

# COVID-19 K'wen Update

Friday, March 6, 2019

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## Virtual town hall

Coos Health & Wellness plans a "virtual town hall" via Facebook Live on Monday, March 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. It will be on the Coos Health & Wellness Facebook page.

You can submit questions about COVID-19 at: [covid19.questions@chw.coos.or.us](mailto:covid19.questions@chw.coos.or.us).

Look for updates at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1527142637436015/>

or <https://cooshealthandwellness.org/public-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-covid-19/>

## What you can do

Here's a reminder about the Coquille Tribe's suggestions for coping with the COVID-19 situation:

1. Don't panic. There are no known cases in the Coquille Tribe's service area. And simple precautions can help keep you safe. (Details are on MyTribe.)
2. If you think you may be infected, STAY HOME. Don't risk infecting others.
3. If you need medical care, please call ahead before visiting the Community Health Center or your doctor's office.

## To learn more ...

Here are links to more information:

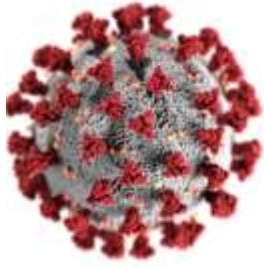
- [What you need to know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Stop The Spread of Germs](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Have a great weekend!

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Monday, March 9, 2020

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## Virus arrives in Coquille Indian Country

If you've been following the news, you know that COVID-19 has arrived in the Coquille Tribe's five-county service area. Over the weekend, seven new cases were identified in Oregon, including one in Douglas County and two in Jackson County. None so far in Coos, Curry or Lane counties.

The seven new cases brought Oregon's total to 14. Gov. Kate Brown has declared a state of emergency.

## What you can do

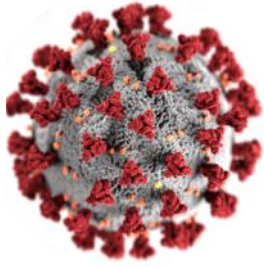
As we've said before, basic precautions are the best way to prevent the spread of the virus. Health officials say keep your hands clean, cover your cough, and stay home if you're sick.

## Want to know more?

- For general information on novel coronavirus in Oregon, call 211. If you are having a medical emergency, call 911.
- **The Oregon Health Authority's** webpage has frequent updates: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/pages/index.aspx>
- **Jackson County** has its own coronavirus webpage: <https://jacksoncountyor.org/hhs/Public-Health/Public-Health-News-Information/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2>
- **Coos County's** coronavirus page is here: <https://cooshealthandwellness.org/public-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-covid-19/>
- **Lane County:** <https://lanecounty.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3585881&pageId=16503774>
- **Curry County:** [http://www.co.curry.or.us/departments/public\\_health/index.php](http://www.co.curry.or.us/departments/public_health/index.php)



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## No eye exams

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## First Multnomah County case

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced today that Multnomah County has its first presumptive positive case of COVID-19. The new case brings Oregon's total to 15 cases in seven counties.

You can read more here: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ERD/Pages/first-multnomah-county-resident-tests-positive-covid-19.aspx>

## Who's vulnerable

OHA reminds us that "high risk" individuals include people 60 and older, or anyone with a serious health condition or a suppressed immune system. People vulnerable to complications should stay home as much as possible and avoid gatherings.

For all of us:

- **Wash** your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Avoid** touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Cover** your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- **Stay** home if you feel ill.

The COVID-19 virus spreads like the flu, when someone who is sick coughs or sneezes close to another person (close means about six feet).

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**More tips are below.**

**Feel free to print them out and post them.**

# Keeping the workplace safe

Encourage your employees to...

## Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

## Be careful with meetings and travel



- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

## Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

## Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

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# Keeping the school safe

Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

## Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
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- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
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## Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings



- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after-school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

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# Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

## All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
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## Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



*Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system*

- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
- If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
- Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

## Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

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# Keeping commercial establishments safe

Encourage your employees and customers to...

## Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door, and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Promote tap and pay to limit handling of cash
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## Avoid crowding



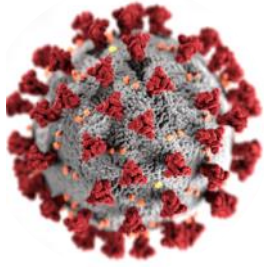
- Use booking and scheduling to stagger customer flow
- Use online transactions where possible
- Consider limiting attendance at larger gatherings

## For transportation businesses, taxis, and ride shares



- Keep windows open when possible
- Increase ventilation
- Regularly disinfect surfaces

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## Four new cases in Oregon

Oregon is up to 19 cases of COVID-19. The state confirmed one new case each in Polk, Marion, Umatilla and Deschutes counties. Read more online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ERD/Pages/State-announces-4-new-presumptive-positive-COVID-19-cases.aspx>

## Some useful fact sheets

[What you should know about COVID-19 testing](#)

[What to do if you are sick with COVID-19](#)

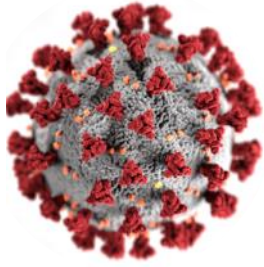
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Thursday, March 12, 2020

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## Memorial is postponed

The family of Toni Ann Brend has postponed her memorial gathering because of the COVID-19 epidemic. It will not take place on March 28 as previously scheduled. No new date has been set.

