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Community update

The Indian Health Service for the Warm Springs tribes updated the Covid-19 data for Tuesday of this week, September 7:

On that date there were 11 active covid cases on the reservation, receiving daily monitoring. There were three community members hospitalized with the disease, no one on a ventilator.

Total number of primary vaccinations in the community was at 2,911. Total number of second shots was at 2,435; and 30 individuals had received the third, or booster shot. The booster at this time is available to vulnerable members of the community, such as those at senior assisted living. You can call to schedule a vaccination anytime at the Health and Wellness Center, 541-553-2131.

Hopeful start to 2021-22 school year

Classes started this week for students of the 509-J school district. At the Warm Springs Academy the first-through eighth-graders started on Tuesday. Half of the kindergarteners started this Wednesday, and the rest return this Thursday.

At the high school, the freshman returned on Tuesday, and the tenth- through twelfth graders returned this Wednesday.

Masks are required to start the school year in the effort to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and to keep everyone safe. No one is allowed in a school district building



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without wearing a mask.

School hours at the Warm Springs Academy are 8:45 a.m. to 3:55 p.m., except for the Late Start Mondays, when school begins at 10:15 a.m. with doors opening at 9:55.

At Madras High School and Bridges High School, the school day is from 8 a.m. to 3:05 p.m., except for late start Mondays when school starts at 9:30. For the bus routes, see the district website at jcsd.k12.or.us/

The first day of in-person classes begins at the Warm Springs Academy, as the buses arrive Tuesday morning. For details on the covid safety protocol of all 509-J schools, see page 5 of this publication.



Construction crew pours concrete for the new pedestrian path along Highway 26.



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Warm Springs Construction crew installs storm drainage along Highway 3 project.

Roadway progress

The construction company working on the Highway 26 safety corridor project this

week is beginning more paving. This work will be between mileposts 103 and 111.

The work will be at night, from the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.: Drivers should anticipate up to 20-minute delays, as one lane of the highway will be closed, controlled by flaggers and pilot cars.

During the daytime, the contractor will perform excavation and earthwork activities. New curb and drainage pipes will also be installed along the shoulder of the highway.

Warm Springs Construction also continues their safety project along Highway 3. Features here include the pedestrian path along the highway, and rock-fall work.

Tribal Council initiates 2022 budget process

The Tribal Council this month is hearing the budget presentations of the enterprises, branches and departments of the organization.

The district and General Council meetings will then happen in October.

Meanwhile, the following are some of the items coming up on the Tribal Council agenda for the remainder of September (subject to change at Council discretion):

Wednesday, September 8

9 a.m.: 2022 proposed budget with Secretary-Treasurer Glendon Smith and the Finance lead.

10: Willamette Falls Trust discussion with Gerald Rodriguez.

11: Cares Act prioritization discussion with S-T Smith and Michele Stacona.

1:30 p.m.: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discussion with Glendon and Michele.

2:30: Chuush Fund proposal discussion with Chico Holliday and

Michele.

3:30: Carbon sequestration update with Robert Brunoe, Branch of Natural Resources.

Thursday, September 9

9 a.m.: Landfill update with Joie Simtustus, tribal Sanitarian.

9:30: Water infrastructure update with Lonnie Henderson and Jay Matheson.

10: Meet and greet with the new Warm Springs Academy principal Lonnie Henderson, and district superintendent Jay Mathisen.

11: Meet and greet with Columbia River Bank manager Mary Lucy Lino.

1:30 p.m.: Update on four priorities for Cares Act fishing with the Fish and Wildlife Committee, tribal attorney John Ogan, Chico Holliday and Tim York.

2:30: Update on Columbia River housing with John Ogan.

3:30: Update on Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER)

funds with Vernon Wolf and Bobby Brunoe, Natural Resources.

Monday, September 13: Budget presentations.

9 a.m.: Natural Resources with Bobby.

10: Education with Valerie Switzer.

11: Health and Human Services with Caroline Cruz.

1:30 p.m.: Public Safety with Nancy Seyler.

2:30: Public Utilities with Chico.

3:30: Committee attendance discussion.

Tuesday, September 14: Budget presentations.

9 a.m.: Budget overview with the S-T and Finance lead.

10: Secretary-Treasurer discussion with Glendon.

10:30: Human Resources with the new director.

11: Governmental Affairs dis-

ussion with Louie Pitt.

1:30: Finance with Isaac George.

2:30: Administrative Services with the S-T.

3:30: High Lookee Lodge with Lonnie Parsons.

4: Community Assistance with the S-T.

Wednesday, September 15: Budget presentations.

9 a.m. Tribal Court with Lisa Lomas.

10: General and Administrative, debt service, capital and tribal gatherings with the S-T and Isaac.

11: Tribal Council.

1:30 p.m.: Council support services with Doris Miller and Norma Heath.

2:30: Fish and Wildlife Committee On-Reservation with Jonathan Smith.

3:30: Fish and Wildlife Off-Reservation with Bruce Jim.

Thursday, September 16: Bud-

get presentations.

9 a.m.: Timber Committee with Levi Van Pelt.

10: Water Board with Flint Scott and Terry Squiempfen.

11: Health and Welfare Committee and Austin Greene.

1:30 p.m.: Education Committee with Ardis Smith.

2:30: Land Use Committee with Jonathan Smith and Lyle Katchia.

3:30: Culture and Heritage Committee with Myra, Lorraine and Deanie.

Friday, September 17: Budget presentations.

9 a.m.: Irrigation and Agriculture Committee with Terry, Flint and Dustin.

10: Cannabis Commission with Ronald Roome and Starla Green.

11: Gaming Commission and Surveillance with Sandra Main.

1:30: Museum at Warm Springs with Liz Woody.

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