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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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The Colville Tribes Announces COVID-19 Emergency Relief Payments

(Nespelem, WA) — The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will distribute disaster relief payments to offset the financial consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. All enrolled tribal members over the age of 18 as of September 9, 2021 will qualify for two payments, each in the amount of \$5,005.00. In addition, guardians or payees of enrolled tribal member children as of September 9, 2021, as determined by the Tribes' Enrollment department records, shall qualify for two payments for each minor child in their care, each payment in the amount of \$1,000.00. The first payments will be distributed on October 4, 2021 and the second payments will be distributed on January 7th, 2022.

Chairman Andy Joseph, Jr. stated, "We had all hoped to put the pandemic behind us, but that has not been the case. With the new delta variant of the COVID-19 virus, our cases of the disease are as bad as they have ever been. It has become clear that financial assistance is necessary to assist tribal families in coping with the burdens of these very difficult times."

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,420 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^wyǰilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxcənəx^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; sənpǰ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.