## No music festival

The Clambake Music Festival, scheduled this weekend at The Mill Casino-Hotel, has been canceled.

## State restricts gatherings

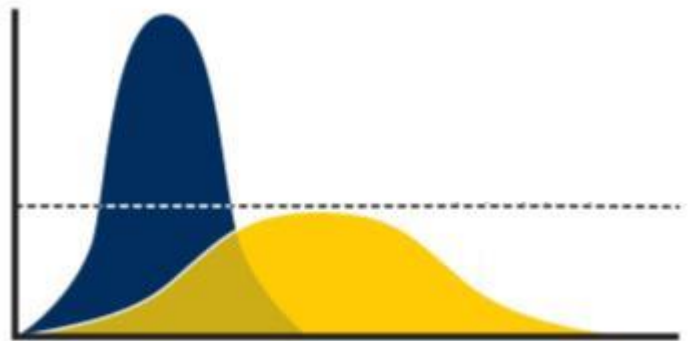
Oregon reported three new cases of COVID-19 today. Gov. Kate Brown said schools would stay open, but public gatherings of more than 250 people have been banned. See details here:

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/latest-coronavirus-cases-oregon-large-public-events-banned-live-updates/>

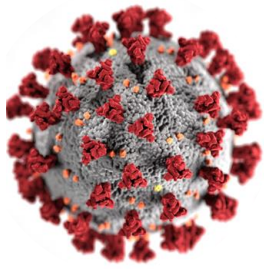
## Let's flatten that curve!

Have you heard about the coronavirus curve? It explains why slowing the early spread of the disease is so important. Read about the science:

<https://healthblog.uofmhealth.org/wellness-prevention/flattening-curve-for-covid-19-what-does-it-mean-and-how-can-you-help>



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Friday, March 13, 2020

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## Tribe adopts emergency measures

Many employees of the Coquille Indian Tribe will begin working from home next week as a precaution against the coronavirus epidemic. Tribal offices will be open on a limited basis for the next two weeks.

As of Friday, the tribe has activated an Emergency Operations Center. The activation puts the tribe on an emergency footing under the national Incident Command System.

The goal is to maintain essential services to tribal families while minimizing risk of spreading the virus. Key steps include:

- Most tribal employees will remain available by phone and email. Office phone extensions are being forwarded to employee cell phones.
- The Administration building in North Bend and the Learning Center at Killich will remain open during normal business hours, with minimal staffing onsite. Head Start and the After School program will be closed.
- The Culture, Education and Learning Services building will be closed.
- The Community Health Center will remain open for patients. The pharmacy will be fully functioning. The Community Health, Social Services, and Purchased and Referred Care offices will be open with reduced staffing.
- To the extent possible, we will carry on key functions without close contact between individuals.

## Help us communicate digitally

As we navigate this national emergency, one of our key goals is to communicate effectively with tribal families. If you're reading this, it's because you've signed up for one or more of our digital communication platforms, such as MyTribe, KFG, or email.

### Thank you!

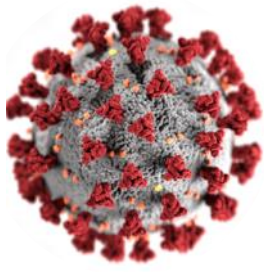
But what about members who haven't signed up? If you know someone who isn't following the Coquille Tribe electronically, please share this message.

### Better yet, encourage them to take one or more of the following steps:

- **Visit MyTribe** – This powerful web portal provides daily COVID-19 updates. To sign up, go to [coquilletribe.org](http://coquilletribe.org), click "MyTribe," and follow the simple instructions.
- **Join KFG** – The K'wen 'inish-ha Facebook Group is another great source for updates. If you're a Facebook user, please request to join the group. We'll welcome you!
- **Email us** – To start receiving tribal news by email, send a note to our Tribal Member Services Coordinator: [jonivy@coquilletribe.org](mailto:jonivy@coquilletribe.org).



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## Keep your distance

President Donald Trump announced new recommendations today, including:

- Avoid gatherings of more than 10 people.
- Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips and social visits.
- Avoid bars, restaurants and food courts.

Basically, all the experts say: Minimize exposure to other people.

## What your tribe is doing

We're doing our best to carry on key functions without close contact among individuals:

- All group activities at the Plankhouse have been canceled through the end of April.
- Most tribal employees are working from home. So don't hesitate to contact us. If you call one of our offices, your call will be forwarded to the right person automatically. Email, too.
- We plan to start phoning Elders and other tribal members to make sure everyone is informed. Please let us know if you need help.
- The Community Health Center will remain open for patients. The pharmacy will be fully functioning. The Community Health, Social Services, and Purchased and Referred Care offices will be open with reduced staffing.
- The Kilkich Fitness Room is staying open. But please, don't get close to other people. And use a disinfectant wipe to clean the equipment before and after you use it. Keep everyone safe!
- CELS will process funding applications as usual. Please submit documents electronically for a timely return. There is also a drop box at the CELS Office.
- For Learning Center programs or childcare questions, please call (541) 888-7737. Higher education and career/tech students can reach Molly Hockema at [mollyhockema@coquilletribe.org](mailto:mollyhockema@coquilletribe.org) or (541) 217-1850.

