



The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

## Health and Human Services Administration

December has seen an increase in the incidence of Covid-19, seasonal flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) infections among the tribal community.

The Warm Springs Covid Response Team is encouraging all individuals to take common-sense steps to prevent influenza, RSV and covid. Measures include:

Getting vaccinated against influenza, and be up to date with covid vaccinations.

Wear a mask indoors in public places and when attending gatherings is recommended through the influenza season. This helps reduce the spread of RSV, covid and the flu.

Ask others to wear a mask around children under 2 years of age (who are unable to mask).

Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently, and keep high-touch surface areas clean and regularly disinfected.

Stay home when sick and keep children out of school and day care when they are sick.

You can access PPE and covid kits from Emergency Preparedness at 1116 Wasco Street, or call 541-771-2803 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Covid kits can be accessed after hours and during the weekend from the Fire Department.

**Please note:** Covid test kits are effective in detecting the virus for 6 to 9 months beyond the listed expiration date on the kit box. Results provided by the test kits within this time frame—the 6-to-9 month period after the listed expiration date—can be trusted to give an accurate reading. Note also: The tribal organization vaccine mandate for employees remains in place; this does not apply to the enterprises.

## Triple viral concern this winter

Covid in recent weeks has been showing up more in the community with 26 known active cases on the reservation earlier this month. Complicating the matter this winter is the presence of the seasonal flu plus the virus called

RSV.

Increases in covid, the flu and RSV are reported across the country: The CDC has classified almost every state as having 'high' or 'very high' activity, especially for the flu.

RSV typically causes cold-like

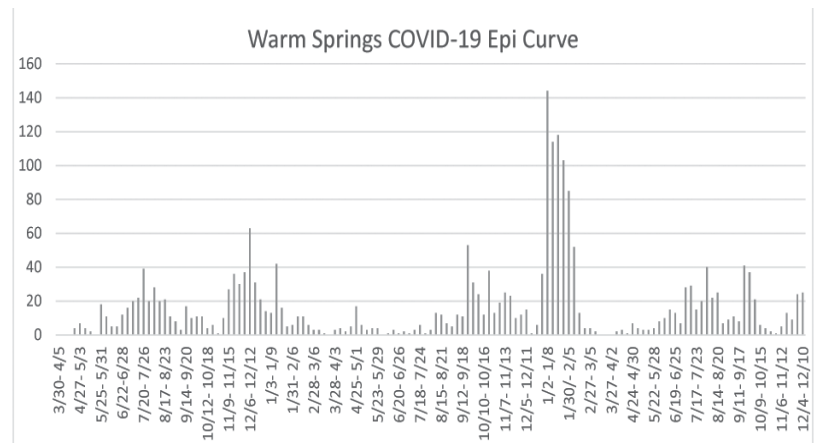
symptoms but sometimes can be more serious. The biggest risks are for elders and very young.

Vaccines are available at the Warm Springs IHS clinic for the flu and covid. No vaccine yet exists for RSV.

