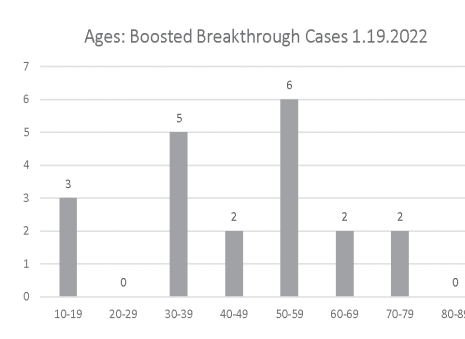
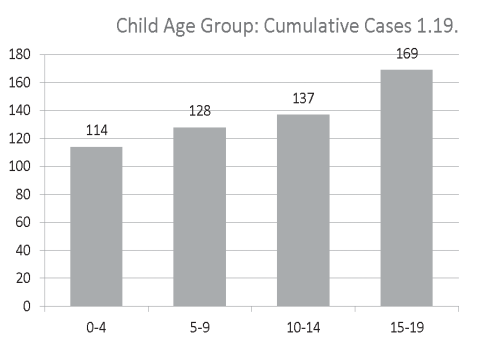
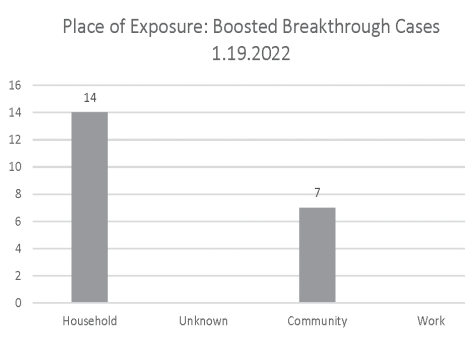
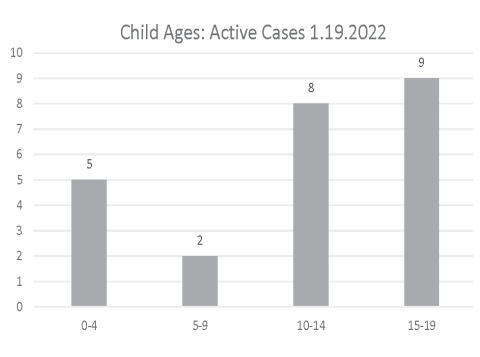
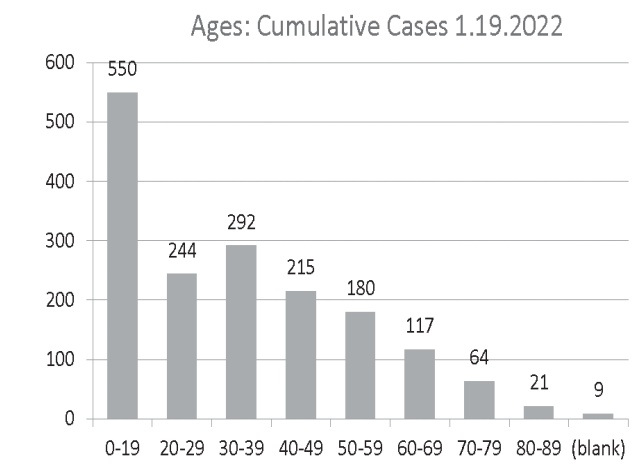
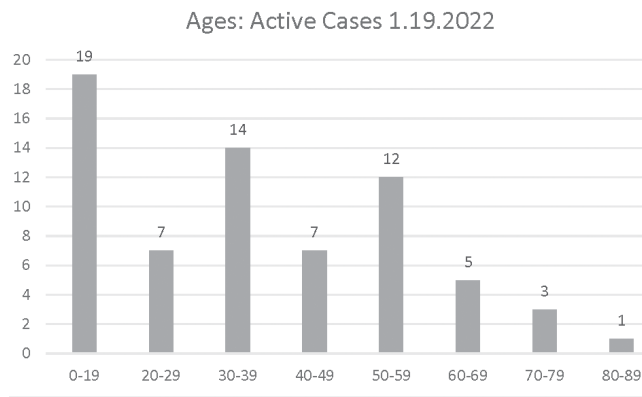


Since the pandemic began, and health officials began tracking the data, a total of 1,692 people of the Warm Springs tribal community have tested positive for Covid-19, according to the data as of January 19, 2022. On that date there were 74 active cases in the community, the data shows. Nevertheless, this was an improvement from the large wave that happened following the December holidays. There were five people of the community who were hospitalized with Covid-19 on January 19. Since the pandemic tracking began, 95 people have been admitted to the hospital with the virus. There have been 28 deaths from covid, the last being in November 2021.



Latest covid numbers for Indian Country

The national office of the Indian Health Service has updated its coronavirus data showing results through middle-late part of this month.

According to the data, 386,055 IHS tests have returned positive for Covid-19 from across Indian Country. That represents a significant increase of nearly 3.1 percent from the 374,583 cases previously reported in mid January.

