



MAKAH TRIBE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

IMPORTANT NOTICE

July 8, 2020

Dear Makah Community,

On July 7, 2020 at 9:30pm, the Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center confirmed two positive cases of COVID-19 on the Makah Reservation.

The 2 cases, one individual in their 20s and the other in their 40s, were exposed to the virus through a contact outside of Neah Bay. There are other community members who were in contact with the original case as well as these two current cases. There are believed to be over 50 close contacts to these cases residing in Neah Bay. .

If you think you've been exposed, immediately stay home and away from others. Call STIHC at 360-645-2233 to arrange for testing. Wear a mask and DO NOT have close contacts with other people.

The Makah Tribal Council public health officials are working to take all necessary actions to protect our citizens from the spread of COVID-19.

The Makah Tribal Council strongly urges the community to take precautions by treating every situation as if you and others are already infected and highly contagious. We must be vigilant and practice physical distancing - stay home as much as possible and when outside of the home, stay 6 feet away from others - and wear a mask when we are within 6 feet of others in public spaces, this includes: the Mini-Mart, Washburn's, and Post Office.

Additionally, continue the following: practice hand hygiene by washing your hands often and using hand sanitizer, avoid touching your face, minimize all non-essential contact, and do not gather indoors with others outside of your household. Maintain preparedness for Phase 1 Protocols or Shelter-In-Place if disease activity increases. Any changes in phase protocols will be announced via official notification issued by the Makah Tribal Council. Protect yourself and protect others, wear a mask.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Greene, Sr.
Makah Tribal Council, Chairman