

K'wen Weekly

Jan. 29, 2021



Please note the location change

**Food Distribution
Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

10:00am - 12:00pm
Elders may pick up food

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Tribal members, grandparents, Head Start families, Coquille Indian
Tribe staff and Kilkich residents may pick up food.

Thanks to the generous donors, Coquille area will be another food distribution event.
Items will be located outside the Coquille Indian Tribe Parkhouse in Coos Bay at the Kilkich
community.

Food items in the distribution will include: apples, lemons, leek beans, white beans, potatoes,
beans, orange carrots, green and red leafy leafy and leafy greens.

Individuals who come to pick up food are required to wear masks and adhere to social
distancing guidelines.

*There will be a limited supply of bags available, so please bring your own. Food will be
available until 5:00pm.

*Please contact Kilkich Support at 541-237-3888 if you have any questions.
http://www.kilkich.com

Food distribution Wednesday

Tribal families, Head Start families, tribal staff and Kilkich residents all are invited to a free food distribution on Wednesday, Feb. 3. (Please note: The previously announced location has changed.)

[Details](#)

We can't relax yet!

Even if you've been vaccinated for COVID-19, it's critical to continue following safety measures until much more of the population has been vaccinated.

Studies have found that full immunity doesn't appear until seven to 14 days after the second dose. And even then, those who have been vaccinated can still become infected with COVID-19. You can spread the virus to others who do not have immunity.

Please keep following these precautions:

- Wear a face covering when within 6 feet of others.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Sanitize surfaces frequently.

We must continue to be diligent to protect everyone until many, many more have been vaccinated.

Vaccine events reach out

The Coquille Tribe's vaccine clinics are coming to five Oregon cities: Portland, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and North Bend.

[Details](#)

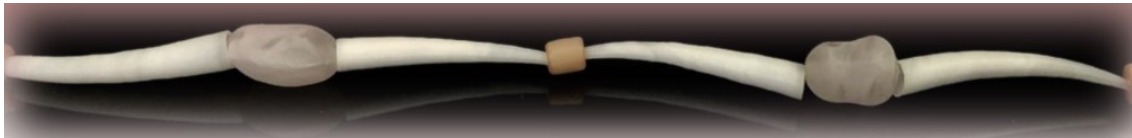




Finishing up the pharmacy

The pharmacy section of the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center is almost ready for the staff to move in. See what else is happening in this week's Construction Update.

[Read it](#)



Learn to use dentalium

A free Zoom class in February can teach you how make a dentalium necklace. (Materials are provided, if you sign up by Feb. 5.)

[Details](#)

Cultural and Ed Committee needs YOU!

The tribe's Culture and Education Committee has THREE open positions. Want to help?

[Details](#)

Job opportunities

Enrollment and Services Liaison

Closes Feb. 8

[Job details](#)

[How to apply.](#)

Gaming Inspector

Closes Feb. 12

[Job details](#)

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Internal opportunities are open to Tribal members and their families; employees of the Coquille Indian Tribe; employees of CEDCO, MEDC and their sub-entities; and employees of the Coquille Indian Housing Authority.



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It's time for potlatch!

We are looking for interested tribal members to fill two positions on our Coquille Tribal Community Fund Board.

It's the time of year to distribute 2020 Community Fund grants. These annual grants are a profound expression of our potlatch tradition. They support the communities around us and improve community life throughout the five counties we serve.

We're getting a late start this year because of COVID-19. So we need to move fast to appoint this year's board and select worthy causes to fund.

If you'd like to help make decisions that provide much-needed grants to local nonprofits, please write to Fund Administrator Jackie Chambers at 3050 Tremont St., North Bend, OR 97459, or jackiechambers@coquilletribe.org. The application deadline is Feb. 24.



Tribal Council action

The Tribal Council will hold workshops and a formal meeting Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 9-11. See details below:

[Workshop schedule](#)
[Zoom Log-In Information](#)

[ext Link](#)



Lots of shots

Our tribal health staff has scheduled multiple opportunities to get your COVID-19 vaccination in the next few weeks:

- Today at The Mill (walk-ins welcome!)
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Eugene and Roseburg
- Thursday, Feb. 11, in Medford
- Friday, Feb. 12 at The Mill
- Friday, Feb 19, at The Mill
- Wednesday, March 3, in Portland

For details and self-scheduling, please go to [our website](#).

About that vaccine ...

