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NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

PLEASE VISIT www.ctclusi.org for more information about Current Events and Tribal Member Information.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS

June 1, 2021

The following proposed Code Amendments were passed for First Reading by Tribal Council on April 28, 2021

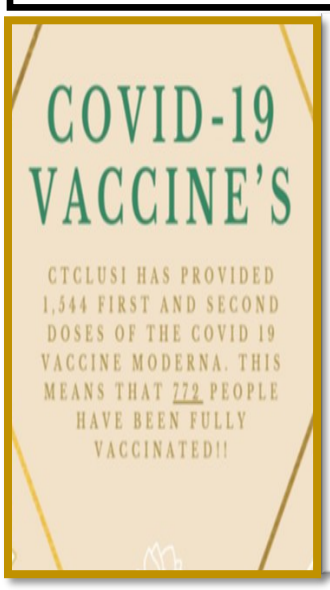
TITLE 1: Chapter 1-3 Tribal Police

TITLE 7: Chapter 7-1 Enrollment

Tribal Council hereby approves amendments to the above codes and hereby approves such amendment for first reading and posting for a twenty-eight (28) day comment period.

DATE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THE PROPOSED CODE IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:
Sunday July 11, 2021

The notice of any proposed Code amendment/creation of Code/Ordinance shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and the text will be posted for public comment for twenty-eight (28) days in the Administration Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes' website and at Three Rivers Casino (Office of the Gaming Commission). Written comments should be sent to the Tribal Council in care of Jeannie McNeil, CTCLUSI, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420 or email: jmcneil@ctclusi.org.





$900 MILLION IN AMERICAN RECOVERY RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO TRIBES ACROSS THE COUNTY

WASHINGTON – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Bryan Newland announced on Friday April 30, 2021, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has begun disbursing $900 million to federally recognized tribes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. ARP was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, and the funds will aid tribes as they address the COVID-19 pandemic and its damaging impacts on Indian Country. For more information please visit the US Department of Indian Affairs Website: https://www.indianaffairs.gov/news/indian-affairs-begins-disbursement-900-million-american-rescue-plan-funding-tribes-across.

The Tribal Government staff of CTCLUSI have been in consistent communication with the BIA, attending meetings and receiving informational press releases about the upcoming funding and how to apply. The BIA methodologies for each allocation for Tribes will be done based on enrollment. Debbie Bossley, Tribal Council CTCLUSI Chairwoman shared, "**We have recently made an official request for these funds and Tribal Government staff will be diligently working with Tribal Leadership to establish priorities for this funding once we know what our allocation will be. I am confident these much needed resources will offer tremendous assistance in multiple areas of the Tribal Government and its programs."**

The Enrollment Department is urging membership, at this time, to verify contact information is current, so we may provide you with any pertinent information in the near future. You may provide current contact information on the website under Enrollment, by submitting a ***Change of Address Form*** or by contacting any of the Tribe's offices in Coos Bay, Florence or Eugene.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS of CTCLUSI

OPINIONS NEEDED

Tribal Council Compensation Survey

Please visit www.ctclusi.org to complete

Dear Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw people,

It is with a happy heart that I am writing to you this morning. The long-awaited Tule Clam Gathering Basket Tutorial Video has been completed and made accessible to you on our tribal website. I encourage you to check it out and enjoy your culture immensely!

Luuwii,
Sara Siestreem (Hanis Coos)



https://ctclusi.org/basketryprivate/

Fitness Program Reminder

Please Note: All fitness purchases from January 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021 will be due for reimbursement no later than Friday, July 16, 2021. All purchases after July 1, 2021 will be due by Friday, January 14, 2022.
If you have questions, please feel free to contact DeeDee Plaep at 541- 997-6685 or dplaep@ctclusi.org.

SPECIAL NOTICE :

DUE TO UNEXPECTED EVENTS THE JUNE 2021 EDITION NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THIS FORMAT : PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL PRINTED INFORMATION ENCLOSED

CTCLUSI RECEIVES EPA APPROVAL FOR CLEAN WATER ACT PROGRAMS ON TRIBES LANDS

Seattle (May 3, 2021) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approved the request by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians to assume responsibilities of the Clean Water Act's water quality standards and certification programs on reservation and trust lands.

With this approval, the CTCLUSI will assume authority over all surface waters within the Reservation and Trust Lands. Trust lands include lands located outside of the reservation that are held in trust by the United States for the CTCLUSI. The CTCLUSI Reservation and Trust Lands collectively cover almost 15,000 acres of southwest Oregon.

According to Dan Opalski, Director of EPA's Water Division in Seattle: **"We are pleased to approve the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians' request for Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State. We support their efforts to protect water quality and celebrate this enhancement of our partnership in implementing the Clean Water Act. We look forward to our continued work with the tribes to protect vital resources now and for future generations."**

According to the CTCLUSI Tribal Council:" **This Treatment in a Similar Manner as State recognition is an important acknowledgment of tribal sovereignty by the EPA. We are very pleased with this determination. Water is Life! Water is and always has been an important resource for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians and we are excited that we can now manage the tribe's waters more directly."**

The CTCLUSI applied to EPA for "Treatment in a Similar Manner to a State" (TAS) for the Clean Water Act section 303(c) water quality standards and the section 401 water quality certification programs on December 17, 2019, and supplemented the application on June 12, 2020.