## Get coronavirus news by phone

We're adding a text-message service to our other coronavirus communication methods. Signing up for coronavirus text alerts is easy. Just text CITCOVID to 888777.

Also in our toolbox:

- Sign up for MyTribe at [coquilletribe.org](http://coquilletribe.org).
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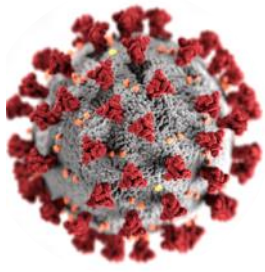
## Help our Elders

People over age 65 are at high risk for coronavirus. They're also the people least likely to use digital communication.

Please, reach out to our tribal Elders. Make sure they're OK. Help them stay informed.



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Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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## Message from The Mill

People have asked us how The Mill is responding to the epidemic. Although some Oregon casinos are closing, The Mill is open for now, with safety precautions in place.

Here's a message from The Mill:

*In light of the current situation, we have canceled all live entertainment in our venues to discourage people from congregating in smaller spaces. We have implemented recommended social distancing strategies throughout the property including closures of every other slot machine on the gaming floor.*

*In order to continue serving our hotel guests, and keep as many team members employed throughout this difficult time, we have opted to keep some of our dining venues open. Employees have the option whether or not to work. We are increasing options for grab 'n go as well as employing our social distancing strategies.*

## Oregon update

Oregon now has 65 diagnosed cases of COVID-19, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Eighteen new cases were announced Tuesday morning. Coos County does not yet have any cases (*knock on wood*).

Gov. Kate Brown announced new "social distancing" measures for the next month, effective today:

- No gatherings of more than 25 people, except essential locations. (Avoid gatherings of 10 or more if you can.)
- Restaurants and bars are restricted to carry-out and delivery.
- Other businesses should implement strong social-distancing measures — or close.

The state also advises these basic steps:

- Never visit a hospital or long-term-care facility if you have a fever or cough.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Regularly clean and disinfect bathrooms, desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, faucet handles, toys, cell phones and other frequently touched items.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home and away from others if you are ill.

## Tribal Council goes digital

The Tribal Council will hold a Ko-Kwel Wellness Center update at noon Wednesday and a formal meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday. If you want to listen to either session, you're encouraged to call the conference line.

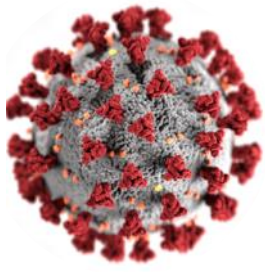
To join the conference call, dial (800) 430-1833. At the prompt, enter this code: 2489511#. If the hold music lasts more than 10 minutes, please dial in again. Questions? Call our receptionist at (541) 756-0904.

Note: Please mute your phone except when you're speaking to the council.

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Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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## A message from Tribal Chairman Brenda Meade

**Dai s'la!**

Today your Tribal Council made a painful but necessary decision to temporarily close The Mill Casino-Hotel & RV Park. This decision reflects the need to protect our staff, our guests and the whole community from the spread of COVID-19.

The Mill will close at midnight tonight. It will remain closed for seven days, after which the Tribal Council will re-evaluate the situation. All employees of The Mill will be paid as usual during this closure.

It is possible that the Mill could remain closed for an additional period based on the best available information that we receive over the next seven days. Meanwhile, we are considering whether to keep the kitchen open on a limited basis, to help provide meals to tribal Elders and others during the ongoing pandemic. We may make other facilities available for emergency relief functions, as community needs arise.

The decision to close was difficult because The Mill is not just a business. It is a key asset for the whole Coos Bay-North Bend community. We are the area's second-largest employer and the largest source of guest accommodations. Except for Bay Area Hospital, our kitchen is probably the biggest culinary facility in the area.

I know that some tribal members wanted us to close sooner. Please know that your Tribal Council came to this decision carefully and thoughtfully, in consultation with other Oregon tribes and the community partners who depend on us. After considering all the implications of our decision, we are convinced that we have made the right choice.

As we go forward, your Tribal Council and our staff will continue to focus on protecting our most vulnerable community members, serving the needs of all tribal members, and conducting business safely. Please join me in thanking our employees for their dedication, and join me in praying for the health and safety of our entire community.

**Shuenhalni – Take care,  
Brenda Meade  
Tribal Chairman**

## Ways to stay in touch

We're offering multiple ways to stay in touch digitally with your tribe. Please select the ones that you're comfortable with.

And please — if you know others who need to be informed, encourage them to sign up.

