



## Tribal offices reopen Sept. 1 with many COVID safety protocols still in place

The Siletz Tribal Council approved a public access framework on July 15, 2022, with an effective date of Sept. 1, 2022. The public access framework outlines steps the administration and programs will implement to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.

While we open our doors to the public, we also prioritize the safety of our staff, Tribal members and clients. Some highlights of the plan include:

- Public access to administration buildings – appointments are preferred. If a member of the public arrives as a

“walk-in” staff will accommodate as soon as possible. Masks are required for staff and visitors.

- Public events – outdoor events to resume. Indoor events require social distancing and safety protocols published and in place.
- Siletz Dance House – open for use with request and prior approval. Masks are required.
- Siletz Tribal Community Center – open for public events and use under the rental request. Masks are required.
- Siletz Community Health Clinic – open, masks are required.

- Transportation services – resuming full transportation services. Masks are required for driver and client.
- Tribal/program services – online options preferred for services and meetings; hybrid options also available.
- Playgrounds open without restrictions.

While Tribal offices are open to the public, we remain vigilant of current COVID-19 case counts, variants and their impacts on the local community. To address the likelihood that COVID-19 will be in our communities for a long period

of time, Tribal Council also approved the latest exposure guidelines for Tribal employees and cleaning protocols that take effect immediately. Should an outbreak occur, access to Tribal facilities is subject to change at any time and without prior notice.

For more information, call 541-444-2532.

For more information about the clinic, call 541-444-1030.

For more information about COVID vaccines, tests and resources, call the Tribe’s COVID line at 541-444-9636.

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Whipwoman Shirley Walker (center) passes the whip that once belonged to Pauline Ricks to new whipwoman Sonya Moody-Jurado prior to the start of the 2022 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. Tribal Council Vice Chair Bud Lane (left) hangs onto the Pendleton blanket he and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley presented to Walker for her years of service to the Tribe. Moody-Jurado is the education specialist in the Tribe’s Salem Area Office.



**Siletz Tribal offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of the national Labor Day holiday and Friday, Sept. 9, in observance of the Tribal All-Treaty Day holiday.**

## Siletz Tribal curriculum ready for Oregon teachers, available for all on website

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is proud to release the Tribe’s first set of Tribally developed K-12 curriculum for use in Oregon schools during this school year.

The curriculum includes lessons for students in grades K-1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11, and covers an array of topics related to Tribal history, culture, science and governance. Together, the lessons are designed to expose students to the many different Tribes and bands that make up

the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, peoples who occupied all of western Oregon and parts of Northern California and Southwest Washington before being forcibly removed to the Siletz Reservation beginning in the mid-1850s.

“We are so excited to be able share a more complete version of our region’s history,” said Alissa Lane-Keene, Programs II manager for the Siletz Tribe. “We hope that these lessons will help the coming generations of Oregonians appreciate the

resilience and persistence of the Siletz Tribe and our ongoing connection with our Tribal homelands and traditions.”

Although the lessons were designed for classroom use, Tribal staff hopes the curriculum can be a resource for Tribal members and the general public of all ages.

To create the lessons, Tribal staff brought together information from many different sources in order to give learners the opportunity to engage with historic documents, published scholarship and

Tribal oral histories, some of which can be difficult to access.

The lessons are designed to connect students to Tribal perspectives on urgent issues Oregonians confront today as stewards of our environment, offering culturally responsive lessons on math and science alongside history and social studies.

The Siletz Tribal Curriculum is part of a larger effort to reshape the way that

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