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BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

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## Tribal Offices Open to the Public on a Limited Basis

*Additional risk mitigation measures in place to protect the public and staff*

July 15, 2020 – Inyo County – The Bishop Paiute Tribe’s administrative offices continue with “Phase 2” of the Tribe’s reopening plan alongside the individual department reopening plans. Effective Monday 7/13/20, staff is expected to be in the office Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00pm. Visitors will ONLY be allowed in tribal offices Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm. Visitors are limited if possible by altering the delivery of services as necessary by: having fillable forms available, communication via telephone or email, conduct meetings virtually, returning missed phone calls as soon as possible, updating the website with correct contact info, and other measures depending upon departmental needs. All visitors will be required to have their temperature checked and a face mask before entering the building.

Teleworking: Procedures for teleworking are in place for individuals with the equipment and job duties that allow them to do so. Employees that are at elevated risk or who have families at elevated risk are encouraged to telework if possible.

Travel: Quarantine after travel is on a case-by-case basis. If employees travel out of the area, they are expected to file a trip report with the department head to determine best course of action; quarantine or not. Department heads will then inform their direct supervisor and Tribal Administrator with the summary of the trip and determined course of action.

Other risk mitigation measures: Tribal administration has taken the added measures of increasing availability of PPE supplies, installing sneeze guards, hiring safety officers, training each staff member on COVID-19, shared the Emergency Response Plan, created a reference guide to the Emergency Response Plan, and much more. Management has also created individual department re-opening plans and ensured cleaning supplies are available to safely continue through the reopening phases. Each plan is specific to the department depending on services they provide to the community.

We look forward to seeing you again and are happy to answer any questions you may have about the reopening.

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Updates will be available to the public as they occur on KBPT-LP 96.1fm at the top of the hour for breaking information and at 8am, 11am, 6pm and 11pm for cumulative information.

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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