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## RESOLUTION CY20035

### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS,** the Coquille Indian Tribe ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe pursuant to the Coquille Indian Restoration Act of June 28, 1989, 25 U.S.C. § 715, et seq. ("the Act"); AND
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe is governed by the Coquille Tribal Council pursuant to the Tribal Constitution adopted by eligible voters of the Tribe on August 27, 1991, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 9, 1991; and the Tribal Council is empowered to establish Tribal policies, enact Tribal laws and act for the Tribe; AND
- WHEREAS,** one of the defining attributes of the Tribe is its ability to survive and overcome existential challenges, including poverty, deprivation, cultural and political termination, forced relocation, tsunamis and multiple epidemics; AND
- WHEREAS,** the virus known as COVID-19, which began in Wuhan, China, has now spread across the world and has been declared a pandemic; AND
- WHEREAS,** COVID-19 poses an imminent threat to our most vulnerable tribal populations, including Tribal elders; AND
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe treasures all of its members, but places special honor on its elders, who, by definition, serve as repositories of our traditional knowledge and who we all look to for wisdom; AND
- WHEREAS,** the Preamble to the Tribal Constitution declares that the Tribe is dedicated to, among other things, the promotion of social and economic welfare of Coquille Indians, the enhancement of our common resources, and the maintenance of peace and order; AND
- WHEREAS,** on May 17, 2017, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution CY17054, which approved the Tribal Emergency Operations Plan ("EOP"); AND
- WHEREAS,** the EOP authorizes the Tribe to declare a state of emergency when a threat is imminent; AND

**WHEREAS,** by declaring an emergency, the Tribe may authorize deviations from otherwise applicable tribal laws, protocols and procedures for a limited amount of time, and only as necessary to best serve the Tribal membership; AND

**WHEREAS,** multiple native and non-native nations, and the State of Oregon, have declared emergencies as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; AND

**WHEREAS,** one consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic is the risk associated with air travel; AND

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council wishes to waive the requirements for in-person meetings of the Tribal Council under these exceptional circumstances; AND

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council wishes to authorize Tribal Council officials to make efficient facility closure decisions for the duration of the current Tribal emergency declaration, which may include closures of tribal government buildings, tribal businesses, and other facilities; AND

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council also wishes to delegate the power to sanction the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, in coordination with the Tribal Council Chairperson, to take all measures necessary to maintain the mission essential duties of the Tribe; AND

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council expects the leadership authorized under the EOP to make every effort to communicate and notify Tribal Council, through any means, of all significant actions taken during any declared state of emergency; AND

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council wishes to ratify the emergency declaration and those response actions taken to date by Tribal officials; NOW

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council ratifies and approves the Declaration of Emergency executed by the Tribal Chairperson on March 18, 2020 (the “Declaration of Emergency”); AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Executive Director and Tribal Chief Financial Officer are authorized to take all necessary actions needed to maintain mission essential duties of the Tribe, while also taking reasonable and prudent steps to protect the health and welfare of all people within the jurisdiction of the Coquille Indian Tribe, provided that they shall do so in coordination with the Tribal Council Chairperson; AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council authorizes waiver of any Tribal Ordinance, Resolution or Policy as necessary to effectuate the Declaration of Emergency; AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council authorizes the implementation of procedures as described in the approved EOP; AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, due to the challenges of convening an in-person quorum during the current emergency, the Tribal Council waives any provision of Tribal law that requires in person attendance Councilors at Tribal Council meetings, including, without limitation, CITC 140.140 and CITC 140.250; AND

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Chairperson is authorized to order a closure of any facility that is (i) owned by the Tribe; (ii) on Tribal lands; (iii) owned by a wholly owned entity of the Tribe (a "Tribal Affiliate"); or (iv) is leased by the Tribe or any Tribal Affiliate; AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Chairperson, in consultation with the Tribal Executive Director and the Tribal Police Department, is authorized to order Tribal land access limitations as appropriate or necessary in response to the changing threat posed by COVID-19; AND

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that nothing in this resolution authorizes a waiver of any party's sovereign immunity, including the Tribe's; AND

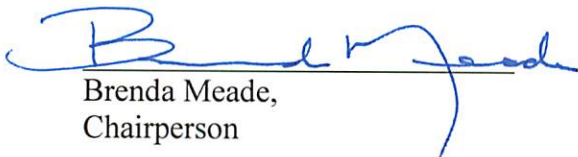
**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall continue in effect until the earlier of 1:00 p.m., April 23, 2020, or such time that Tribal Council votes to amend or repeal this resolution; AND

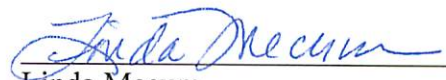
**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Chairperson or in her absence or unavailability, the Tribal Vice Chairperson, shall have the authority to perform all actions and sign all documents needed to give this resolution full force and effect.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Tribal Council Meeting held on the Coquille Indian Tribe Reservation in North Bend, Oregon, on March 19, 2020 with the required quorum present by a vote of

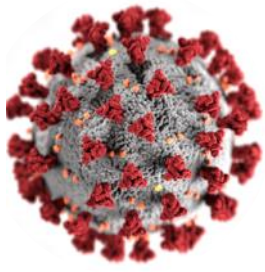
3 For; 0 Against; 2 Absent; 0 Abstaining.

  
Brenda Meade,  
Chairperson

  
Linda Mecum,  
Secretary-Treasurer

Cc: Fauna Larkin, Terri Porcaro, Anne Cook, Rod Cook, Mark Johnston, Larry Simpson, Judy Duffy, Derek Mollier, Clark Walworth, Ray Doering





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## Here's a recap of our COVID-19 response

- The Coquille Tribe has declared a State of Emergency regarding COVID-19. Our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated since March 13.
- Please be aware that many staff members are fulfilling double duties during this time: EOC work and their normal jobs. Please be patient with us.
- If you aren't feeling well, or if you think you need a COVID-19 test, please call your primary care provider for instructions.