Specifically, this approval will enable the CTCLUSI to set water quality goals and standards - the regulatory and scientific foundation for protecting water quality - for all water bodies within the CTCLUSI Reservation and Trust Lands. EPA's approval does not alter or modify water quality standards outside of the CTCLUSI Reservation and Trust Lands. Today's approval authorizes the CTCLUSI to develop water quality standards for all surface waters within the CTCLUSI Reservation and Trust Lands and to ensure that CWA-permitted discharges will meet all applicable water quality standards for reservation waters after those standards are reviewed and approved by EPA. The CTCLUSI have previously been granted TAS status for other Clean Water Act sections: section 106 - Water Pollution Protection and section 319 - Nonpoint Source programs, in 2002 and 2003, respectively.

Several federal environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act, authorize EPA to treat eligible federally recognized Indian tribes in a similar manner as a state for implementing and managing certain environmental programs.

The basic requirements for applying for TAS are that the tribe must be federally recognized; have a governing body to carry out substantial governmental duties and powers; have the appropriate authority; and be capable of administering the functions of the program.

EPA's approval of the CTCLUSI's application does not constitute an approval (nor disapproval) of the tribes' water quality standards. Any water quality standards adopted by a tribe and submitted to EPA for action must satisfy all Clean Water Act and other regulatory requirements, including public participation to ensure an appropriate opportunity for any interested entities to provide input on the proposed water quality standards. Mark A. MacIntyre Senior Public Information Officer

POSTING FOR ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Enrollment Committee recommends the enrollment of the Applicants listed below should be approved. Besides publication in the Tribal Newsletter, according to CLUSITC 7-1-36(i), this information will be posted in the Administrative Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes' website and at Three Rivers Casino for twenty-eight (28) days from the date listed. JUNE 1, 2021

Alysse Reann Gutierrez	**Jack Anthony Chavira III**
Parent: Laurie Jae Chavira	Parent: Laurie Jae Chavira
Lineal Descendant: Peter Jordan Sr	Lineal Descendant: Peter Jordan Sr.
Tribe: Coos	Tribe Coos
Emberlynn Ann McNutt	**Wyatt James Hermsen**
Parent: Brett Ellsworth McNutt	Parent: Kenneth Warren Hermsen Jr.
Lineal Descendant: Hazel E. W. McNutt	Lineal Descendant: Mae H. Hermsen(Spencer)
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Lower Umpqua
Alexis Michelle Lawry	**Lauren Nicole Elliott**
Parent: John Paul Lawry	Parent: Franklin Harmon Elliott
Lineal Descendant: Roberta May Lawry	Lineal Descendant: John F. Elliott
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Siuslaw
Oakley Skye Hoyle	**Jordan Taylor Elliott**
Parent: Timothy Austin Hoyle	Parent: Franklin Harmon Elliott
Lineal Descendant: Harmon Franklin Elliott Sr.	Lineal Descendant: John F. Elliott
Tribe: Siuslaw	Tribe: Siuslaw
Slade Olivia Rose Bass	**Ethan Lucas Elliott**
Parent: Kaila Dawn Bass	Parent: Franklin Harmon Elliott
Lineal Descendant: Terri Lynn Green	Lineal Descendant: John F. Elliott
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Siuslaw
Creelie Marie Hamons	**Shawn Alden Billings Jr.**
Parent: Chyenne Elexsus Cronin	Parent: Autumn Sky Dollins
Lineal Descendant: David Petrie	Lineal Descendant: Geraldine Joy Tabernig
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos
Logan James Harrison	**Maddox Dane McGowan-Lozeau**
Parent: Alexandria Blake Harrison	Parent: Alicia Jo Lozeau
Lineal Descendant:Lillian Elaine Allison	Lineal Descendant: Peter Jordan Sr.
Tribe: Lower Umpqua	Tribe: Coos
Justin Williams Greer	
Parent: Geri Lynn Holtz	
Lineal Descendant: Peter George Jordan Sr.	
Tribe: Coos	

In accordance with CLUSITC 7-1-37(a), Tribal Members shall have the right to protest the recommendation of the Committee approving an application and must file a written, signed protest with the Committee stating their reasons for believing that an Applicant(s) is not entitled to enrollment. The protest must be filed with the Committee within twenty-eight (28) days after notice of the proposed enrollment is posted as described in CLUSITC 7-1-36(i).

Dear Tribal Members,

The language program invites you to take this needs survey for Language Revitalization efforts.

The direct link to the survey is https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Language-Needs-Assessment-Survey or you can access it also on the homepage www.ctclusi.org.

The survey is due by June 6th, 2021 at 11:59pm.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!!! Participants will be placed into raffle and held during the Language Committee meeting on June 11th, 2021. There are will be two prizes drawn for 0-17, 18-54, 55+.

For more information, you may contact Enna Helms at ehelms@ctclusi.org or 541-297-7538.

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2021 CTCLUSI
Virtual Student Recognition Dinner
June 19th, 2021 at 4pm

Please join us as we celebrate our students achievements and accomplishments.

Zoom Information:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/95503435932?pwd=SjNmUXpabmtxd2NielhmZ3dOd3NoZz09

Meeting ID: 955 0343 5932
Passcode: 612212

Dial by your location
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+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
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You may also email the Education Dearptment at education@ctclusi.org to receive Zoom information.

We look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating our students.

CTCLUSI
Summer School
July 6th - 16th, 2021

This camp is for students entering Kindergarten through 12th Grade or students who are 5 through 18 years of age. We are offering camp to Tribal Enrolled students, step/foster/adopted children, and children of other federally recognized Tribes.

Please sign up for Summer School using the Laserfiche link at: https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Summer-School-Application

Deadline to sign up
June 18th, 2021 at 11:59pm

Once signed up for Summer School, a confirmation email will be sent.

Email will include Summer School Zoom information, mandatory parent/camper meeting, along with additional important camp material.

June 2021 Newsletter Articles

Education Department

CHROMES!!!!!!!!!!!!

