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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Colville Tribes Address Covid-19 Surge

The Colville Business Council will meet next week to discuss the surge in COVID 19 cases and determine the necessary steps to address the surge. The Colville Business Council urges the community to be responsible and proactive to avoid contracting or spreading COVID 19 by getting vaccinated and wearing masks in public places, washing hands, and maintaining distance regardless of vaccination status.

Andy Joseph, Jr. Chairman of the Council stated “This is a critical situation and the Council and Tribes are working to ensure that everyone is aware of the most updated policies and procedures as well as the current recommended safety precautions.” Updated policies and procedures, derived from the CDC guidelines, are being drafted by the Public Health Officer and will be implemented in collaboration with the clinics next week.

COVID-19 Emergency Operations staff is available to assist Tribal Members and families with: COVID-19 information, vaccine information, contact tracing, referral and case management services, including food assistance, medical care and testing, in-home care and medical transportation, mental health and substance abuse treatment and support and essential cleaning and sanitation supplies for elders and other vulnerable adults. Emergency Operations can be reached at (509) 634-7350.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,387 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snʔáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpʔ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.