

General Council meeting

Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 27

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

| DATE | TIME |
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| Wednesday, June 16..... | 10 a.m. |
| Wednesday, June 30..... | 10 a.m. |

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

Tribal government ends mask requirement for most fully vaccinated employees

By Danielle Harrison
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Beginning Monday, June 7, fully vaccinated Tribal employees no longer were required to wear masks or face coverings in their work areas and their work area buildings on campus, with the exception of buildings or departments that require the masking standard.

Drop-in visitors are still not allowed on the Tribal campus and prearranged visitors and vendors must continue to abide by the masking standard.

General Manager David Fullerton notified employees in an e-mail sent late Friday, June 4.

“Employees who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 will be required to continue to abide by the mask requirement,” he said. “The mask and face covering requires coverage of the nose and mouth, and to be worn at all times. Employees who are vaccinated and would like to continue to wear masks are welcome to do so. We recognize that there are specific buildings that will have to continue to require staff to wear masks due to the nature of daily work their staff are engaged in. Please check with your supervi-

sor for specific direction.”

Some department areas and duties that will still adhere to mask requirements include Health & Wellness, Education, Adult Foster Care, staff who enter clients’ homes, Law Enforcement and Emergency Services.

“At this point we will not require vaccination verification for our employees,” Fullerton said. “If department managers have reason to believe a staff member may not be adhering to this policy, they will be able to coordinate with Human Resources to request verification of the vaccine. Blatant disregard of this policy will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action. The falsification of any vaccination record will be subject to disciplinary action.”

All staff will still be required to clear a temperature check daily.

As of Monday, June 7, the Tribe’s Health & Wellness Center has vaccinated more than 20,000 people with the two-dose Moderna vaccine with 9,900 of those vaccinated being Elders. The Tribe also was reporting no new cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus and only two active cases in the community. ■

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed Friday, June 18, in observance of Juneteenth. Offices also will be closing noon Friday, July 2, and closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!



When: First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am
Where: CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Who: Parents and caregivers of children under 5 years.
Why: Come to play, have a snack and have fun!



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