We are looking to finish our Chromebook distribution to the Tribal Members. We started out with 839, and now we are down to under 100. If you haven't signed up for a Chromebook, please visit https://ctclusi.org/housing-department/ and click on the IHBG Covid-19 Chrome Book Distribution Program Request Form and fill one out. We want to have as many Tribal Members receive Chromebooks as possible. They are great tools for keeping current on events by checking the Citizen Portal side of the website. You can Zoom in for Monday and Wednesday Culture Nights, stay current with news from around the world, and view other events held by the Tribes. Even better, you can attend the Tribal Council meetings via Zoom and get up to date information on matters happening in our Tribes. Please check out the website at www.ctclusi.org and click on the Citizen Portal side. You can also view previous Culture activities.

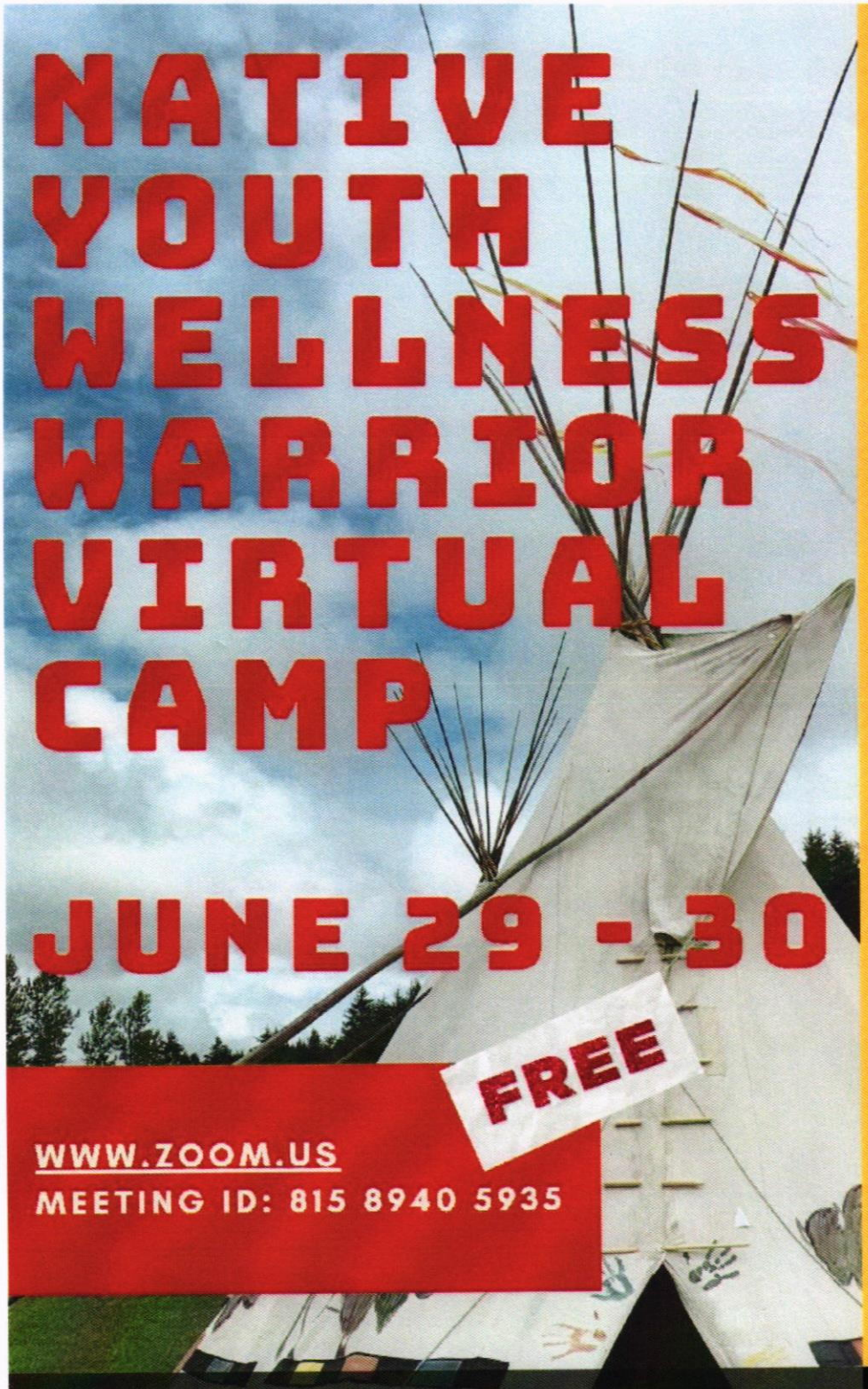




Please send in any achievements, awards, or accolades that your student has received this year.

We are looking to host a student corner that will spotlight students monthly and will be able to communicate their great accomplishment(s) with the Tribal Membership.

Please submit a picture, a brief description, and also a release stating we can use photo and information for upcoming newsletters.



NATIVE YOUTH WELLNESS WARRIOR VIRTUAL CAMP

JUNE 29 - 30

FREE

WWW.ZOOM.US
MEETING ID: 815 8940 5935

- CULTURAL SHARING!
- SPEAKERS!
- FUN & GAMES!
- PRIZES!

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
ALASKA TIME

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
PACIFIC TIME

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MOUNTAIN TIME

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
CENTRAL TIME

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
EASTERN TIME

A fun evening of cultural sharing, games, laughter and connection! It's been a long year and we look forward to celebrating with you by sharing songs, dances, stories and more! Please feel welcome to attend and share or attend to listen and enjoy. We hope to see you there!

