

PRESS RELEASE

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

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Bishop Paiute Tribe Closures -Updated

Paiute Palace Casino and Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center Closed

In an effort to protect our community members and upon recommendation of state and local health officials, the Bishop Paiute Tribe has announced the following closures. Despite these closures, every effort is being taken to maintain continuous operations in support of the tribal community.

On March 17, 2020 at 12 noon, the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council made the decision to close the Paiute Palace Casino in order protect our staff and community. The temporary closure is effective through the end of March 2020. During this closure the Casino will be providing emergency assistance to the casino team members to help them through this temporary closure and ease some of the financial burden this crisis has caused.

The Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center will be closed to the public until the end of March. During this closure Cultural Center staff will be available by appointment to ensure our tribal community has access to their crafting materials during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the museum will remain closed.

If anything should change, we will keep the community up to date.

Bishop Indian Head Start and Bishop Indian Education Center will be closed March 16th through Spring Break March 27 and will follow the Bishop Unified School District Plan to curb the potential transmission of Covid-19 in our community. Head Start will be providing take home or delivery of meals to students during the closure.

The Bishop Tribal Elders Program facility will not be serving congregate meals until further notice. Home delivered meals will still be delivered to the current home delivered meal recipients as scheduled. Elders Transportation services are also suspended, until further notice.

All community events are also suspended until further notice.

The Tribal Council and Tribal Administration are working on a plan to work with staff impacted by school and business closures to take the time off as needed.

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The Bishop Paiute Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe located on its 879 acre Bishop Paiute Reservation in Inyo County, California. The Reservation was formed under Congressional Act 5299, P.L. No. 43 of April 20, 1937. The Tribe is committed to the well being of its people. For more information please contact the Bishop Paiute Tribe at (760) 873-3584.

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