

# Tribes' guidelines in case of positive test, exposure

The Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs IHS and Community Health provide these guidelines regarding the recent increase in the instance of Covid-19:

**If you test positive for covid:** Isolate—Everyone, regardless of vaccination status. In addition:

Call Community Health to report the positive test at 541-553-5512.

Stay home and isolate for five days.

If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving—that is, no fever for 24 hours without the use of medication—after five days, you leave your house and end

isolation.

Continue to wear a mask around others for an additional five days. If you cannot, or will not, wear a mask, stay home for 10 days after testing positive or symptoms started.

*If you have a fever, continue to stay home and isolate until your fever resolves.*

If you were exposed to someone with Covid-19—Everyone, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection:

The Confederated Tribes and tribal health officials recommend wearing a mask around others for 10 days after exposure.

Test with a home kit if you develop symptoms, or five days after exposure.

Avoid unnecessary visits with high-risk people—those who are immuno-compromised or live in a congregate setting such as a nursing home, shelter, jail, multiple family house, etc.

If you develop symptoms and live with someone who tested positive, call Community Health, as you are considered a 'presumptive case.'

Anyone who develops symptoms after an exposure needs to isolate for at least five days after symptoms started.

### Variants of concern

Many people were expecting a slow-down in covid cases during the summer months, and this has not happened.

The rise in cases this year is driven by subvariants of the Omicron variant.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that two subvariants, BA.4 and BA.5, constitute more than 70-percent of new infections in the country.

These subvariants may partially escape the immunity produced by the vaccine and by prior infection, though vaccination still likely protects against severe illness.

# Council July agenda

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### Wednesday, July 20

11: Managed Care program update with Michael Collins.

1:30 p.m.: Tribal Court update with interim Chief Judge.

2: Health and Human Services discussion with Caroline Cruz.

2:30: Public Safety update with Nancy Seyer.

3: Natural Resources update with Bobby Brunoe.

3:30: Veterans Service Office update with the S-T.

4: High Lookie Lodge update with Lonnie Parsons, acting.

### Monday, July 25

9 a.m.: Governmental Affairs update with Raymond Tsumpti Sr.

9:30: Finance update with Isaac George.

10: Administrative Services update with the S-T.

10:30: Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.

### Wednesday, July 27

9 a.m.: June financial overview with Isaac George, Finance.

Reminder: There is a mandatory mask requirement for all tribal buildings—Please wear your mask.

# Covid-19 among Native American communities

The Covid-19 pandemic began in the U.S. nearly two and a half years ago. After this much time, research is giving a clearer perspective on how the pandemic impacted Native American communities in comparison with non-Native populations.

The National Council of Urban Indians last week released a summary of how covid impacted Indian Country. This is important

to know, in part at least because the lasting impacts will continue beyond the pandemic. Some of the findings:

Native Americans saw 3.5 times more positive covid cases during the height of the pandemic, in comparison with non-Hispanic white subjects.

Native people saw 3.2 times as many covid hospitalizations; and 2.2 times the number of covid deaths.

Compared to white chil-

dren, American Indian children were 4.5 times more likely to lose a parent or grandparent caregiver.

Meanwhile, Native Americans have the highest vaccination rate for covid. There are two suggestions from tribal health officials as to why the Native communities have the highest vaccination rates in comparison to all other ethnic groups:

First, Native American communities themselves

have been in control of the local vaccine distribution to the tribal membership.

And the second reason involves traditional Native values, including respect for elders and 'community first' philosophies. Especially the risk to elders is cited as a strong motive as to why the Natives have been willing to receive the vaccines. The loss of elders can mean the loss of culture, including language, ceremonies, and more.

# Vehicles: For Safety, Sanitation

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The rescue vehicle, and the new Sanitation garbage truck are the result of a lawsuit brought by the federal government, through the Environmental Protection Agency, against a group of auto makers, collectively in the lawsuit called "Volkswagen."

The case involved emissions violations, which resulted in a civil lawsuit and large fine, providing funding for some public health and safety purchases.

The case began some

years ago, and settled more recently, though the funding distribution process was delayed for a time by the pandemic. The vehicles are now a welcome and essential addition to Public Safety and to Sanitation.

Mr. Spaulding wishes to thank Joie Simtustus, tribal Sanitarian, for her work in helping to secure the grant. Much thanks, he said, goes to the Public Safety leadership, Tribal Council and Management, Finance, Purchasing, Budgets and all who helped with this project.

# Employment with the Confederated Tribes

The following are positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. For information, contact the Human Resources office, located in the tribal administration building, 1233 Veterans Street, Warm Springs. Staff are available to answer questions related to the application process and can be reached at 541-553-3262 or hr@wstribes.org

Tribal Member preference is exercised in hiring processes as defined in Tribal Personnel Policy

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Gaming inspector. General technician (limited duration, full-time). Committee secretary. Fisheries technician I (Creel tech - limited duration).

Habitat restoration crew member. Accounts payable specialist II. Warm Springs Housing Authority maintenance worker.

Secretary/Housing. Part time surveillance observer (part time). Payroll and GL specialist. Human Resources administrative assistant.

Project Archaeologist and principal investigator (part-time). Field technicians (part time). Children's Protective Services supervisor. Project coordinator.

Restoration technician. Investigation secretary. Police officer (multiple positions). Restoration field crew member (limited duration).

PC/Network technician. Protective care provider (two positions). Warehouse assistant. Children's Protective Services specialist. Assistant engine

operator. Community Health Nurse. Deputy clerk. Deputy clerk.

Firefighter-Engines (eight positions, seasonal). Wildland firefighter (Hotshot crew, three positions). Firefighter- Fuels (three positions, seasonal).

Firefighter- Fuels (11 positions, permanent). Squad Boss. Fire/Medic (three positions). Property management specialist.

Budgets/contracts and grants analyst. Assorted work experience jobs (adult and youth).

# TERO providing job opportunities

The Warm Springs Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO, is seeking Native Americans interested in working on road construction.

Equipment operators, truck

drivers and laborers can complete or update a skill survey at the TERO office in the Tribal Administration Building. To learn more call 541-553-3485 or 541-675-5439.

# Employment with Indian Head Casino, Travel Plaza

The following is a recent list of job openings with Indian Head Casino. For details see the website: indianheadcasino.com

Cage cashier. Cage main bank cashier. Coffee station attendant. Count team member.

Custodian. Food and beverage supervisor. Guest service operator. Kitchen steward.

Lead cook. Lounge bartender. Maintenance man II. Player development supervisor.

Player's Club ambas-

sador. Player's Club lead ambassador. Security officer.

Server. Slot keyperson. Table games dealer. Tule Grill attendant. Tule Grill cook.

The following are posi-

tions advertised recently with the Plateau Travel Plaza.

Store cashier. Store supervisor. Custodian. Fuel attendant.

Host cashier/server. Line cook. Maintenance custodian. Security officer.

  
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# Community notes...

Cascades East Transit operates bus service throughout Central Oregon including **Route 20** between Warm Springs and Madras.

You can find the bus schedule at the cascades east transit website: [cascadeseasttransit.com](http://cascadeseasttransit.com)

And at the site, you can also find the link to download the CET Real-time App

The drive through Warm Springs Housing Authority is now open.

The reception desk is in the new part of the building as well; so please use the southern entrance.

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