NATIVE WELLNESS Institute

Language Information

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CTCLUSI Education News Facebook Group Page



Information for CTCLUSI TRIBAL Members about higher education needs, financial aid, events and activities are shared here. Education Department and other CTCLUSI departmental activities will also be shared here. Higher Education students are also encouraged to join this page as important college information will be posted as we get it (scholarships, internships, etc.). Please look for the ***CTCLUSI Education News*** and click join group!

OIEA Conference

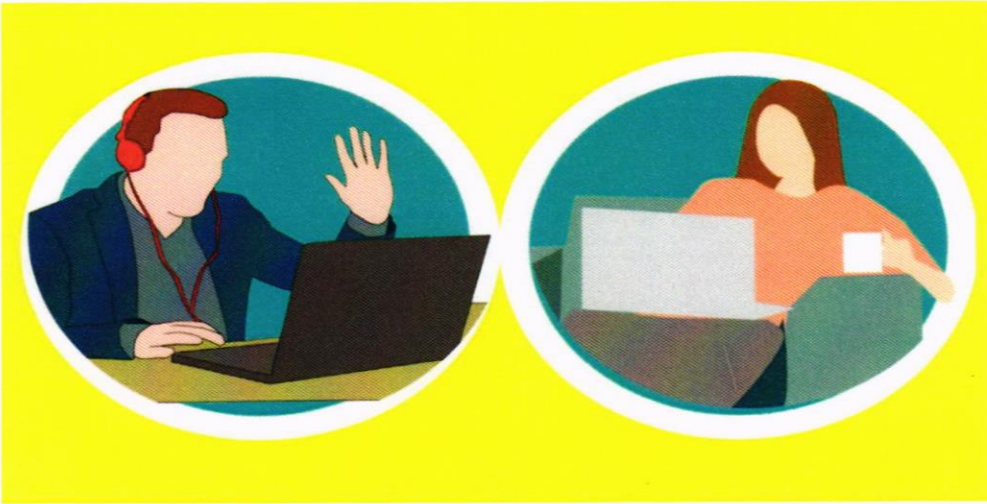


The OIEA conference this year had a theme of "Our Roots". Covid-19 cancelled last year's conference and the board thought it was best to carry forward this theme to this year's conference. The conference consisted of a three-day conference and was a great experience. Thursday evening consisted of attending Dr. Cornel Pewewardy's presentation and he invited all to join in the conversation that followed. "Dr. Cornel Pewewardy (Comanche-Kiowa) is Professor Emeritus, Indigenous Nations Studies at Portland State University. Dr. Pewewardy's research explores the theoretical and philosophical foundations of postcolonial Indigenous research paradigms that focused on historical and political insight into the lingering impact of colonization, considering the issues faced by Indigenous peoples today and identities to survive in the twenty-first century" (http://www.oiea.org/oiea-events/annual-conference/). He had great words of wisdom to share with the audience, and he kicked off the conference in a good way. Friday consisted of Keynote Speakers Gabe Shoeships, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Leialoha Kaula, and the Native Wellness Institute. I was asked to do the blessing to open Saturday's session, and did so with respect and humility.

All bios of Keynote Speakers can be found at http://www.oiea.org/oiea-events/annual-conference/.

Telehealth Mental Health Appointments Available Now

Free to All Oregon Tribal Members, Tribal Family Members, CTCLUSI Employees, Three Rivers Casino Employees and Health Care Workers.



Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
If the other appointment times are needed, please call the number listed below and we will accommodate or refer to other resources.

If you are interested please visit https://ctclusi.org/family-support-services/ and fill out the Mental Health request form. You will then be contacted by a Family support services staff member to schedule an appointment.

For More Information Contact:
CarolAnn Young at 541-435-7159

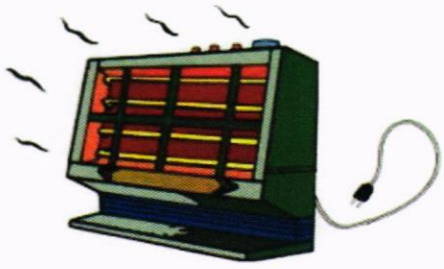
This program is funded by the Substance abuse and mental health services administration emergency mental health COVID-19 funding award no. 6H79FG000261.

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Health and Family Support Services Department is offering Heating for qualifying low income households. To receive heating assistance contact the Health and Family Support Services Department or fill out an application on the CTCLUSI website at https://ctclusi.org/family-services. Eligible households must reside in the five county service area of Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Douglas, and Lane, and fall into 60% of the Estimated Oregon State Median Income as listed below. To qualify, your yearly income needs to be at or below the following income:

1 Person Family	**$27,805**
2 Person Family	**$36,361**
3 Person Family	**$44,916**
4 Person Family	**$53,472**
5 Person Family	**$62,028**
6 Person Family	**$70,583**



In order for your application to be processed and determine qualification you must provide:

Proof of Income (Pay Stub)	**Social Security Card**
Copy of your utility bill	**SSI or SSDI Statement of Benefits**
Tribal Enrollment Card	**Child Support Statement**
Oregon Trail Card	**Current Oregon Health Plan Card**

No appointment is necessary as Tribal Households can fill out the application online at https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP , or you contact a Family Support Services staff to assist you. The general CTCLUSI Family Support Services Department number is 541-888-6169. If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program, you can also contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.

*Note that available funding can be subject to change .

