**OCTOBER 1, 2020 SMOKE SIGNALS** 

### **General Council meeting**

11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program. 503-879-2304.

#### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

# **Tribal clinic detects** another COVID-19 case

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center tested and recorded another positive case of COVID-19 with ties to the Grand Ronde community on Monday, Sept. 28.

"We are currently supporting the patient, monitoring the patient's wellbeing and working with the county to conduct contact tracing," said the Tribe's announcement on its official Facebook page.

It is the first positive case of COVID-19 recorded by the Tribal clinic since Aug. 28.

The first positive case with ties to the Grand Ronde community was detected on Aug. 26 and the second came a day later on Aug. 27.

"No one is immune," the Tribe warned. "The best way individuals can serve their neighbors and communities is by taking individual responsibility to fight COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing their hands and practicing social distancing."

According to www.grandronde.org, the Tribal clinic has conducted 668 COVID-19 tests with 655 coming back negative. There have been seven positive retests of results from another county and six are new positive tests.

#### **We Want To Hear From You!**

That's right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! We look forward to hearing what you have to say.



## Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to smok signalz.

Letters should be 400 words or less and must include the writer's name. address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a threemonth period.

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#### **Tribal Office Closures**

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 12, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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