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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Colville Tribes Urges Citizens to Follow Quarantine Orders

NESPELEM, WA – The Colville Tribes has passed an amendment to Tribal Code which authorizes criminal prosecution for a violation of quarantine or isolation orders. Penalties extend up to 360 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

There are currently 7 confirmed positive reports of COVID-19 in Okanogan County in the Colville Reservation. Each patient who receives a positive test result is informed that they must quarantine themselves away from other people until the disease has run its course, as determined by medical professionals. Patients who test “presumptively positive” must also isolate while they await a final test result.

Chairman of the Colville Tribes Rodney Cawston said, “It is essential that quarantine and isolation orders be obeyed. Any violation of a quarantine or isolation order places the lives of potentially many more people at risk. If a medical professional tells you are positive and to stay home, you must do so.”

The Colville Tribes have also prohibited gatherings in excess of 10 people. This restriction applies to everybody on the Colville Reservation regardless of their medical status and it continues until further notice, including the Easter holiday. Social distancing has proven to work to contain the virus.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,533 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlám̓xəxʷ (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰʷyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátkʷəxʷ (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or

Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nspelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənp^ɥilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.