



Walker River Paiute Tribe

Date: August 20, 2020

To: Walker River Paiute Tribe Community Members

From: Amber Torres, Chairman

Re: COVID-19 Community Update

On Thursday, August 20, 2020, I received notification our community has two new active COVID-19 cases. While we have worked together to keep our families and each other healthy and safe this virus knows no boundaries and has found its way back into our community.

This afternoon all tribal employees were placed on paid administrative leave out of an abundance of caution and to allow the tribe to implement its response plan. I am providing you this update so that you will know the steps being taken to protect and support our community.

The Clinic's nurse practitioner, Trickera Sims, is currently following the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) recommended protocol for COVID-19 including medical care and counseling for the patient. Ms. Sims is also working on contact tracing following strict CDC guidelines and will continue to do so until all avenues are exhausted.

As clinic staff works through the process of managing the positive COVID-19 cases the tribe is also taking immediate action to insure the health and safety of our employees and to assist with mitigating the spread of the virus. All staff has been placed on administrative leave and is asked to self-quarantine until we receive more precise direction from medical experts.

I along with the Emergency Response Team, the Walker River Paiute Tribal Health Clinic and State and Federal partners are working to bring enhanced testing capabilities to the community over the next several days. At this time Banner

Community Hospital and South Lyon Medical Center will only provide testing for individuals presenting with symptoms. Individuals who are asymptomatic wanting to be tested can utilize the free drive through testing at the Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are currently working with Mt. Grant General Hospital to coordinate community drive through testing. I will provide updated information as it becomes available.

In the mean time I ask that you continue to do your part to protect your family and our community by:

1. Remaining at home and do not venture out into the community.
2. Practicing social distancing of six feet or more if you must leave your home for essential activities such as medical appointments or grocery shopping.
3. Wear a mask when leaving your home or at work.
4. If you or anyone in your home is sick or has symptoms of an illness remain at home and self-isolate.
5. Continue to wash your hands.

Please continue to stay home, wash your hands, maintain social distancing and wear your mask.