**Blessing ceremony** — The blessing of the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center construction site will go on as planned on Sunday. We are encouraging tribal families to watch it livestream on the K'wen 'inish-ha Facebook Group.

**Building access** — Some tribal buildings remain open. We are posting signs on buildings to clarify whether they are opened or closed.

- The Community Health Center medical clinic is open. The social services staff is working remotely. Call (541) 888-9494 for information.
- The CELS building is closed, but staff members are continuing their duties. You can call their extensions.
- The Administration building is open. Please don't come in if you aren't performing a critical function.
- The Learning Center is closed. Julie Goff is answering phones, and the staff is passing out sack lunches to tribal youth between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- The Medford office is open regular hours. Please call rather than coming in.
- The fitness center is open, but please limit use to four people at a time.
- The Plankhouse doors are open to members. But no large events, please.
- The Operations staff is working remotely. The office is not open to visitors.
- Elders House is open. A sanitation plan and guidance will be posted.
- Omashi's Haws has no classes, and access is limited.

**Need something?** Please let us know. We want to make sure everyone is well and taken care of. Call administration at (541) 756-0904.

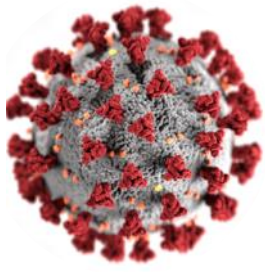
**Want to volunteer?** We appreciate that. We are working on a plan to involve members of the tribal family who want to help. More information will be coming.

**Are the kids bored?** Some educational and cultural information is already available for them on MyTribe, and a group is working on getting more information out to tribal members. Details soon.

## Ways to stay informed

We offer multiple ways to stay in touch with your tribe. If you know tribal families that aren't getting the word, please encourage them to sign up for some of these services:

- To receive news by text message, just text CITCOVID to 888777.
- Sign up for MyTribe at [coquilletribe.org](http://coquilletribe.org).
- Join the K'wen 'inish-ha Facebook Group.
- To request tribal news by email, contact [jonivy@coquilletribe.org](mailto:jonivy@coquilletribe.org).



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# K'wen Update

Friday, March 20, 2020

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## **Come to the blessing (or watch it on Facebook)**

The coronavirus won't stop us from blessing the construction site for our new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center. Sunday's ceremony will go forward as scheduled — with safety precautions for those who attend, and a Facebook livestream for everyone else.

Some details:

- It starts at 2 p.m. at the construction site on the old cranberry bog. Look for the fire pit.
- Medicine bundles will be available if you want to help bless the land.
- Please stay at least 6 feet from others. (Sorry, no hugs or handshakes.)
- Limited seating will be available.
- We won't have any restrooms open, but it will be a short event — an hour or less.
- Elders and people who have trouble standing or walking on uneven ground are encouraged to join us electronically. We plan livestreaming on the K'wen 'inish-ha Facebook Group.

Even with some inconveniences, it promises to be a meaningful ceremony. Just think: In the midst of a frightening pandemic, our community is cleansing and preparing the site where we will care for the health of future generations. What could be more appropriate?

## **Fitness center is closed at Kilkich**

This just in: the Kilkich Fitness Room is closed for the time being.

## **Learning Center has meals for Elders**

The Learning Center is closed for most purposes. But Tribal Elders still can pick up meals there between 1 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## **Please call ahead at the clinic**

If you're feeling ill, please call ahead before visiting the Community Health Center. Don't just drop in, please.

## **Let's all stay heathy**

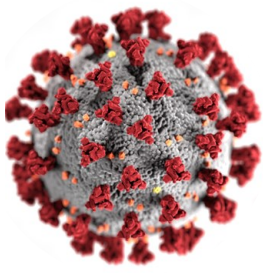
The Oregon Health authority reminds us to follow precautions to stay safe during the pandemic:

- Wash hands often with soap and water. Or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Stay home if you can. Avoid close contact with others.
  - Cover your cough, or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw it away. (If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.)
  - Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that you frequently touch.
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## **Keeping you informed**

Have questions about coping with the coronavirus? Need help from your tribe?

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- Or email your questions to our staff: [Email us](#)



# COVID-19 K'wen Update

Monday, March 23, 2020

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## Oregon update

Oregon has confirmed 191 cases of COVID-19 as of today. More than 3,600 people have tested negative for the virus, and 3,840 tests have been completed, according to the state's health department. At least 56 people are hospitalized with the virus in the state.

We still have no confirmed cases in Coos County. But that doesn't mean the virus isn't among us. Continue practicing social distancing, handwashing and other precautions.

## What Gov. Brown's new order means to us

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown put out a new order today, restricting a lot of public activities. [\(Read about it here.\)](#) The good news for the Coquille Tribe is, we've already taken key steps in that direction.

