm Reduction Team (including Edward Joe & Stella Nilsson) held 5 pop-up Naloxone trainings for community members – 38 people trained. 91 people have been trained in 2020.