

Colville Tribal Emergency Operations Center

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FAQs: Our numbers seem to be trending downward. What does this mean for the reservation?

Over the past couple of weeks the numbers of new cases and cases in quarantine on the reservation have trended down and over the last week or so have remained at a plateau point with only a relative few active cases. This is the result of really hard work and difficult decisions on the part of the membership. Social distancing is very hard and very stressful, but we are seeing the results. What this means for the community is that the families and elders are safer and will remain so as long as we continue our efforts to protect the community and prevent spread. Unfortunately, the science tells us that COVID-19 is likely to be with us for a while yet, and we will have to continue to be cautious, implementing many social distancing and other changes to normal community life in order to continue to protect the many families and elders over the course of the coming months. We will be able to measure success by further downward trends in the number of cases, and as we reach a point where we are seeing no or few new cases, Tribal, State, and Federal officials will be able to look at safely reducing restrictions while continuing to protect people from COVID-19.

> -Dr. Daniel Barbara, Director Colville Tribal HHS Division

Please continue to protect yourself, your communities and your elders from COVID-19

While our numbers are dropping, it remains very important to continue to practice social distancing and other simple measures that protect individuals, our communities and our vulnerable populations from COVID-19.

This is especially important over the upcoming Labor Day Weekend. Although the Colville Reservation has done very well, keeping our numbers relatively low, following each long weekend this summer, our area saw spikes in cases of COVID-19. Let's follow these simple measures to avoid another spike:

- -Avoid crowds and put distance between yourself and others (6 feet).
- -Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- -Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose when around others.
- -Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.
- -Clean your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- -Continue to follow tribal public safety measures:
 - The Colville Reservation remains closed to non-essential visitors.
 - Gatherings of 10 or more people is prohibited.
 - Nonessential business is prohibited.
 - A Stay At Home Order reamins in place.

Colville Reservation COVID-19 Quick Facts

Current cases/in isolation on the Colville Reservation

9

Omak 4 Nespelem 2 Keller 0 Inchelium 3

Current quarantine list

Recovered 181

Numbers current as of Aug. 31 at 3:30 p.m.

Clinics

Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center
- Inchelium
(509) 722-7006

Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center
- San Poil Valley Community Health
(509) 634-7300

Colville Service Unit - Nespelem Clinic Phone: (509) 634-2913

Colville Service Unit - Omak Clinic Phone: (509) 422-7416

For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

Washington Department of Health Hotline 1-800-525-0127

> WA Listens 1-833-681-0211

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