The COVID-19 vaccines are 95% effective, and they're SAFE. Learn more about vaccinations in a new publication from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

[See it here](#)

Our Eugene clinic

Next week's Eugene vaccine clinic is at our new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center-Eugene. Directions and a map are on our website.

[See it](#)



Share a cup with a cop

The Coquille Tribal Police Department invites you to "Coffee With A Cop," from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Community Plankhouse at Kilkich.

It's a chance to talk with our tribal officers about public safety, home security - whatever's on your mind.

Holiday closure

All tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, in honor of Presidents Day.





Looking good

We have new aerial footage of the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center, plus new photos and information. All in this week's Construction Update.

[See it here](#)

News for hunters

The tribe's Natural Resources Department has put together a timeline for participating in the Landowner Preference Program.

[Details](#)

Job opportunities

- [Clinic Manager – closes Feb. 22 – internal and external](#)
 - [IT Network Administrator – closes Feb. 15 – internal only](#)
 - [Health and Wellness CEO – open until filled – internal and external](#)
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 - [Health and Wellness Board of Directors – closes Feb. 26 – internal and external](#)
 - [U.S. Census Field Representatives](#)
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Coastal ecology webinar

Scientists at Oregon State University have invited the Coquille Tribe to a private webinar on coastal ecosystems in a changing climate.

[Details](#)



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Feb. 12, 2021

Need a vaccine? We've got it

More COVID-19 vaccinations have been scheduled for Feb. 19 at The Mill Casino-Hotel.

[Details](#)

Don't be alarmed

It's normal to experience an immune response after your COVID vaccine, especially the second dose.

[Details](#)



Pharmacy's ready!

With a final coat of paint on the outside and new furniture inside, the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center's pharmacy is ready for its staff to move in.

[Details](#)

Council action

Stay informed about the latest Tribal Council news. Below are the minutes from the Jan. 28 council meeting.

[Meeting minutes](#)



Transportation grants available

Projects providing transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities are eligible for

federal grant funding.

[Details](#)



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[Details](#)

PSU scholarship opportunity

Portland State University is offering a science scholarship to low-income students interested in environmental stewardship, equity and justice and building connections between rural and urban communities.

[Details](#)

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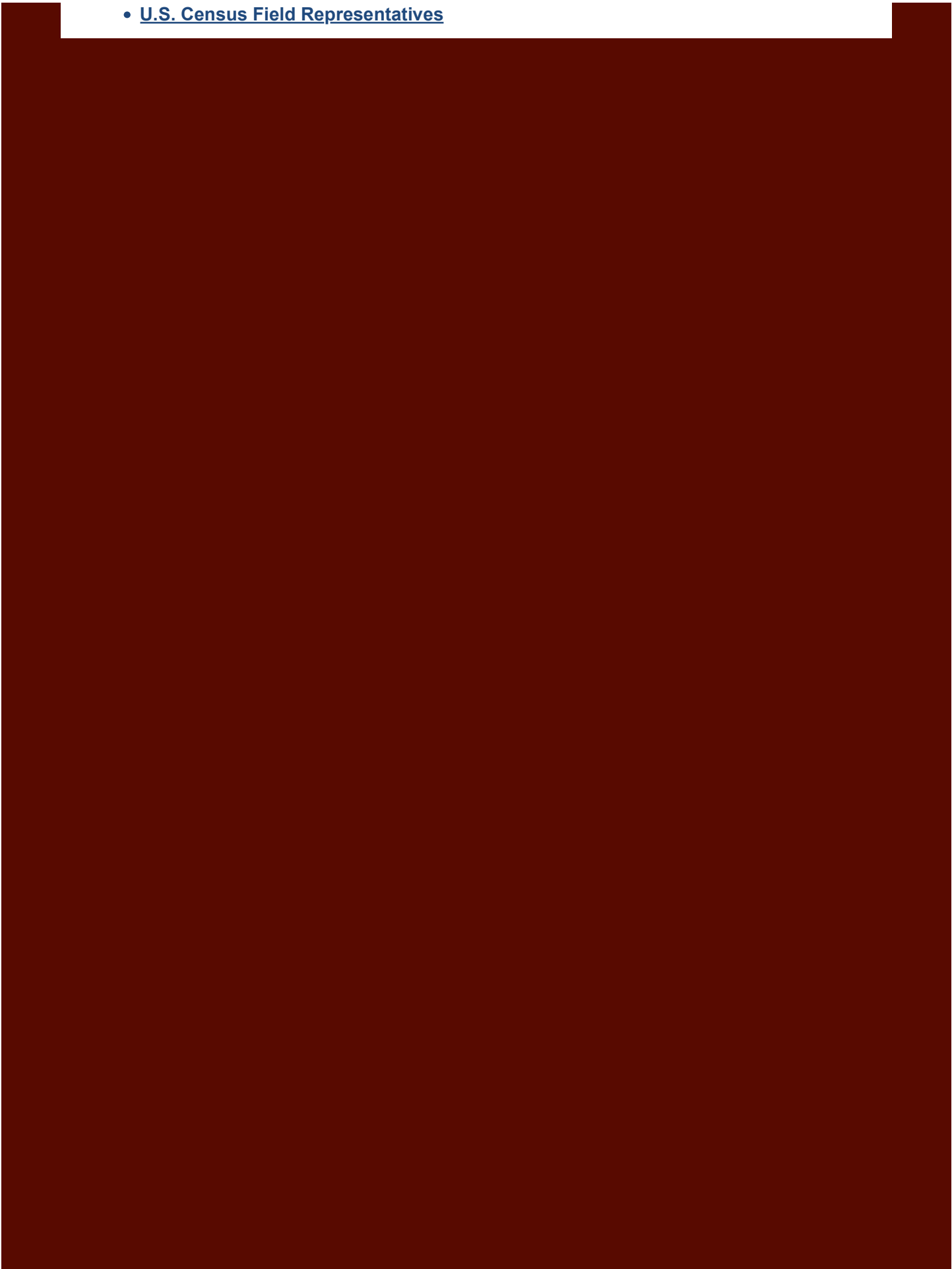
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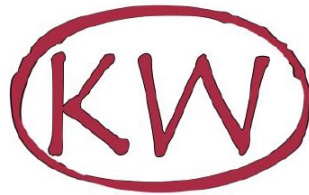
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Are you eligible for a COVID vaccine?