Circles of Healing Zoom Workshop Series

Hi' Siti Ha (Good Is Our Heart) Women's Healing Through Traditions Series

2021 Class Schedule

Tuesday, June 8th

Dentalium Necklaces *

Register by Monday, May 31st

Tuesday, July 13th

Dreamcatchers with Morgan Gaines

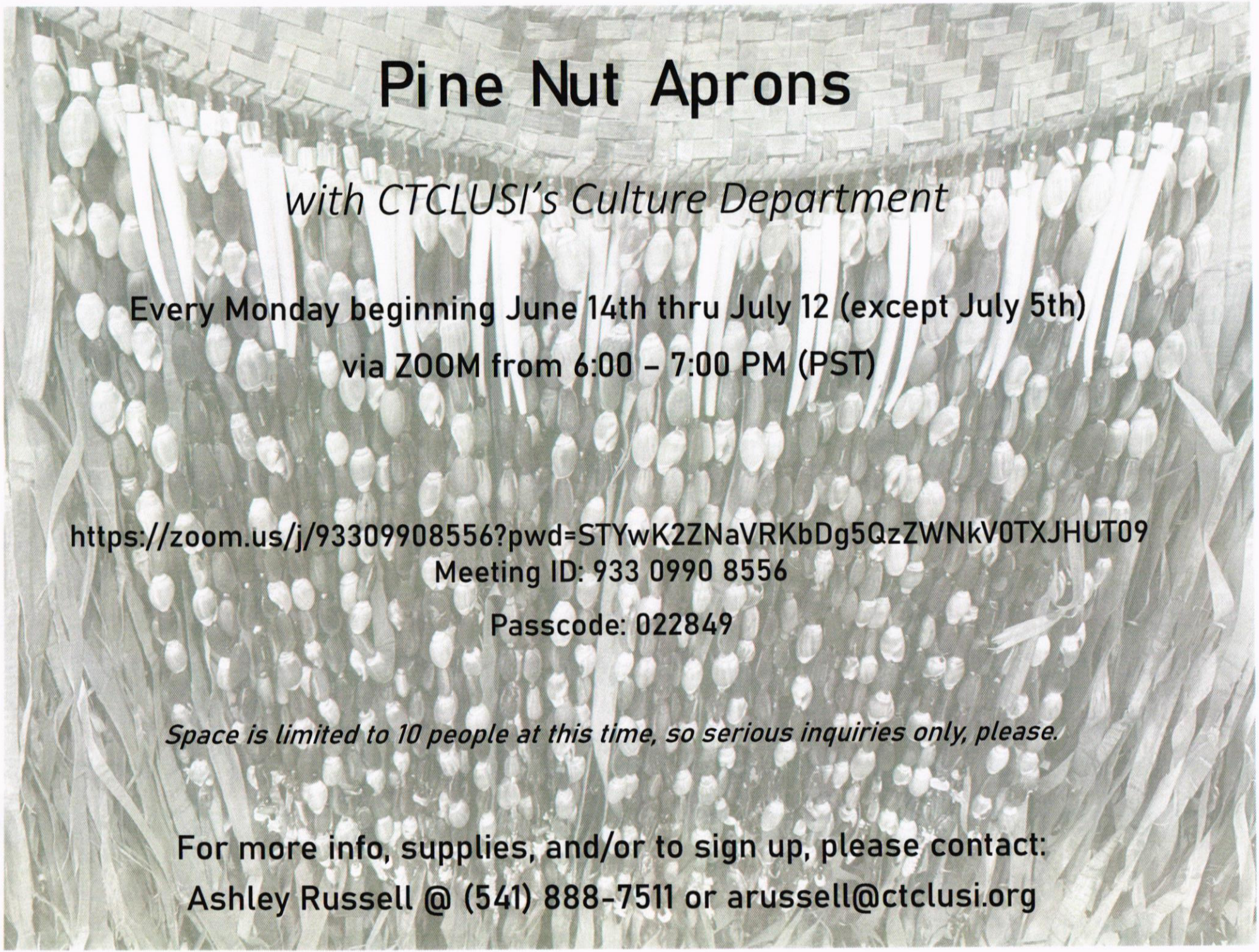
Register by Monday, July 5th

Due to content and funding, these activities are for adult participants 18+ only.

Classes will be offered from 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM via Zoom.

To register, contact CarolAnn Young at 541-435-7159 or cyoung@ctclusi.org.

These activities were supported by the Response Circles Grant Award from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.



Pine Nut Aprons

with CTCLUSI's Culture Department

Every Monday beginning June 14th thru July 12 (except July 5th)

via ZOOM from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (PST)

https://zoom.us/j/93309908556?pwd=STYwK2ZNaVRKbDg5QzZWNkV0TXJHUT09
Meeting ID: 933 0990 8556

Passcode: 022849

Space is limited to 10 people at this time, so serious inquiries only, please.

For more info, supplies, and/or to sign up, please contact:
Ashley Russell @ (541) 888-7511 or arussell@ctclusi.org

COVID-19 vaccines save lives

COVID-19 has been hard for our people and many of us have lost loved ones. Now a vaccine is ready but we have questions. Our past makes it hard to trust the health care system. Here's how tribal leaders are helping to protect our communities.

What are the COVID-19 vaccine trials?

The vaccine trials helped us study if the shot is safe for tribal members.

- Tribal elders, leaders, and doctors worked with the National Institute for Health to study if the vaccine is safe for our bodies.
- Thousands of tribal members chose to be part of the trials.

What have we learned so far?

Many trials, tests and studies have helped us learn more about the vaccine.

- We know the vaccine is safe and works well.
- The vaccine does not affect Native people differently than others.
- We are also making sure the vaccine is safe for us for years to come.

How can the vaccine help tribal communities?

When we all get vaccinated, we can slow the spread of the virus and save lives.

- The vaccine protects our community members.
- When we all get vaccinated, we protect the people in our communities who are most at risk, like our elders, babies and those who have serious health problems.
- If enough people get the shot, whole communities can be protected.

