UPDATE March 12, 2020 / 4:30 PM

In our continued efforts to remain proactive against COVID-19 (Coronavirus) spread, the Nez Perce Tribe will continue to enforce precautionary measures.

The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has formally decided to suspend ALL travel for ALL Nez Perce Tribe entities, boards, and commissions as of today, March 12, 2020 through April 10th, 2020

Extension of the travel suspension may be considered at a later date.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

UPDATE March 5, 2020 / 8:30 AM

Nimiipuu Health and the Nez Perce Tribe recognize the privilege it is to care for our community. We would like to be proactive, as opposed to reactive, with respect to the prevention and spread of infectious diseases. We have become aware of members of our community with possible exposures to the COVID19 (Coronavirus) at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino this past weekend. There has been a presumptive positive case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in the state of Oregon and is pending confirmation by the CDC. The Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Public Health Incident Command, with local, state and federal health agencies has determined that the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 at Wildhorse Resort and Casino is minimal.

We have not had a confirmed case in Idaho, however, we would like to communicate the potentially exposed community members have been recommended to undergo self-isolation by the Nez Perce Tribe Incident Command and Tribal leadership. This decision was made after careful consideration of the health status of our community members and our commitment to protect those we serve. This recommendation is PRECAUTIONARY. We have several members of our community with impaired immune systems for various reasons, such autoimmune conditions, chronic diseases such as COPD, diabetes and chronic kidney disease, or cancer with current systemic immune suppressant treatments. It is with these patients in mind that we have chosen to be aggressive in protecting our community and are attempting to limit any potential transmission of this illness.

The goal of our facility is several fold:
- Reduce morbidity (disease) and mortality (death)
- Minimize disease transmission
- Protect healthcare personnel
- Preserve healthcare functioning

We would ask that ANY RESPIRATORY ILLNESS call Nimiipuu Health before leaving home so staff can be prepared for your arrival. We will have special handling of patients with respiratory illnesses as a precaution.

Prevention is our greatest tool at this time. To help prevent spread of the COVID-19, flu and other viruses please:
• Wash your hands often with soap & water according to the WHO recommendations for at least 40-60 seconds
• Use hand sanitizer if you don’t have soap and water available
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
• Avoid contact with people who are sick
• Stay home while you are sick
• Avoid close contact with others by not attending large events
• Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
• Dispose this tissue into a waste receptacle and wash your hands immediately

Let us all work together within this wonderful community to protect each as we prepare for the arrival of this novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Please contact Nimipuu Health at 208.843.2271 with questions or concerns.