Here's what the governor's order does:

- It prohibits all non-essential social and recreational gatherings immediately, if a distance of at least six feet between individuals cannot be maintained. Gatherings of members of the same residential household are permitted.
- It prohibits shopping at businesses where close personal contact is difficult to avoid, such as arcades, barber shops, hair salons, gyms and fitness studios, skating rinks, theaters, and yoga studios.
- It requires other businesses to implement social distancing. It requires employers to provide work-at-home options when possible.
- It directs Oregonians to stay home whenever possible, while permitting activities outside the home when social distance is maintained.
- It closes playgrounds, sports courts and skate parks, among other types of outdoor recreation facilities. Those that remain open are required to strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- It sets limits on children allowed in child-care facilities, and it says child care groups may not change participants.
- It defines failure to comply as a Class C misdemeanor.

As you know, we've already halted most tribal gatherings, and we've closed or restricted access to our buildings. Most of us are working from home. So we're already ahead of the game.

As the governor suggested, taking these steps will save lives. By keeping our distance from one another, we protect ourselves from being infected. And we protect others from being infected if we unknowingly are carrying the disease.

Stay safe!

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## Keeping you informed

Have questions about coping with the coronavirus? Need help from your tribe?

- You can post questions and comments on the K'wen 'inish-ha Facebook Group (KFG).
- Or email your questions to our staff: [Email us](#)
- Watch MyTribe and the K'wen 'inish-ha Facebook Group for coronavirus updates each Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-12**

**STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES: ORDERING OREGONIANS TO STAY AT HOME, CLOSING SPECIFIED RETAIL BUSINESSES, REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES FOR OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES, AND IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTDOOR AREAS AND LICENSED CHILDCARE FACILITIES**

On February 28, 2020, I appointed the State of Oregon's Coronavirus Response Team.

On February 29, 2020, the Department of Human Services issued strict guidelines, restricting visitation at congregated care facilities, including nursing homes.

On March 2, 2020, the State of Oregon Emergency Coordination Center was activated.

On March 8, 2020, I declared an emergency under ORS 401.165 *et seq.* due to the public health threat posed by the novel infectious coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 12, 2020, I prohibited gatherings of 250 or more people, and announced a statewide closure of Oregon K-12 schools from March 16, 2020, through March 31, 2020.

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency.

On March 16, 2020, the Department of Human Services imposed its most recent protective measures to restrict visitors to long-term care facilities and other residential facilities. The Oregon Health Authority has adopted similar measures at the Oregon State Hospital and other behavioral health settings and has limited admissions to the Oregon State Hospital. The Oregon Department of Corrections has suspended all visits to state prisons.

On March 17, 2020, I prohibited gatherings of 25 or more people, banned on-site consumption of food and drink at food establishments statewide, and extending school closures until April 28, 2020. I also encouraged all businesses not subject to the prohibitions to implement social distancing protocols.

On March 18, 2020, I suspended in-person instructional activities at higher education institutions through April 28, 2020.



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On March 19, 2020, I ordered the postponement of non-urgent health care procedures, in order to conserve personal protective equipment and hospital beds for the state's COVID-19 emergency response efforts. I also directed the Oregon Health Authority to provide guidance regarding limitations and screening for visitors to hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers.

COVID-19 may cause respiratory disease leading to serious illness or death. The World Health Organization considers COVID-19 to be a global pandemic. COVID-19 spreads person-to-person through coughing, sneezing, and close personal contact, including touching a surface with the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

To reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus and to slow transmission of the virus, including cancellation of gatherings of people and social distancing in smaller gatherings.

State and local public health officials advise that the virus is circulating in the community and expect the number of cases to increase. The CDC reports that COVID-19 is most contagious when the individual is most symptomatic but may also spread before symptoms appear.

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Oregon. On March 8, 2020, at the time I declared an emergency, there were 14 presumptive or confirmed cases in Oregon. By March 12, 2020, there were 21. As of today, there are at least 161 cases and five deaths.

In a short time, COVID-19 has spread rapidly. Additionally, some Oregonians are not adhering to social distancing guidance provided by the Oregon Health Authority, as represented by crowds this last weekend at the Oregon Coast, Smith Rock State Park, the Columbia River Gorge, and other places around the state. To slow the spread of COVID-19 in Oregon, to protect the health and lives of Oregonians, particularly those at highest risk, and to help avoid overwhelming local and regional healthcare capacity, I find that immediate implementation of additional measures is necessary. The purpose of this Executive Order is to reduce person-to-person interaction with the goal of slowing transmission.



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**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED THAT:**

Stay Home, Save Lives

1. It is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Oregon during the ongoing state of emergency that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals stay at home or at their place of residence, consistent with the directives set forth in my Executive Orders and guidance issued by the Oregon Health Authority. To that end, pursuant to ORS 433.441(3), ORS 401.168(1), ORS 401.175(3), and ORS 401.188(2) to (3), I am ordering the following:
  - a. Non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals outside of a home or place of residence (e.g., parties, celebrations, or other similar gatherings and events) are prohibited immediately, regardless of size, if a distance of at least six feet between individuals cannot be maintained.
  - b. Individuals are prohibited from patronizing businesses that are closed pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Executive Order, and from engaging in conduct prohibited by prior Executive Orders or inconsistent with guidance provided by the Oregon Health Authority.
  - c. When individuals need to leave their homes or residences, they should at all times maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any person who is not a member of their immediate household, to the greatest extent possible, and comply with the other Social Distancing Requirements guidance issued by the Oregon Health Authority.
  - d. Individuals may go outside for outside recreational activities (walking, hiking, etc.), but must limit those activities to non-contact, and are prohibited from engaging in outdoor activities where it is not possible to maintain appropriate social distancing (six feet or more between individuals).
  - e. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Executive Order constitutes an imminent threat and creates an immediate danger to



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public health. Any person found to be in violation of this Executive Order is subject to the penalties described in ORS 401.990.