How to get vaccinated:

There are different ways tribal members and our families can get the shot.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Pharmacies Vaccine availability/sign ups.
https://cooshealthandwellness.org/public-health/covid-19-vaccine-information/#1615907606326-c14825d1-3f82

- Safeway
- Bi-Mart
- Walmart
- Walgreens
- Rite Aid

Please check the https://ctclusi.org/ for future updates. We are doing our best to keep our Tribal Members and Families updated, and informed.

We get vaccinated to protect our elders

COVID-19 is hard for our communities. Our elders can get very sick. Now that a vaccine is ready, tribal members might have questions. We remember a painful history with vaccines. That's why thousands of tribal members chose to be part of vaccine trials to make sure it's safe for Native people. Now we know it's safe and one of the ways we help protect our people and our culture.

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 (coronavirus) is a harmful virus spreading around the world. It spreads when someone who's infected coughs, sneezes, talks or laughs.

- Symptoms include a fever of 100.4° F or more, a bad cough, aching body, a hard time breathing.
- Older people and those with serious health problems are most at risk of getting very sick.

How does the COVID-19 vaccine work?

It's like the flu shot. It keeps your body healthy and strong so you don't get sick.

- It helps protect your body against the virus.
- Your body creates antibodies so you can fight off COVID-19.
- Even after you get the shot, you can help keep other people safe by wearing a mask or face covering.

How good is the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine works even better than the flu shot. Millions of people around the world have chosen to get the shot.

- It protects us from COVID-19.
- It keeps people from getting very sick even if they get COVID-19.

Talk with your loved ones

When we talk about the vaccine with our elders, we can help save precious lives.

- Thousands of Native Americans chose to be vaccinated and they were safe and healthy after.
- When we all get the shot, we protect each other and future generations.

Information

Considerations before getting a Covid-19 Vaccine

- You must wait at least 14-days before and after getting your COVID-19 vaccine before getting any other vaccine (examples: flu or shingles shot).

Common Side Effects of a COVID-19 vaccine. AKA Immune Response

- On the arm where you got your shot
  - Pain
  - Redness
  - Swelling
- Through the rest of your body
  - Tiredness
  - Headache
  - Muscle pain
  - Chills
  - Fever
  - Nausea

Note:

- Symptoms last a few days, commonly 1-2 days.
- Two weeks after your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna you are fully vaccinated. Two weeks after the first dose of J&J

Get Vaccinated Oregon

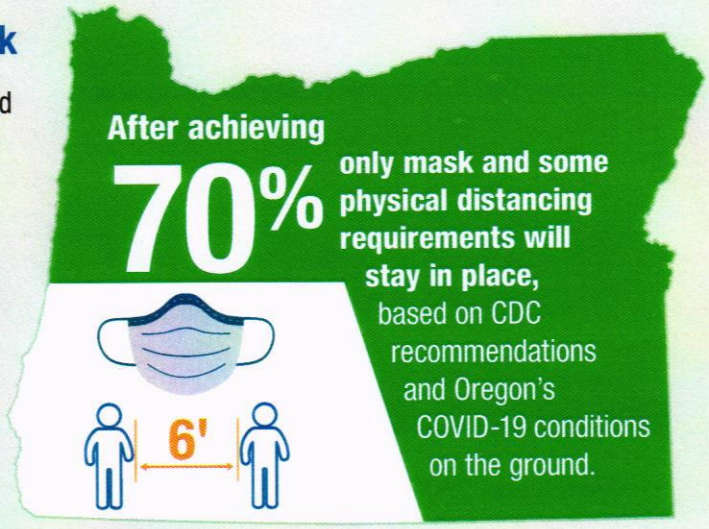


Vaccination is Oregon's surest path to making sure Oregonians and their loved ones are protected from COVID-19, and to more fully reopening our economy and lifting health and safety restrictions. Achieving county-level and statewide vaccination goals will ensure that COVID-19 can no longer spread in our communities.

Statewide Lifting of Risk Level Framework

Statewide, Oregon must reach 70% of the population 16 and older with a first vaccine dose in order to more fully reopen Oregon's economy by lifting most of the health and safety restrictions imposed by the Risk Level framework.

- All health and safety requirements for counties under the Risk Level framework, other than some mask and distancing requirements, based on CDC guidance, will be lifted and counties will no longer be assigned risk levels.*
- Statewide, Oregon must continue to work towards closing equity gaps for communities of color.



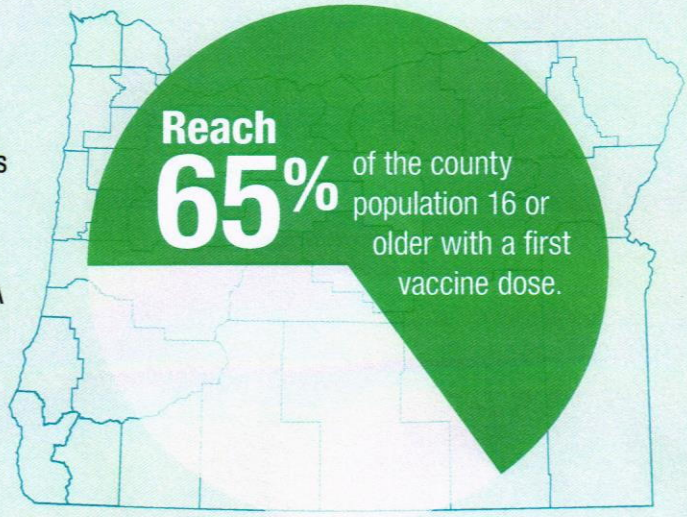
* *Oregon public schools will still be required to follow Ready Schools, Safe Learners health and safety requirements, with the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education updating that guidance for the 2021-22 school year to lift most restrictions based on CDC guidance.*

Counties Eligible for Lower Risk, Beginning May 21

Beginning May 21, counties will be eligible for the option to move weekly to the Lower Risk health and safety restrictions in Oregon's Risk Level Framework. To do so, they must:

- Reach 65% of the county population 16 and older with a first vaccine dose and submit a complete plan to OHA which details how the county plans to close the equity gaps in their vaccination efforts.

