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Updates to Tribal Council on safety and services for COVID-19

This memo serves as a brief explanation of measures and activities to date.

Specific CEO Decisions:

- **NEW:** All-Staff furlough of 10% reduction in hours or pay, extended to end of April;
- **NO CHANGE:** May 2020 Elder Welfare Checks may be postponed to June 2020;
- **NO CHANGE:** All Tribal Gov buildings remain locked and staff work from home.

Facilities:

- **NEW:** Some projects (i.e. property building clean up, movement of screen sprinting shop from old location to Ann Penn property, etc.) are in the works;
- **NO CHANGE:** Continued deep cleaning and sanitizing buildings and tribal vehicles;
- **NO CHANGE:** Ready to help SCS with deliveries and emergent home repairs.

Administration:

- **NEW:** Luke submitted two grants recently: CDC grant to cover clinic and communication specialist wages, and Olympic Community of Health grant to cover emergency dental wages; Luke is working on the WA Dept of Health grant application;
- **NO CHANGE:** Luke is participating in the Clallam County daily EOC meeting(s).

Health Clinic:

- **NEW:** 5/1/2020: 1,258 tests in Clallam Co; 18 pos, 1,210 neg, 30 pend, 13 recovered;
- **NEW:** JFHC has received an Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test machine from IHS, to perform on-site testing of patients, with results back in under 20 minutes. It is for front-line health care workers and those showing flu symptoms;
- **NO CHANGE:** Patient visits continue to normalize—average 190 visits per day;
- **NO CHANGE:** All patients screened for temperature and symptoms;
- **NO CHANGE:** COVID Respiratory/Fever Clinic continues.

SCS:

- **NO CHANGE:** Food bank in-person hours restricted to Thursdays/Fridays only, elder check ins via phone on a weekly basis, we are looking into current and new grants to keep essential services going, frozen elder meals will continue, After School Program doing program through Zoom.

Congressional Relief to Tribes:

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Healthcare Enhancement Act, H.R.266, was signed into law on April 24, 2020. The bill provided additional funding of \$370 Billion for the Small Business Association Paycheck Protection Program (\$310 Billion), Economic Injury Disaster Loans (\$50 Billion) and Grants (\$10 billion) for small businesses which had been completely depleted shortly after the first program dollars were released. Congress clarified that

\$60 Billion of the PPP funds would go to smaller lending institutions intended to serve minority and underbanked communities. The Small Business Administration also issued Interim

Guidance that clarified that Tribal casinos are now eligible to receive PPP dollars.

The Bill also provided an additional \$75 billion to reimburse hospitals and healthcare providers for COVID-19 related expenses and lost revenues. HHS directed that \$400 million go to the Indian Health Service but the agency will work with HRSA to distribute the funding. There was also an additional \$750 million for Tribal nations, organizations and urban Indian healthcare facilities for testing and associated costs.

COVID Stimulus Four (4) legislation has not yet been introduced but Tribes are gearing up their priorities across a wide spectrum of areas including health, education, Indian child welfare, nutrition, agriculture, and human services. Infrastructure may also be part of the Stimulus package and would extend beyond roads and bridges to include broadband access, clean water, and energy.