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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Colville Tribes Calls into Action Administrative Teams to Address COVID-19 Virus

NESPELEM, WA— The Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation announced today that the Tribes have called into action its administrative teams inclusive with our federal partners BIA and IHS to activate local emergency preparedness plans and reinforce plans that already exist in our programs and operations.

“The COVID-19 situation is evolving rapidly,” Colville Business Council Chairman Rodney Cawston said today. “I want to assure our membership and community that programs are required to have contingency plans in place and have activated those plans.”

The COVID-19 virus knows no boundaries. Collaboration is happening on all levels, internally and externally. Best practices will be shared, replicated, and when necessary modified or expanded to other programs. The Colville Tribes will especially implement programs which serve our most vulnerable and medically fragile populations.

If you or someone in your family is feeling ill, experiencing fever, sore throat, or chest pains, contact your primary care provider (doctor) to get advice that is specific for you. All four clinics on the Colville Reservation can screen for viruses including the COVID-19 virus.

“I want to encourage everyone to practice good health habits and take every day preventative actions,” said Cawston. Here are recommendations to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information, updates, and alerts view the Colville Tribes’ webpage at www.colvilletribes.com and click on the announcement bar “Novel Coronavirus.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,535 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 Nespalem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.