The 7-day rolling positivity rates—that is, for the most recent week for which data is available—is very large, showing a 280-percent increase since Christmas, and by almost 97 percent since January 1.

Altogether, 3,883,054

coronavirus tests have been administered within the IHS, the results show. That represents an increase of almost 1.1 percent from four days prior.

Based on the cumulative percent positive, the highest rates have been seen in five IHS areas:

The Navajo Area at 15.6 percent. The Oklahoma City Area, 14.7 percent. Phoenix Area, 14.6. The California Area, 10.8 percent. The Albuquerque Area, 10.4 percent.

The IHS Portland Area cumulative number was a relatively low 8 percent; though the seven-day rolling average was 26.2 percent.

The Oklahoma City

Area overtook the Phoenix Area as the region with the second highest percentage of cumulative percent positive tests. The two regions have nearly identical rates as of January 23.

The 7-day rolling average positivity column offers a more contemporary look at the impact of the coronavirus. The data shows where in Indian Country the covid cases have been increasing recently.

Based on the 7-day rolling average positivity, all 12 IHS areas are seeing high rates, continuing the post-Christmas holiday surge across every region of Indian Country, and indeed the U.S.

First woman director of National Museum

Cynthia Chavez Lamar has been named director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. She is the first Native woman to be named as a Smithsonian museum director.

Ms. Chavez Lamar has been at the museum most recently since 2014, and earlier in her career was a museum intern, and later an associate curator. She most recently was the museum's acting associate director for collections and operations.

As director, Chavez Lamar will oversee the museum's three facilities: the National Museum of the American Indian on the Na-



Cynthia Chavez Lamar

tions and its curatorial and repatriation offices; laboratories and work rooms for conservation, collections management, registration, photography, film and video; a computer and information-resource center; a library; and indoor and outdoor spaces for Native cultural care practices and use of the collections.

She leads efforts to ensure effective management of and care for the museum's collection, which is composed of more than 1 million objects and photographs and more than 500,000 digitized images, films and other media documenting Native communities, events and organizations.

Latest jobs number for region very good

Central Oregon posted strong hiring numbers last month, and unemployment levels continued to tumble, according to this week's update from the Oregon Employment Department.

The Jefferson County numbers include most of the reservation, including the Agency area.

The unemployment rate in Jefferson fell to 5.3 percent last month, down from 5.6 percent in November.

The unemployment rate is fast approaching levels of February 2020, when it was 4.1 percent, just before the first regional impacts from Covid-19.

Total nonfarm employment rose by 60 jobs last month. Strong hiring the past several months pushed Jefferson County's total employment in line with levels

from 2019 before the onset of the pandemic.

Jefferson County added 210 jobs over the past year.

These gains were largely concentrated in the tribal organization, according to the state Employment Department report.

Leisure and hospitality also added 80 jobs, and manufacturing, 40 jobs.

The county did post notable job losses in private education and health services, and professional and business services.

Deschutes County, the Bend-Redmond area: Unemployment dropped significantly in December to 4.3 percent from 4.6 in November.

The unemployment rate is now only 1 percentage point above the record low of 3.3 percent before the onset of the pandemic.

Researchers explore how to make hatchery steelhead more like wild

Hatchery-raised steelhead trout have offspring that are good at gaining size under hatchery conditions but don't survive as well in streams as steelhead whose parents are wild fish, new research shows.

It is well established that hatchery fish make better brood stock than wild fish, producing more fish that return for harvest, Oregon State University scientist Michael Blouin said.

On the other hand, hatchery fish produce fewer returning offspring when both

spawn in the wild.

This tradeoff appears to happen because hatcheries are inadvertently favoring genes that promote growth in the hatchery environment at a cost to survival in the wild, he said.

The new research suggests there may be a way to modify hatchery conditions so they don't accidentally "select" for traits valuable to juveniles in a fish-raising environment at the expense of traits that will be needed after release.



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Tribal Council Election Nomination Form

I _____, would like to nominate _____, to

Nominator

Nominee

serve on the 29th Tribal Council to represent _____

District Name

I _____, would like to second the nomination.

Person Seconding

Certification

Nominee must meet the following eligibility requirements under Chapter 20, Ordinance 44.

Tribal Member: Yes _____ No _____

21 Years of age or older: Yes _____ No _____

Never been convicted of a felony: Yes _____ No _____

Nominator Signature: _____ **District:** _____ **Enrollment #:** _____

Seconding Sign: _____ **District:** _____ **Enrollment #:** _____

Nominee Signature: _____ **Enrollment #:** _____

Date: _____

Delivery of Nomination Forms

Please return your form completely filled out to the BLUE DROP BOX inside the Administration Building by February 3, 2022 by 5 pm or deliver to the Agency District Council Nomination Meeting on February 3, 2022 at 6 pm at the Agency Longhouse.

Nomination form must be readable and legible.