Counties will be eligible for state resources to help achieve these goals, and will be eligible for additional funding as they demonstrate making progress towards closing their equity gaps.



Oregon Health Authority

Document accessibility: For individuals with disabilities or individuals who speak a language other than English, OHA can provide information in alternate formats such as translations, large print, or braille. Contact the Health Information Center at 1-971-673-2411, 711 TTY or COVID19.LanguageAccess@dhsoha.state.or.us.

OHA 3699 (5/11/2021)

NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH BOARD
Indian Leadership for Indian Health

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Coronavirus Variants

Coronavirus variants are in the news frequently now. Learning about virus variants and why scientists are concerned about them will help us protect our health and the health of our families and communities.

What are virus variants?

Variants are slightly different copies of an original virus that makes us sick. When viruses spread from person to person, they copy their codes (genome sequences) with each new infection. The virus that causes COVID-19 has 30,000[1] sequences in its code and when it is copied – sometimes slight mistakes are made, changing the virus a bit. This changed virus is called a variant.

Changes to viruses are normal. All viruses – including the one that causes COVID-19 disease – change over time. Most changes and variants do not alter how the virus behaves when it makes us sick. But sometimes certain changes can cause variants to spread faster, make people sicker, or make vaccines less effective[2]. These kinds of virus variants are called Variants of Concern (VOC).[3]

Coronavirus Variants of Concern in the United States

As of April 2021, there are five coronavirus Variants of Concern in the United States being watched and tracked carefully by scientists and medical professionals. All of these new variants appear to be more contagious than the original coronavirus and spread more easily to unvaccinated people. And, some appear to cause more severe disease[4].

The good news is that we have tools to protect ourselves and our communities from these new variants.

To learn more about VOCs, see: COVID-Variants

Can the vaccines protect us from new variants?

YES! All the vaccines we currently have provide protection against the variants[5][6]. While the levels of protection can vary, studies have shown that the vaccines protect against severe disease, hospitalization, and death from the variants. Research is on-going into how protective the vaccines are and if booster shots for the variants are needed, but right now, there is no evidence to suggest a significant reduction in vaccine effectiveness, meaning vaccination remains one of the most important tools in defeating COVID-19.

How can we prevent the spread of new variants?

Stopping the spread of new variants is possible and everyone can help. Remaining vigilant until the majority of all our people, young and old, and surrounding communities are vaccinated is critical. Measures to limit the spread of the virus haven't changed – wearing a mask, physical distancing, avoiding crowded places or closed settings, and frequent hand washing – work by reducing the potential for transmission of the variants and, therefore, reducing opportunities for the virus to change. Continue practicing these measures until health authorities say it is safe to stop.

Since I am young and healthy, and our elders are vaccinated – do I still need to be vaccinated?

YES! Getting vaccinated is especially important now that the virus is changing. When a virus is circulating widely to unvaccinated people, it has more opportunities to change when copying itself and can potentially make variants that are even more dangerous. No matter what your age, it is critical to get vaccinated when it's your turn. This will help protect our communities, including our treasured elders.

As Indigenous people, it is our role to learn from those who came before us and nurture those who come next. We dance, we pray, we share, we adapt, we protect. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our community and the quickest way to end the pandemic!

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When You've Been Fully Vaccinated
How to Protect Yourself and Others
Article by *The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. April 2, 2021*
Contributed by Kristy Petrie, RN BSN, Community Health Nurse

What You Can Start to Do

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people of any age from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks or staying 6 feet apart, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
    - However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

Have You Been Fully Vaccinated? People are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If you don't meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.









WHAT YOU CAN DO ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED

Activity	
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with other fully vaccinated people of any age	✓
Visit inside a home or private setting without a mask with one household of unvaccinated people who are not at risk for severe illness	✓
Travel domestically without a pre- or post-travel test	✓
Travel domestically without quarantining after travel	✓
Travel internationally without a pre-travel test depending on destination	✓
Travel internationally without quarantining after travel	✓
Visit indoors, without a mask, with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19	✗
Attend medium or large gatherings	✗

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from April 11, 2021 – May 08, 2021

General Membership of CTCLUSI;

In efforts to be transparent, please see below the "Tribal Council Business" submitted by each Tribal Council member. Each month Tribal Council members submit in The Voice of CLUSI newsletter, any duties preformed including an estimated "Total Hours" spent each month for all activities.

These hours include any meetings or business including phone calls or reading and corresponding through emails, all related to duties as an Elected Official of the Tribe. Tribal Council currently meets in the evenings and weekends for all meeting they hold. Please reach out to them if you have any questions about their participation or further details in any items listed below.

