

Summaries of Tribal Council

The following are summaries of Tribal Council from mid September:

September 12

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, James ‘Jim’ Manion, Alvis Smith III, Wilson Wewa Jr., Chief Joseph Moses, Rosa Graybael. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- Budget overview with Robert Brunoe, Secretary-Treasurer, and Isaac George, Finance.
- 2023 Budget Presentations:

Secretary-Treasurer. Health and Human Services. Call back for discussion on Capital. Public Safety- Call back for discussion on Parole and Probation. Warm Springs Economic Development and business units.

• Oregon Department of Environmental Equality consultation with Richard Whitman.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

September 13

The meeting was called to order at by Vice Chairman Raymond ‘Captain’ Moody. Roll call: Alvis Smith III, James ‘Jim’ Manion, Chief Joseph Moses, Wilson Wewa Jr., Carlos Calica, Rosa Graybael. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

- 2023 budget presentations: Natural Resources. Education. Human Resources. Governmental Affairs.
- Call back for updated budget sheets. Finance. Call back for Administrative Services packets.
- Motion by Carlos to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Education Committee conducting priorities survey

The tribal Education Committee is conducting a survey to set priorities for the recently appointed committee members. The members are Reina Estimo, Chair, Jaylyn Suppah, vice-chair, and Ardis Smith.

Results of this survey will be reported to the tribal membership, in this publication and at KWSO; and will be used at an upcoming community meeting to help with the Education priorities for this term. A link to the survey has been e-mailed to tribal employees, and is available on a website listed below. Or contact one of the committee members.

The upcoming meeting will be held the last week of September, date and place to be determined.

Your participation in the survey

is greatly appreciated.

The questions include opening background questions such as your age and gender.

Another question is ‘Which option best describes you?’

509-J student. South Wasco student. Higher education student. Parent of student. Guardian (non-biological parent) of student. Grandparent of student. Community member. School employee. Tribal education department employee.

If you are a parent, please indicate which school(s) your student attends: Warm Springs Academy. Madras Elementary. Buff Elementary, middle school, high school, college, vocational school, etc.

Another question: ‘Which best describes your place of residence?’

Next are the substantive questions:

What do you feel are the strengths around Education for you or your child?

What do you feel are the areas of concern around Education for you or your child?

What resources would help you or your student complete educational goals? And the final question asks for additional comments.

Use this address to access the survey, or talk with a committee member.