Closure of Certain Businesses

2. Pursuant to ORS 433.441(3)(a), (b), (d) and (f), ORS 401.168(1), and ORS 401.188(1) to (3), and effective 12:01 a.m. on March 24, 2020, I prohibit the operation of the following businesses, for which close personal contact is difficult or impossible to avoid:

Amusement parks; aquariums; arcades; art galleries (to the extent that they are open without appointment); barber shops and hair salons; bowling alleys; cosmetic stores; dance studios; esthetician practices; fraternal organization facilities; furniture stores; gyms and fitness studios (including climbing gyms); hookah bars; indoor and outdoor malls (i.e., all portions of a retail complex containing stores and restaurants in a single area); indoor party places (including jumping gyms and laser tag); jewelry shops and boutiques (unless they provide goods exclusively through pick-up or delivery service); medical spas, facial spas, day spas, and non-medical massage therapy services; museums; nail and tanning salons; non-tribal card rooms; skating rinks; senior activity centers; ski resorts; social and private clubs; tattoo/piercing parlors; tennis clubs; theaters; yoga studios; and youth clubs.

3. Paragraph 2 of this Executive Order does not apply to restaurants, bars, taverns, brew pubs, wine bars, cafes, food courts, coffee shops, or other similar establishments that offer food or drink, which remain subject to Executive Order No. 20-07 (prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink, but allowing take-out or delivery service).
4. Indoor and outdoor malls, and other businesses subject to paragraph 2 of this Executive Order, are not prohibited from operating to provide food, grocery, health care, medical, pharmacy, or pet store services.
5. Subject to approval by the Governor, the Oregon Health Authority has the authority to determine if additional business closures are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 during the ongoing state of emergency.



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Required Social Distancing for Other Retail Businesses

6. Pursuant to ORS 433.441(3)(a), (b), (d) and (f), ORS 401.168(1), and ORS 401.188(1) to (3), and effective 12:01 a.m. on March 24, 2020, I prohibit the operation of any other retail business not subject to paragraph 2 of this Executive Order, unless the business designates an employee or officer to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing policies, consistent with guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.
7. Retail businesses that fail to comply with paragraph 6 of this Executive Order will be closed until they demonstrate compliance.
8. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Executive Order do not apply to grocery, health care, medical, or pharmacy services, which also are encouraged to comply with social distancing guidelines.

Workspace Restrictions

9. Pursuant to ORS 433.441(3)(a), (b), (d) and (f), ORS 401.168(1), and ORS 401.188(1) to (3), and effective March 25, 2020, all businesses and non-profit entities with offices in Oregon shall facilitate telework and work-at-home by employees, to the maximum extent possible. Work in offices is prohibited whenever telework and work-at-home options are available, in light of position duties, availability of teleworking equipment, and network adequacy.
10. When telework and work-from-home options are not available, businesses and non-profits must designate an employee or officer to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing policies, consistent with guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. Such policies also must address how the business or non-profit will maintain social distancing protocols for business-critical visitors.
11. Businesses and non-profits that fail to comply with paragraphs 9 and 10 of this Executive Order will be closed until they demonstrate compliance.





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Government Buildings

12. Pursuant to ORS 433.441(3)(a), (b), (d) and (f), ORS 401.168(1), and ORS 401.188(1) to (3), and effective March 25, 2020, all state executive branch offices and buildings, to the maximum extent possible, shall close to the public and provide public services by phone and online during regular business hours. To the extent that closure is not feasible, in-person interactions between staff and the public should be by appointment, whenever possible. When public services require in-person interactions, social distancing measures must be established, implemented, and enforced, to the maximum extent possible.
13. State executive branch offices and buildings shall facilitate telework and work-at-home by employees, to the maximum extent possible. When telework and work-from-home options are not possible, agencies must designate an employee or officer to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing policies, consistent with guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.
14. Paragraphs 12 and 13 of this Executive Order apply to all offices and buildings owned or occupied by the state executive branch. This Executive Order does not apply to offices and buildings owned or occupied by the state legislative and judicial branches, federal government, local governments, and tribal governments, but those governments are nonetheless strongly encouraged to adhere to the policies underlying these directives.