The Coquille Indian Tribe is providing ongoing COVID-19 vaccination clinics on Fridays at the Mill Casino-Hotel's Salmon Room, as well as outreach clinics to serve those who do not live locally.

Those who are eligible may self-schedule appointments online at the Coquille Indian Tribe's public website. To find out if you are eligible for a vaccine or to schedule an appointment, click on a link below.

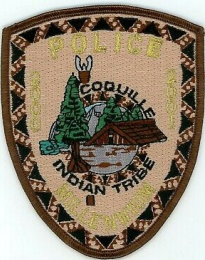
[Who is eligible?](#)
[Schedule appointment](#)

Protect our Elders, get vaccinated

Elders are our culture keepers. They hold our stories, songs and traditional ways of living. Let's protect our Elders!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Indian and Alaska Native people (AI/AN) are disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Their COVID-19 hospitalization rate (281 per 100,000) is 5.3 times higher than non-Hispanic whites.

The COVID-19 vaccine protects you, your family and your community.



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Transportation Committee meeting

The Transportation Advisory Committee will meet at noon Friday, March 5, in the tribe's Learning Center. It will also be offered via Zoom.

Topics include:

- Grant transportation projects for 2021
- Updating the Coordinated Transportation Plan
- Preparing for May 2021 Compliance Review
- Reviewing temporary changes to policy regarding reimbursement for deliveries and suspension of mileage restrictions for volunteer driver reimbursement

Contact Lauren Morris, Mobility Program Coordinator, at laurenmorris@coquilletribe.org or (541) 808-8165 if you wish to attend in person or via Zoom.

Paid science research opportunity

Come help with field work putting ground motion sensors in the Oregon Coast Range this summer. Work with the data to understand the Cascadia earthquake. Our goal is to map the underground structures of the region.

Native American undergraduate students are invited to apply for a nine-week paid undergraduate research experience. You will work with instruments, with other students and scientists, and with scientific data and computers. Learn science context, field protocols, safety and presentation skills.

Here's the schedule (contingent on COVID modifications):

- Training camp at OSU, May 25-27
- Sensor installs, May 28 to June 6
- Data analysis training, June 7 to June 25
- Sensor pickup, June 26 to July 2
- Data analysis, July 5-23

*Spring term: option to help with field preparations

To submit a statement of interest, or ask for more information, contact Emilie Hooff: emilie@uoregon.edu; (541) 346-1455.

To volunteer for the fieldwork and training camp only, apply at: cascadia2020.uoregon.edu.

Job opportunities

- [Design and Construction Manager](#)
- [Landscape Specialist](#)
- [Jobs available at The Mill Casino-Hotel](#)