



## **PRESS RELEASE**

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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### **The Colville Tribes Extends Its Partial Government Shutdown**

NESPELEM, WA – The partial shutdown of Tribal government currently in effect has been extended until midnight on September 30, 2020 by Resolution of the Colville Business Council. Employees of the Tribal government shall continue in their current status subject to direction by their supervisor. Employees should remain in regular contact with their supervisor, as a worker's status can change at any time and can include being called back to work.

The partial shutdown includes the Lucy Covington Government Center, which is currently in a heightened state of shutdown due to a spike of coronavirus cases. Employees of the Government Center should also communicate with their supervisor to remain aware of their current work status.

The other COVID-19 restrictions are also extended to midnight on September 30, 2020. These include the prohibition of public gatherings or camping in groups of ten or more people, the stay at home order for residents of the Colville Reservation, and the prohibition on non-essential business activity on the Colville Reservation.

All outdoor recreational activities such as camping, fishing, hunting, and hiking are permitted only for tribal members and their immediate families who are all residents of the Colville Reservation. The closure of the Colville Reservation to non-essential visitors continues to midnight on December 31, 2020 as previously ordered. Fines will be imposed for violations of these restrictions.

Rodney Cawston, Chairman of the Colville Tribes, said, “The pandemic has been hard on many people, and that includes the employees of the Colville Tribes as well as the people who depend on the services of our government.

We will continue to strive to provide the best services possible to our people even during this difficult period of shutdown. The Tribes greatly appreciate our employees who are working harder than ever right now, often at real risk to their own health.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,504 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: ščəlám̓xəx<sup>w</sup> (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; s̓x̓<sup>w</sup>yʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk<sup>w</sup>əx<sup>w</sup> (grass in the water) or Entiat; sn̓áyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx<sup>w</sup>u (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx<sup>w</sup> (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; sənp̓<sup>w</sup>ilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnp̓əšq<sup>w</sup>áwsəx<sup>w</sup> (people in between) or Wenatchi.