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## Community update

### Water emergency

The Agency area is on a boil water notice: Extreme water conservation measures should be taken throughout the area served by the Warm Springs system; and the Schoolie Flat system.

"We're at a very critical point, where conservation efforts need to be followed by all community members," said Travis Wells, director of Public Utilities.

It has been noted that community members are misusing water to fill swimming pools, and water lawns for extended periods of time. "Until we can do the required repairs, folks will need to utilize water only for personal use—flushing toilets, showering, boiling for consumption.

Please adhere to this request for conservation efforts, Mr. Wells said.

Also meanwhile, the Kah-Nee-Ta system will continue to be out of water, relying instead on portapotties, bottled water, and a temporary shower system set up by Emergency Response.

The Agency area emergency happened following a main-line break at Shitike Creek, site of the break and extended water emergency happened last year.

### Covid-19 update

Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has conducted more than 1,050 coronavirus tests.

Since testing began in March, 72 overall have come back positive; 948 negative, and 28 pending, as of Tuesday morning of this week.

Of the 72 positive, 53 have recovered; four were hospitalized, and two discharged.

The Warm Springs IHS clinic and Community Health have a strong contact tracing-testing program, said Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic director. The Warm Springs program is recognized by outside health agencies as exemplary, Mr. Daphinais said, speaking this week with Tribal Council.

Responding to a question from Council, Ms. Dauhpinais said a recent count found that 53 percent of the positive cases in the community have been among those 29 years of younger. The demographic snapshot was developed by Katie Russell, the tribes' Community Health Services manager.

Tribal Council reminds the membership that increased numbers of positive are all around us: To the north Yakima County has seen more than 7,000 confirmed cases.

### Cares Act program

Tribal Council has adopted a program to provide financial grants to tribal members who are suffering personal economic and health hardships due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. Tribal management is setting up the program, and is expecting to begin taking applications and issuing grants to qualified tribal members this month.

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## Museum plans reopening, new exhibit

The Museum at Warm Springs is planning to reopen to the public on Tuesday, July 7. The museum has been closed since April 1 due to the pandemic.

The museum's reopening will be celebrated with a new exhibition, *The Path of Resilience*, on display from July 7 through late September.

The exhibit will feature beautifully beaded objects, woven treasures and various items selected from the museum's Permanent Collection and Archives Department.

Note: The museum will not host an opening reception for the new exhibit.



A weaving exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs. Courtesy MAWS

### Safety measures

With the reopening, the museum will take precautions to ensure the safety of staff and visitors:

Admittance to the museum's main exhibition area will be limited to 10 people with no more than five in the gallery at one time. Visitation to the museum Gift Shop will be limited to two people, unless the visitors are in one car or unit.

During the public closure, the

museum staff has been thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing the entire building.

The museum has followed strict guidelines for public facilities, which have been regularly updated and closely monitored by the Warm Springs Covid-19 Response team.

### 'Enduring resilience'

"Our tribes have a long history of survival at Warm Springs," said Elizabeth A. Woody, museum ex-

ecutive director. "We are proud to share our culture and continued existence in our homeland, despite many challenges and obstacles that have come our way over the years.

"The museum invites everyone to visit the museum and view the beautiful objects of our heritage that display so well the enduring resilience of our people throughout time."

Following the standards set by Tribal Council, the museum re-

quires all visitors and staff to wear masks while in the museum.

A number of other health procedures will be in place at the museum, all designed to keep the public and Museum staff safe.

"We are excited to be reopening to the public," Ms. Woody said.

"Be assured that the staff is doing everything possible to ensure our visitors have a wonderful and safe time while they are at our museum."

For more information and updates, please visit:

[museumatwarmsprings.org](http://museumatwarmsprings.org)

And the museum's Facebook page.

The museum opened in 1993, this year marking its twenty-seventh year representing to the public, and helping preserve the culture, heritage and history of the Confederated Tribes.

The museum permanent collection houses a vast collection of artifacts, historic photographs, murals, graphics, and rare documents. Other resources include interactive multimedia exhibits including a Wasco wedding, song chamber and traditional Hoop dance. The museum also offers walking trails along Shitike Creek.

## Innovative water project at WSCAT



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A crew from Zero Mass Water—Aiden Tosano, supervisor Rob Minnehan and Daniel Huong (from left)—set up the panels by the Community Action Team office. Complete installation took only three days, with water flowing by day two.

The Warm Springs Community Action team has activated a Souce hydro-panel array to provide a renewable supply of clean drinking water for the community. The Community Action Team contracted with Zero Mass Water to install the panels.

Souce hydropanels look like solar panels; instead of energy, though, the panels produce clean drinking water.

The panels make the water using only sunlight and air. This renewable method is opposed to traditional systems that filter ground water; or treat surface water.

The hydro-panel form of water production is sustainable, while also removing the need for heavy chemicals used in drinking water filtration.

The ten hydropanels are located on the west side of the Community Action Team office. The panels will produce up to 50 liters of drinkable water a day, said Carina Miller, Action Team researcher.

The water will be available in the office, and at the food cart for community members to fill up water bottles.

"Localized access to a safe, clean drinking water supply propels communities forward," said Cody Friesen, founder and chief execu-

tive officer of Zero Mass Water, based in Tempe, Arizona.

"We are honored to partner with the Warm Springs Community Action Team and the one2one USA Foundation to provide some relief with this project, as we actively explore creative ways to contribute to the broader economic development efforts within the community."

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is a 501c3 non-profit. "We envision a Warm Springs Reservation in which tribal and community members control their own destinies—in which people are in a position to provide for their families, pursue their hopes and dreams

and achieve their full potential," Ms. Miller said.

Strategic planning, community vision, pursuit of sustainable energy, water, and agriculture practices, as well as development of a local economy, are all goals the Action Team works to support, Ms. Miller said.

Through projects like the hydropanels, the hope is to continue to provide spaces and access to resources to individuals and the reservation at large; and to help find solutions to some of the barriers we face as a community.

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