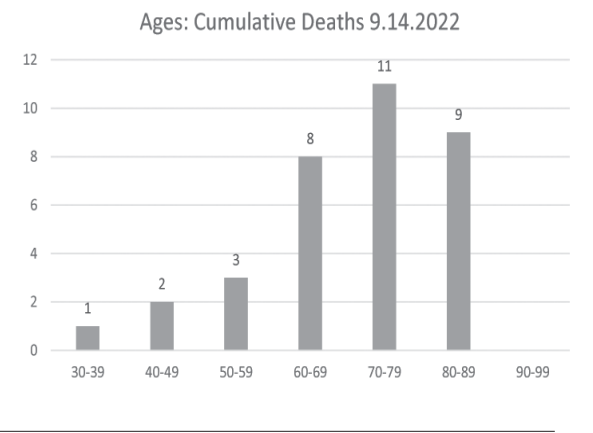
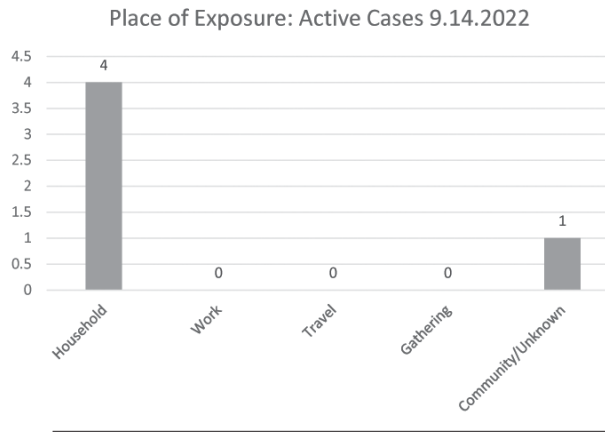
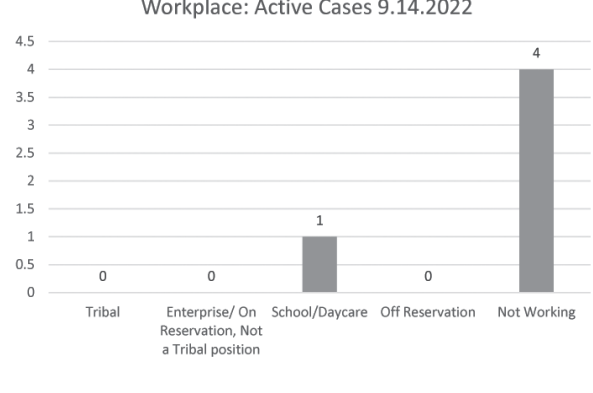
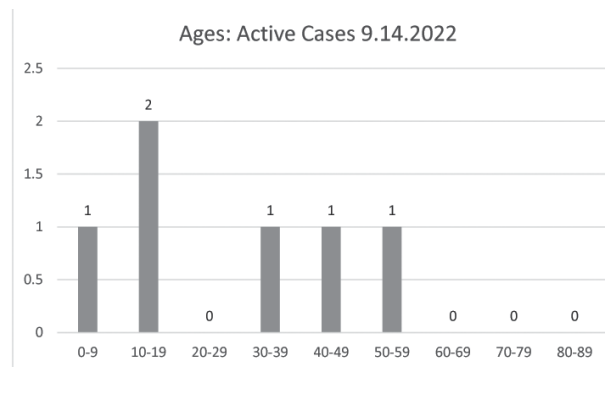
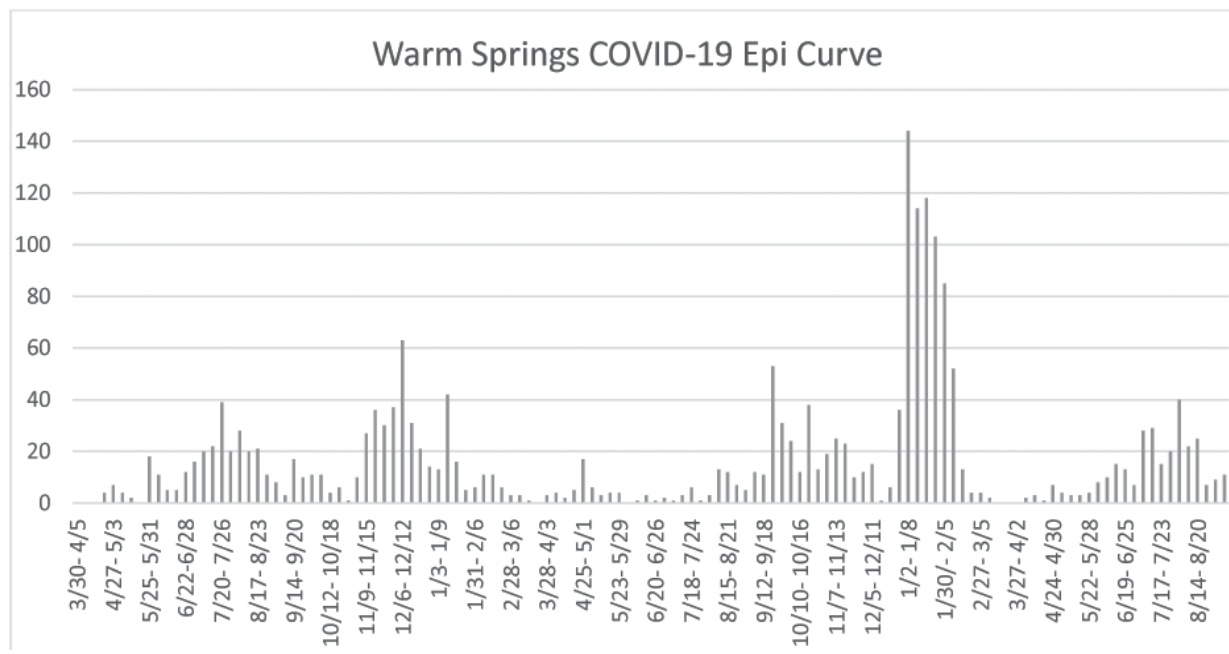
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Covid-19 incidence update

