



## **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 June 26, 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.

All other COVID-19 related restrictions are also extended to midnight on June 26, 2020, including the prohibition of public gatherings 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.

Additionally, the prior Resolution to prohibit non-tribal members from camping, fishing, or hunting within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation has been expanded to also prohibit boating, gathering, hiking, and any other form of outdoor recreation by non-tribal members. The closure of the Colville Reservation to non-essential visitors has been extended until further notice except where specifically permitted. Fines will be imposed for violations of these restrictions.

Rodney Cawston, Chairman of the Colville Tribes, said, “The next few weeks may be a critical period of the pandemic as we learn more about whether reopening can be done safely. As we watch the data, we will continue to do our best to protect the health and safety of the public, which has been our top priority since this outbreak began.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,533 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: ščə́lám̄xəx<sup>w</sup> (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǎ́yʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk<sup>w</sup>x<sup>w</sup> (grass in the water) or Entiat; snfáyckst (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; sənpɣ<sup>w</sup>ilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq<sup>w</sup>áwsəx<sup>w</sup> (people in between) or Wenatchi.