Childcare Facilities

15. Pursuant to ORS 433.441(3)(a) and (d), ORS 401.168(1), and ORS 401.188(2) and (3), it is ordered that any childcare facility licensed under ORS 329A.030 and ORS 329A.250 to ORS 329A.450 that does not meet the requirements of paragraph 16 of this Executive Order shall close from March 25, 2020, through April 28, 2020 (“effective period”), unless that period is extended or terminated earlier by the Governor.
16. Notwithstanding paragraph 15, childcare facilities are allowed to remain open during the effective period if they meet the following requirements:



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- a. Childcare must be carried out in maximum stable groups of 10 or fewer children (“stable” means the same 10 or fewer children are in the same group each day), and in a classroom that cannot be accessed by children outside the stable group; and
  - b. Facilities must prioritize the childcare needs of first responders, emergency workers, health care professionals, followed by critical operations staff and essential personnel, consistent with guidance provided by the Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division.
17. I delegate authority to the Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division, to set forth exceptions to the rules provided by paragraph 16 of this Executive Order, if it becomes necessary to do so.

Outdoor Recreation and Travel

18. Pursuant to the powers vested in me by ORS 433.441(3), ORS 401.168(1) and (3), and ORS 401.188(1) to (3), I hereby order all private and public campgrounds to be closed immediately. This order does not prohibit camp hosts or veterans from remaining in state campgrounds, nor does it extend to RV parks and other housing.
19. I authorize the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to close any property or facility, when proper social distancing cannot be maintained.
20. I order the immediate closure of all pools, skate parks, outdoor sports courts, and playground equipment areas.
21. For public recreational areas that are permitted to remain open subject to this Executive Order, signs requiring social distancing must be posted at all entrances, exits, and in prominent areas. On-site restrooms must have trash cans, and soap and water or hand sanitizer available. Users of open public recreational areas must strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.
22. Individuals are directed to minimize travel, other than essential travel to or from a home, residence, or workplace; for obtaining or providing food, shelter, essential consumer needs, education, health care, or emergency services; for essential business and government services; for the care of family members, household members, elderly persons, minors, dependents,



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persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons, pets or livestock; travel as directed by government officials, law enforcement, or courts; and other essential travel consistent with the directives of my Executive Orders and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.

Enforcement

23. The directives in this Executive Order are effective statewide.
24. This Executive Order is a public health law, as defined in ORS 431A.005, and may be enforced as permitted under ORS 431A.010. Additionally, any person found to be in violation of this Executive Order is subject to the penalties described in ORS 401.990.

This Executive Order is issued under the authority conferred to the Governor by ORS 401.165 to 401.236. Pursuant to ORS 401.192(1), the directives set forth in this Executive Order have the full force and effect of law, and any law, ordinances, rules and orders shall be inoperative to the extent that they are inconsistent with this exercise of the Governor's emergency powers.

This Executive Order is effective immediately, and remains in effect until terminated by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

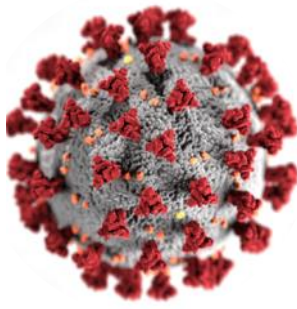
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Kate Brown  
GOVERNOR

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Bev Clarno  
SECRETARY OF STATE



# COVID-19

## K'wen Update

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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### The Mill will stay closed for now

In keeping with efforts to slow the COVID-19 pandemic, The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park will remain closed for now.

“We are convinced this is the right decision to help protect our communities, our guests and our employees and to support our statewide shelter-in-place policy,” said Terri Porcaro, CEO at The Mill. “We are doing everything we can to support our employees while we remain closed and will continue to listen to health experts to determine our next steps.”

The Mill RV Park will remain available to traveling nurses who are treating patients in the area. The parking area also will be available to truckers.

### Oregon update for Wednesday

- Oregon has seen two more deaths from the coronavirus, bringing the state’s death toll to 10 as of today.
- Oregon had 266 known cases of COVID-19 as of Wednesday morning. None of those were in Coos County.
- The governor announced today that the state will delay its personal tax return deadline until July 15.
- Oregon’s attorney general joined 30 others urging Amazon, Craigslist, eBay, Facebook and Walmart to crack down on price gouging on their platforms.

### Need child care?

Reminder: The Tribe can provide support to tribal members who need child-care access. To learn more, email Christina Vazquez-Ledesma at [christina.vazquez-ledesma@coquilletribe.org](mailto:christina.vazquez-ledesma@coquilletribe.org) or (541) 217-5760.

### You’re still welcome in the woods

Tribal forests are closed to the non-tribal public, but they remain open to tribal members. Please be aware that tribal timber harvest continues.

### No firewood permits for now

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, no firewood permits will be issued until further notice. Tribal members will still be allowed to gather firewood for personal use.

Questions: Contact Zach Seeger at [zacharyseeger@coquilletribe.org](mailto:zacharyseeger@coquilletribe.org).

### Visit the Admin office on Fridays

Effective immediately, the tribal Admin building will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. for tribal members who need to pick up checks. The building is closed Monday through Thursday.

### No non-medical transportation

The tribe is suspending non-medical transportation services until further notice. Medical transportation is still available through the Community Health Center.

### ‘Stay Home, Save Lives’

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown’s Executive Order seems pretty ominous. Is it martial law? Will you get a ticket for being on the street?

Nope. [Read the attached “OSP Clarification”](#) for the real story on enforcement.

### What you can do to fight COVID-19

Wash your hands. Keep your distance. Cover your cough.

Here are some [great reminders](#) from the World Health Organization.

### Keeping you informed

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