Chief Doc Slyter: **04/11** Tribal Council Meeting / Talking Circle **04/12** Gaming Facilities Operational Review Board (GFORB) -Ocean Dunes Discussion **04/13** Leader's Circle **04/14** SB770 Human Health Services Meeting **04/15** Leader's Circle **04/16** White House call-Tribal Affairs **04/20** Johnson & Johnson - COVID 19 update **04/20** Leader's Circle **04/21** Met w/staff at Florence Casino regarding power surge outage **04/22** Call w/State Agencies on Aging **04/22** Special Meeting **04/23** Call with Congressman Earl Blumenauer **04/27** Hult Dam **04/28** Call w/ Senator Merkley **04/28** GFORB/Business Meeting **04/29** Department of Veteran's Affairs **04/29** Call w/ Federal Tribal Coordinator **04/29** Retirement Party for Stephanie Watkins **05/06** Leader's Circle **05/07** Call with Jordan Cove State Agency Tribal Emails and other phone calls **Total Hours: 130**

Debbie Bossley Tribal Chair: **Apr – May 20** In Office 20 days **04/11** Tribal Council Meeting / General Council Meeting **04/13** Leaders Circle **04/15** Leaders Circle **04/16** 9 Tribes & Governor **04/20** Leaders Circle **04/22** Meeting with the Governor Re: Mobile Gaming **04/22** Special Meeting **04/23** LCIS Special Meeting **04/28** GFORB / Business Meeting **05/06** Leaders Circle **05/07** Jordan Cove State Agency Meeting **Total Hours: 125**

Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair: **04/11** Regular Tribal Council Meeting **04/11** General Council Meeting & Talking Circle **04/12** GFORB Ocean Dunes Golf Course Meeting **04/13** Leader's Circle **04/15** Leader's Circle **04/16** Energy Team Meeting **04/17** Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) Information meeting **04/20** Leader's Circle **04/21** Emergency GFORB Meeting **04/22** DEQ RAC Meeting #4 **04/28** GFORB Meeting **04/29** Stephanie Watkins Retirement Farewell **05/06** Leader's Circle **Total Hours: 62.25**

Iliana Montiel: **04/11** TC Regular Meeting / General Council Meeting **04/12** Ocean Dunes Discussion **04/13** Leader's Circle **04/15** Leader's Circle **04/20** NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting / Leader's Circle **04/21** NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting / GFORB update meeting **04/22** NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting **04/28** GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting **04/29** GFORB Business / Stephanie Watkins Retirement Party **05/06** GFORB business / Leader's Circle Reading & responding to emails, GFORB scorecard/reports & correspondence. **Total Hours: 50**

Josh Davies: **4/11** Tribal Council Regular Meeting General Council Meeting **4/12** Ocean Dunes Discussion The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Tribal consultations **04/13** Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Meeting Tribal Consultation for the U.S. Department of the Treasury

Coronovirus Capital Projects Fund Leaders Circle **04/14** Multi-Agency Tribal Consultation;Invitation to Engagement on New Summer Grants; Department of Commerce Tribal Leaders Consultation **04/15** Tribal Consultation for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Tribal use of the Homeowner Assistance Fund; Leaders Circle **04/16** Department of Commerce Tribal Leaders Consultation State-Tribal Call - Covid Response Efforts **04/20** U.S. Department of Agriculture Comments on Tribal Considerations Regarding the ReConnect Program Final Rule; Leaders Circle **04/21** Casino Power Update; HB2052 Public Hearing - Senate Education Committee; Housing Committee Meeting **04/22** Tribal Council Special Meeting **04/23** NPS-GAOA Open House for Tribes & THPOs **04/28** GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting **04/29** DOI Consultation on Funding Appropriated Under American Rescue Plan; Stephanie Watkins Retirement Celebration; OIEA Annual Conference **04/30** OIEA Annual Conference **05/01** OIEA Annual Conference **05/04** Celebrated my son's birthday; AI/AN Advisory Committee Meeting **05/06** Overcoming the Storm: Special Bi-Monthly Training for AI/AN School Communities in the COVID-19 Pandemic Leaders Circle **05/07** Jordan Cove state agency staff/tribal staff coordination
Total Hours: 94

Doug Barrett: **04/11** Tribal Council Meeting / General Council Meeting – Talking Circle **04/12** Virtual Native Talking Circle **04/13** Tribal Consultation for US Department of Treasury Capital Project Fund **04/13** Leaders Circle **04/14** Department of Commerce Tribal Leaders Consultation **04/15** White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call **04/15** Leaders Circle **04/16** Department of Commerce Tribal Consultation **04/20** U.S. Department of Agriculture Comments on Tribal Considerations Regarding The ReConnect Program Final Rule **04/20** Leaders Circle **04/22** Tribal Council Special Meeting **04/27** Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention **04/28** GFORB – Tribal Council Business Meeting **04/29** Stephanie Watkins Retirement with Tribal Council **05/04** Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention **05/06** White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call **05/06** Leaders Circle **05/07** Operation Lady Justice Listening Session / Roundtable **05/09** Tribal Council Meeting – Mother's Day
Total Hours: 76 & Emails

Enna Helms : **04/11** Regular Council Meeting; General Council Meeting **04/13** Treasury Tribal Consultation on American Rescue Plan; Tribal Council's Leaders Circle Meeting **04/15** Tribal Council's Leaders Circle Meeting **04/16** White house call with Department of Transportation; State-Tribal Call re Covid **04/20** Tribal Council's Leaders Circle Meeting **04/22** Tribal Council Special Meeting **04/28** Tribal Business Council Meeting **05/06** Tribal Council's Leaders Circle Meeting;FMLA **Total Hours: 45**

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Florence, Oregon

Chief of Police
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Surveillance Agent I.

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Food Court Outlet Cook ~ Prep Cook
Line Cook ~ Team Member Dining Room Staff
Night Cook/Cleaner ~ Dish Machine Operator
Table Games Dealer ~ Slot/Keno/Bingo Attendant
Purchasing Clerk ~ Revenue Audit Clerk
Player Services Representative 1
Hotel Front Desk/PBX Clerk ~ Telephone Specialist
Guest Services Attendant
Guest Room/Laundry Attendant
Security Officer I
Environmental Service Technician
Special Events Team Member
Golf Grounds Manager

Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Coos Bay

Supervisor-Security Dual Rate Manager on Duty
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