As provided by the Covid-19 Response Team, these graphs show the known incidence of Covid-19 in the community, as

of September 14. The first graph, below, shows the incidence of covid in the community since the pandemic

started in March 2020. According to testing of the wastewater, the virus is still present in the community. A positive note is that last week, testing showed six people had the virus.



Funding to help protect against, prevent sex crimes

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will receive close to \$211,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice to prevent, and protect the community against sex crimes. The funding is through the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. Oregon’s U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley made the announcement last week.

The funding will provide services and training for the Warm Springs Police Department, Tribal Prosecution, Victims of Crimes Services, Tribal Court, Children’s Protective Services, the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center, and the tribal community. Another focus will be on how to contact and continue registration for the known convicted sex offenders residing in or working within the boundaries of the reservation.

The grant also funds a dedicated, full-time staff member to serve as Sex Offender Administrator.

“The U.S. government can do more to protect children from predators on and off tribal land, and it is long past time for that to happen,” Sen. Wyden said. “This funding provides a dedicated administrator and crucial training that the Warm Springs tribal justice system needs to improve kids’ safety.”

Sen. Merkley added, “We must do everything in our power to prevent sexual assault and abuse, and protect vulnerable communities in Oregon facing disproportionate rates of sexual violence, including tribal communities. This funding will provide crucial services and resources for the Warm Springs community.”

Federal ‘major crimes’

The Howard Center for Investigative Journalism published a report last year looking at the incidence of sexual crimes in Indian Country. The report states in part: “Child sexual abuse is among the worst scourges on Indigenous communities in North America, yet little real data exists on the extent of the problem. Some researchers estimate it could be very an unacceptably high number.

Dr. Rene’e Ornelas is a veteran child abuse pediatric specialist working in the Navajo Nation, the largest and most populous tribe in the United States. She said practically every family she sees has a history of child sexual abuse. “There are just little victims everywhere,” she said.

The federal government has been responsible for investigating and prosecuting ‘major crimes’ in Indian Country since 1885. A century later, child sexual abuse was added to the crimes list. But not until the last decade has the Justice Department been required to publicly disclose what happens to those investigations—disclosures that suggest many cases of child sexual abuse are falling through the cracks.

The recent grant to the tribes is intended to help fix this problem. The source of the funding, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, is a 2006 federal law seeking “to protect the public, especially children, from violent sex offenders, by implementing a more comprehensive, nationalized system for registration of sex offenders.”

Indigenous Peoples Day October 10

This year Monday, October 10 will be Indigenous Peoples Day in Oregon. This will be the second year when the second Monday of October—which formerly would have been Columbus Day—is designated by the state of Oregon as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Oregon has many different Indigenous communities across urban and rural areas, including nine federally recognized tribes:

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; the Burns Paiute of Harney County; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; Confederated Tribes of the

Umatilla Indian Reservation; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians; Coquille Indian Tribe; and Klamath Tribes.

According to the most recent census, conducted in 2020, there are a little more than 130,000 Oregonians who identify as full or part American Indian and Alaska Native. That is 3.1 percent of the state population.

On Indigenous Peoples Day all non-essential federal offices in the state will be closed.

Oregon last year became the thirteenth state to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, after the Oregon legislature overwhelmingly approved measure.



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Warm Springs Emergency Management’s drinking water distribution at the old school building is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Emergency Management want folks to be aware that 5-gallon jugs of water are no longer available for pick-up or exchange.