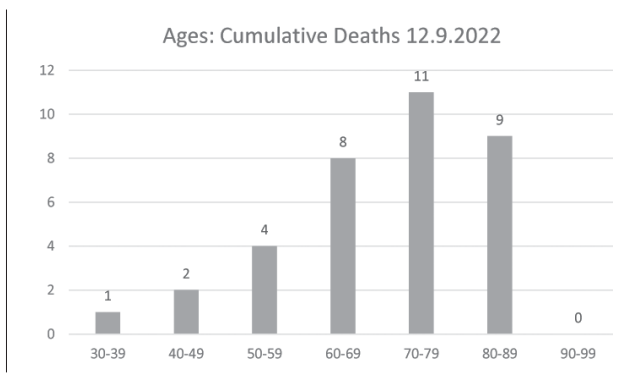
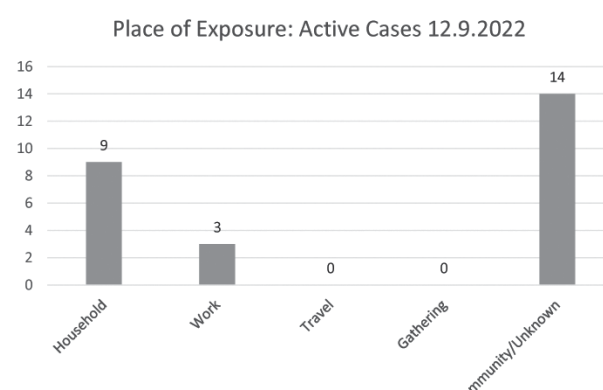
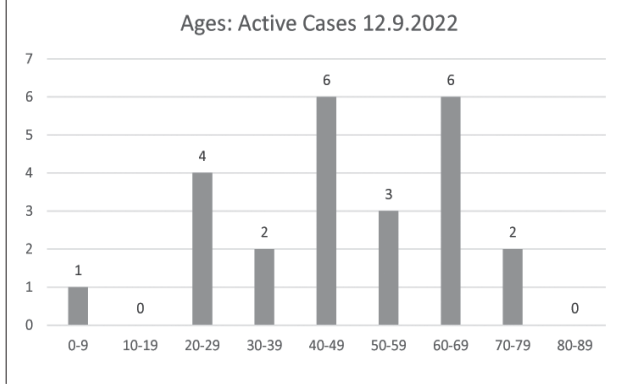
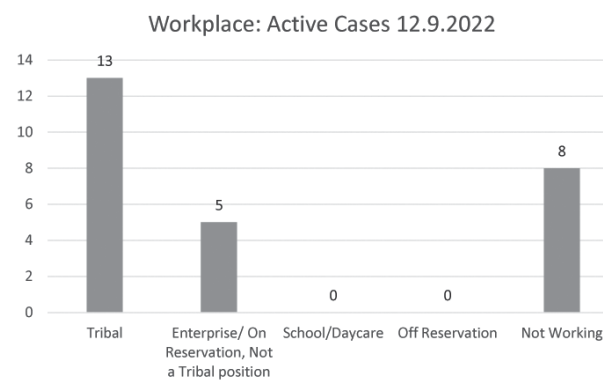
### Incidence of Covid-19 in community

Graphs provided by Community Health, IHS, Health and Human Services

At the time of these demographics, on December 9, there were 26 known active cases of Covid-19 among the tribal community. This brought the cumulative total number of local cases, since March of 2020, to 2,619. On December 9 there was one person who was hospitalized with covid. There have been a total of 134 people who have been hospitalized with covid since the pandemic began. Thirty-seven people have passed away from the covid virus since 2020.



Incidence of Covid-19 in the community since the pandemic began.



## NDN HOOPS

57 Annual

Warm Springs All-Indian Mens Holiday Basketball Tourney December 28th-31st 2022



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## Fatal motor vehicle incident investigation continues

A young woman and two teenage siblings from Warm Springs lost their lives November 16 as the result of motor vehicle crash on Highway 26.

A preliminary Oregon State Police investigation found that a Toyota Tacoma, driven by a 29-year-old Bend woman, was passing several vehicles in the fog when her

vehicle hit the victims' vehicle head-on, instantly killing the driver and her 13-year old nephew; and critically injuring her 14-year-niece, who passed away from her injuries a few days later.

The state police continues its investigation. The police "have served search warrants, collected evidence, and will be preparing an accident reconstruction report and toxicology report," said Jefferson County District Attorney Steve LeRiche.

The district attorney's office would like to tell the community that motor vehicle fatality investigations generally take three to six months to complete.

According to Mr. LeRiche, when the OSP completes its investigation, the reports will be forwarded to his office, and "we will be evaluating all of the reports as soon as they get her.

"And then we'll be making legal determinations as appropriate."

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Family Fun Games

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