

W.S. homeless outreach helps contain Covid-19

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Branch and partners are conducting a Covid-19 homeless outreach project for the tribal community.

If you or someone you care about is currently experiencing homelessness in the Warm Springs community, please contact one of the individuals listed here; so they can figure out how to offer assistance:

Buffy, tribal Health Care analyst, 541-615-0141.

Fay, tribal Social Services, 541-553-3415.

Ron or Joni, HAPPI, 541-553-0036.

Shawnetta, medical social worker, 541-553-2460.

The homeless, or unhoused, are some of the most vulnerable populations for exposure and spread of the virus. Examples of how the team members can help:

Provide tents or tarps for shelter. Some food items. Sleeping bags and blankets. Personal care items—hand sanitizers, body cleaning kits, sock, tooth brush and tooth paste, clean water, etc.

Referrals to additional services.

Some additional information from the team: Being homeless on the Warm Springs Reservation does include families with children.

Fact: Those experiencing homelessness in the community of Warm Springs consider this place their home, and they do feel connected to the people of the reservation.

Fact: Those who are without stable housing in the Warm Springs community

may have alcohol and drug issues, but also co-occurring disorders.

The Covid-19 homeless outreach project is a partnership coordinated by the Health and Wellness Branch, working with partners: Homeless Leadership Coalition; the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

Also: NeighborImpact; Pandemic Partners Facebook Group; Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers; the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; TSS, and Happi.

No walk-ins at Warm Springs Social Security Assistance

If anyone needs Social Security Assistance, no walk-ins are accepted at this time.

You must schedule an appointment by calling 541-

553-4955 between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Resource Center.

If no answer, please leave your name and a call back

number.

The building is under renovations at this time.

If you do not have an appointment, you will not be able to enter the building.

So very sorry for any inconveniences.

Rosemary Alarcon, 541-553-4955 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

Jefferson County employment still lagging behind

With the notable exception of Jefferson County, the phase 1 Covid-19 reopening in Central Oregon improved employment in the regional labor market.

Except for Jefferson County, the unemployment rate improved slightly in May, as many workers on temporary layoff began getting called back to work.

Jefferson County

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 17 percent in May, up from 14.5

percent in April.

Jefferson County was one of only a handful of counties in the state of Oregon to post a significant unemployment rate increase in May.

The rate remains up significantly from this time last year, when it was 5.1 percent.

The unemployment rate rose due to continued job losses from Jefferson County businesses in May.

Total nonfarm employment dropped by 130 jobs

in May. These monthly losses were concentrated in manufacturing, where 180 jobs were lost from April.

Over the past year employment remains down by 1,270—negative 18.8 percent.

Jefferson is among the hardest hit counties from Covid-19 layoffs. Manufacturing posted the largest job losses over the past year—down 310—followed by leisure and hospitality—down 300.

Crook County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 17.5 percent in May, down from 18.3 percent in April.

Compared with this time last year, total non-farm employment remains down by 790 jobs—negative 12.9 percent.

Deschutes County: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 16.3 percent in May, down from 18.3 percent in April.

Fatal wreck, 4-hour highway closure on reservation

A fatal wreck Monday afternoon, June 29 on Highway 26 on the reservation killed a Welches woman, and injured two from Washington state.

The wreck was head-on, and closed the highway for more than four hours west of Warm Springs.

The accident happened around 11:30 a.m. at milepost 85.

Warm Springs police and Fire and Rescue, Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Transportation responded to the scene.



The motor home was struck head-on. Courtesy OSP

Traffic control was set up at the intersection of Highway 26 and Highway

3, where drivers heading west were directed to a detour.

The initial investigation found that Kathy Rayborn, 73 of Welches, was driving a white Mercedes-Benz SUV eastbound. The vehicle apparently crossed into the oncoming lanes, colliding with a motor home.

The motor home was driven by Richard Rydman, 76, of Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. Rydman and his passenger, Janice Rydman, 73, were injured, and transported to St. Charles Madras.

Day shelter during hot summer days

The Health and Human Services Branch provides a day shelter for the homeless of the reservation community on days when the outside temperature exceeds 80 degrees.

The shelter is open at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 3:59 p.m., all individuals in the shelter must leave. The shelter is not open on Saturday, Sunday or tribal holidays.

The shelter reserves the right to refuse services to any individual who is intoxicated; or who may pose a threat to the safety and security of other individuals in the shelter.

- There is a single entry point to the building located at 1112 Wasco Street.

- You will have your temperature taken by a staff member.

- You will be required to sign-in as you enter the building.

- Only persons who have been screened will be admitted to the shelter.

- While in the shelter, you will be required to wear a face mask at all times.

- Please remember you are guests in this facility: Please treat it with respect.

- Please do not bring food into the shelter.

- The facility opens as announced or scheduled: Please do not arrive earlier than the scheduled opening or loiter on the premises.

- This is a tobacco, alcohol and drug-free facility. Smoking and chewing tobacco or other substances is not allowed indoors.

- No food or beverages—with the exception of capped bottled water—is allowed in the shelter.

- Please dress modestly; wearing shoes at all times; men must keep a shirt on at all times.

- After leaving the shelter, Health and Human Services and the tribes are not responsible for any personal belongings that may have been left behind.

- Please be courteous and encourage each other to help and get along.

Due to the high risk of Covid-19 to others, the Confederated Tribes has chosen to do daily temperature checks as a condition of entering the day shelter. Please understand that if you should have a questionable temperature—100.4 Fahrenheit or higher—you will not be allowed in the shelter, and subsequently referred for further evaluation to a medical professional.

While in the shelter, you understand you will be required to wear a face mask at all times.

Failure to follow any of these rules may result in you being asked to leave the premises. If you fail to leave the premises when asked, the Warm Springs Police Department will be contacted for assistance.



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