



## PRESS RELEASE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

**For Immediate Release  
December 22, 2020**

**Contact: Neeka Somday  
509-634-2213**

### **Colville Tribes Announces Curfew in Keller District**

NESPELEM, WA – The Colville Tribes today imposed a curfew in the Keller District. The curfew is active each day between the hours of 9:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m.. During this time, all residents of the Reservation, and visitors to the Reservation, must remain indoors. Travel is allowed only if essential, such as to or from a verifiable place of essential employment or to seek urgent medical attention.

The curfew is active immediately and it will remain in place until further notice. Those who violate the curfew may be cited or prosecuted pursuant to the Colville Tribal Code. The previously announced curfew in the Inchelium District also continues in effect until further notice.

The Chairman of the Colville Tribes, Rodney Cawston, said, “Unfortunately, COVID-19 has continued to spread across the Colville Reservation, and it is now the Keller District experiencing a severe outbreak of COVID-19 infections. As of December 21, there are 15 active cases of COVID-19 in Keller and a number of other people in quarantine while they await test results or to see if symptoms develop. It is absolutely necessary to impose this curfew to preserve the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Reservation and all surrounding communities. This curfew will minimize in-person interactions, which is the primary way the virus spreads.”

###

About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,466 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: ščəlám̓xəx̓w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ̓w̓yʔilp (sharp pointed

trees) or Colville; šntiyátk<sup>wəx</sup> (grass in the water) or Entiat; snfáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx<sup>wu</sup> (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx<sup>w</sup> (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nspelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp<sup>w</sup>ilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq<sup>wáwsəx</sup> (people in between) or Wenatchi.