

Community update

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As of earlier this week on the reservation: There were 17 individuals with active Covid-19, receiving daily monitoring by tribal Community Health and IHS staff.

Additionally, there were 35 individuals who were being monitored, as they had close contact with a person or persons who tested positive. Last week, one tribal member was hospitalized receiving ventilation treatment.

Health care providers and tribal leaders urge you:

Please keep up the Covid-19 safety practices. Wear the mask, social distance—If swimming during the heat wave, stay six feet away from others. Furthermore:

Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer. Avoid gatherings. If quarantined or isolated, follow health professionals' instruc-

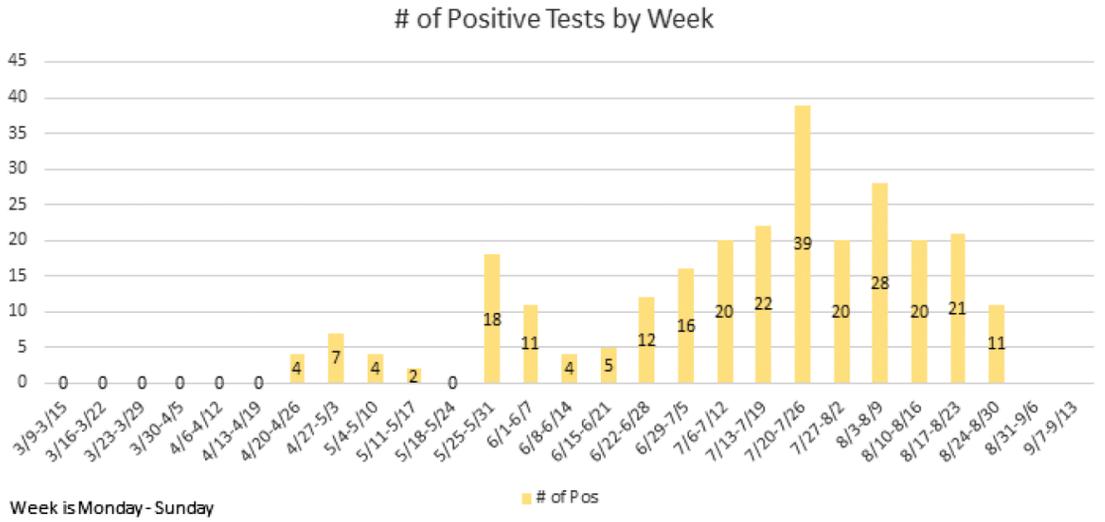
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A critical reminder from the Tribal Council:

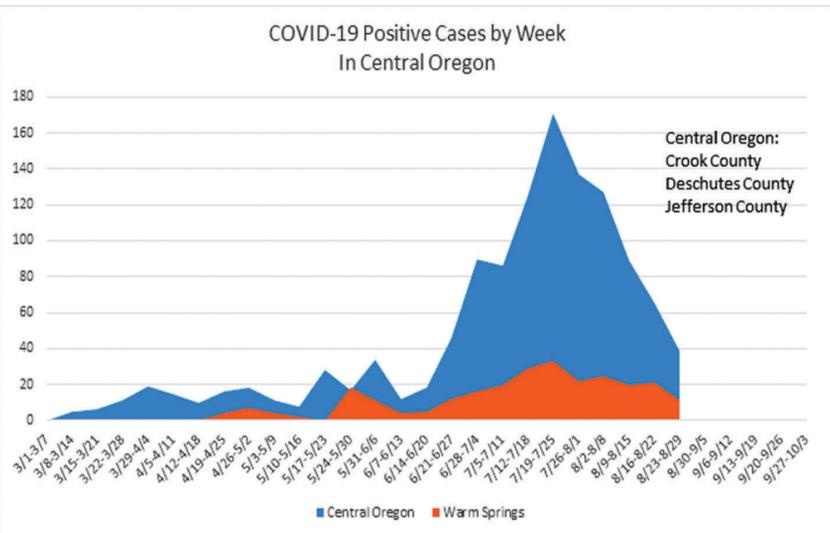
If you are positive with the coronavirus, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs expects you to be responsible and isolate yourself.

If a person on the reservation does not comply with the tribal quarantine, isolation, community health and safety laws—thereby putting the safety of others in jeopardy—then tribal Ordinance 101 allows the detention of that person. Another health advisory:

Be careful if you are in a smoky area: The air quality of Central Oregon at this time can be hazardous. If it is smoky, stay inside, use air cleaners, and close the windows. Avoid strenuous work during smoky and hot conditions. Remember, there is a burn ban in effect on the reservation. The potential for fire is extreme.



Positive cases by week on the reservation (above) through late August; and a comparison (below) of positive cases in Central Oregon overall (blue), and Warm Springs (orange).



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Investigation into death

Warm Springs Tribal Police officers on Saturday evening, September 5, responded to a report of suspicious circumstances in the Greeley Heights neighborhood of Warm Springs.

When the officers arrived on the scene they found a person, subsequently identified as Jonathan Gilbert, in a life-threatening situation.

As officers attempted to provide CPR and other life saving procedures, and prior to the arrival of Emergency Medical Personnel, the victim passed away.

An investigation was immediately initiated by the Warm Springs Police investigations unit, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The team has developed a person of interest in this matter.

Forensic teams were called to the scene. The deceased has been transported to the medical examiner's office to determine the official cause of death.

At this time we believe there is no general public safety concern.

The investigation is continuing, said Warm Springs Police Chief William Elliott.

Community notes...

The YouthBuild fast-track education and job training program is recruiting Warm Springs youth for the next session, beginning this month.

YouthBuild will hold their last information session on Tuesday, September 15 at their office in Sisters.

To learn more call Briana at 928-274-2128.

Veterans advocates will unveil a sign on Highway 26 in Madras that will designate the highway for Missing in Action and Prisoners of War.

The event will be on Friday, September 18.

In time, signage will be placed along highways across the entire state: Oregon is first in the nation to recognize MIAs and POWs in this way. There will be a presentation on the September 18 at 10 a.m. at Madras City Hall prior to the sign installation.

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