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BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## Tribal Office Precautionary Closure Due to Possible Exposure to COVID-19

*Staff Ordered to Self-Quarantine – Return to Office July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Inyo County, CA - Effective immediately, the Tribal Administration office is closed until July 6, 2020. This action is in response to the possibility of exposure to COVID-19. It is mandatory that any staff who had access to the tribal administrative office building during the week of June 21, 2020 to please self-quarantine for a minimum of five (5) days as of today. If you can telecommute, please do so.

Community members are strongly encouraged to limit calls to the tribal office during the week. Calls will be answered as promptly as possible; however, due to building sanitation, staffing is limited.

As a precaution, the Elder's Department will also be closed. All meals will be delivered on Monday, June 29, 2020 for the week.

Head Start and Little Bear daycare will be suspending operations until July 6<sup>th</sup>.

For reference, COVID-19 symptoms defined by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are as follows:

*People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:*

- *Fever or chills*
- *Cough*
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
- *Fatigue*
- *Muscle or body aches*
- *Headache*
- *New loss of taste or smell*
- *Sore throat*
- *Congestion or runny nose*
- *Nausea or vomiting*
- *Diarrhea*

*When to Seek Emergency Medical Attention*

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Look for **emergency warning signs\*** for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, **seek emergency medical care immediately**

- *Trouble breathing*
- *Persistent pain or pressure in the chest*
- *New confusion*
- *Inability to wake or stay awake*
- *Bluish lips or face*
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*\*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.*

**Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility:** Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

Per our most recent Emergency Management Team meeting June 25, 2020; individual diagnostic COVID-19 testing is available and it is recommended to schedule your test as soon as possible. Following is the link:

Verily is doing Covid testing at no cost out of pocket at the Church of Nazarene. You do have to register and use a Gmail address but it is free. Everyone is strongly encouraged to take advantage of this test. <https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/> It is 100% HIPAA compliant.

Updates will be available to the public as they occur on KBPT-LP 96.1fm at the top of the hour for breaking information and at 8am, 11am, 6pm and 11pm for cumulative information.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe located on its 879 acre Bishop Paiute Reservation in Inyo County, California. The Reservation was formed under Congressional Act 5299, P.L. No. 43 of April 20, 1937. The Tribe is committed to the well being of its people. For more information please contact the Bishop Paiute Tribe at (760) 873-3584.

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