

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Newsletter, Volume 41, Issue 6, June 2020

Slowly Reopening

What does it mean to be “data-driven?” This term describes a decision-making process which involves collecting data, extracting patterns and facts from that data, and utilizing those facts to make inferences that influence decision-making.

In the case of COVID-19, Washington State is making its decisions for closures and re-openings on science-based data that includes the number of cases of the virus, whether those numbers are increasing or decreasing, as well as our ability to test for additional cases and manage the positive cases, including isolating the sick, and having sufficient equipment to keep workers protected.

As Governor Inslee’s May 4th “deadline” neared, government and industry worked together to determine which areas of the economy were the safest to open, and under what conditions that should happen. Most important was insuring that safe physical distancing could remain in place. On May 5th, the Governor announced the establishment of three advisory groups, focusing on Public Health, Economic Recovery, and Social Support, to help develop plans for reopening based on need and risk.

First to reopen was construction, then fishing and hunting, then golf and parks. On May 1, the Governor announced the state’s new Phased Approach, based on data.

Phase 1 will stay in effect until at least May 31st. Each phase will last at least 3 weeks. Movement to the next phase will be based on the data gathered during each phase. Guidelines for reopening each future sector of the economy are being publishes almost daily. While the Tribe is not obligated to follow State laws, we are paying close attention to their guildelines.

Because the virus knows no geographical boundaries, and because there is additional buying power with larger numbers, Washington, Oregon and California, now joined by Colorado and Nevada, have formed a “Western States Pact,” stating:

Through quick and decisive action, each of our states has made significant progress in flattening the curve and slowing the spread of COVID-19 among the broader public. Now, our public health leaders will focus on four goals that will be critical for controlling the virus in the future.

- *Protecting vulnerable populations at risk for severe disease, if infected.*
- *Ensuring an ability to care for those who may become sick with COVID-19 and other conditions.*
- *Mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities.*
- *Protecting the general public by ensuring the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating.*

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COVID-19 Relief Funds vs. Budget Shortfalls

For the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, which has worked diligently for the past four decades to produce the bulk of its own revenue in order to take as little as possible from government funding, the loss of revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is challenging. In 2019, of the \$53 million in revenue, \$45 million from business activity and Tribal dollars from other sources (such as dental revenues, gaming revenues from terminal allocation agreements, dividends from Casino, geoduck, fuel tax revenues), with only \$8 million from government funding. With businesses shut down since March 23, the Tribe’s revenue base has virtually disappeared. Yet our expenses continue.

Chief Financial Officer Diane Gange estimates that since our businesses closed down the third week of March, the reduction in Tribal revenues through the end of May could be anywhere from 21-25% from what we budgeted for the entire fiscal year of 2020.

It is expected that the Tribe will receive funding from a variety of sources “to prepare, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 crisis.” Funding from agencies like Indian Health Service, Centers for Disease Control, and Housing and Urban Development come with very specific parameters as to what they can be used for.

There are other funding streams, including funding from the CARES Act earmarked for Tribes as well as some funding coming from the State, that are in dispute. One point of view is that these funds are only to cover “unexpected expenses that are the result of the COVID-19 pandemic.” The other point of view, shared by Tribal Council Chair/CEO W. Ron Allen, is that these funds are intended to replace any lost revenues that then caused unexpected expenses for Tribes. In other words, Tribal revenues would have covered all of the Tribe’s expenses, but in losing those revenues, all difficulty in meeting expenses are considered to be result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tribe has had to scale down staffing, and shift funding sources to continue programs and services that are normally funded by Tribally-generated enterprises in order to stay afloat. Some COVID-19 funding became available very quickly, and has funded basic needs like health, housing, and food security. But how the Tribe will recoup its lost revenues, and whether it will be able to use federal funding to cover payroll, benefits and other key expenses is still up in the air.

“Every day we receive new guidance documents, a new “Frequently Asked Questions” list, and participate in conference calls with the federal and state governments, in which we voice our need to use these funds to supplement lost income,” said CFO Gange.

The longer each business stays closed, the more money we are losing. But the Tribal stance is that the health and safety of the community is more important than opening quickly and risking another outbreak of the virus. We will get through this.

Casinos Mull Reopening Options

Tribes in Washington are taking steps to respond to the serious and evolving COVID-19 situation while maintaining essential government services. Tribal casinos and other Tribal enterprises in Washington are owned and managed by sovereign nations. Like other jurisdictions around the state, each has devoted significant resources to monitor and respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Tribes will continue working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and make decisions that carefully consider and protect the well-being of Tribal and non-Tribal communities and employees.

“Tribes are facing enormous pressures to restore work for thousands of employees, but we must do so in a way that’s safe for our employees, guests and community. As we gradually reopen casinos and businesses, all of our Tribal governments have adopted strong safety standards and protocols guided by advice from public health officials, and consistent with the Governor’s Coronavirus Containment Plan.

“Tribal casinos will gradually reopen starting in mid to late May. The decision to reopen will vary by Tribe, but we are all working together to ensure that when a Tribal casino reopens, it will be a controlled and safe environment. In this new environment, Tribal casinos are reducing customer capacity to promote physical distancing, enhancing sanitization and following best practices for safety including wearing masks and gloves. We will closely monitor community health data and evaluate and adjust our actions to protect public health,” said Tribal Council Chairman/CEO Ron Allen.

“While others are taking a more aggressive approach to reopening, 7 Cedars is committed to an approach that gives our employees and our customers the best possible safe work and play place,” added Jerry Allen, Executive Director of 7 Cedars Resort and Casino. “We have many Tribal Elders that enjoy coming to 7 Cedars, and I want to make sure they are as well protected as possible when visiting.”

We are hoping to open on June 1.

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Washington's Phased Approach to Reopening

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
High Risk Populations	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy	Resume public interactions, with physical distancing
Recreation	Some outdoor recreation (hunting, fishing, golf, boating, hiking)	All outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)	Outdoor group recreational sports activities of 5-50 people. Recreational facilities (public pools, etc.) at less than 50% capacity	Resume all recreational activities
Gatherings	None. Drive-in spiritual service allowed with one household per vehicle.	Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week.	Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people.	Allow gatherings of more than 50 people.
Travel	Only essential travel.	Limited non-essential travel within proximity of your home.	Resume non-essential travel	Continue non-essential travel.
Business/Employers	Essential businesses open Existing construction that meet agreed upon criteria Landscaping Automobile sales Retail (curbside pick-up orders only) Car washes Pet walkers	Remaining manufacturing New construction In-home domestic services (nannies, housecleaning) Retail in-store purchases allowed with restrictions Real estate Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged) Hair and Nail salons/barbers Restaurants at less than 50% capacity; table size no larger than 5	Restaurants at less than 75% capacity; table size no larger than 10 Bars at 25% capacity Indoor gyms at less than 50% capacity Movie theaters at less than 50% capacity Government (telework strongly encouraged) Libraries Museums All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with more than 50 people	Nightclubs Concert venues Large sporting events Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites, but continue to practice physical distancing and good hygiene

**Attention Tribal Citizens and Descendants Who Will Graduate
from High School or College in 2020!**

ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?

WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!

Please let us know:

- Your name
- Your Tribal family, and any relatives you want to mention
- Your school and the degree earned
- Your future plans.

Please contact Higher Education Coordinator Melisa Phippen by June 15th so that the Tribe may recognize and congratulate you in the July Tribal newsletter and at the Qwen Seyu Tribal Picnic on August 8th!

Melisa Phippen, 360-681-4626 or mpippen@jamestowntribe.org

Telehealth Eases Patient Concerns

By Paul Cunningham, Chief Medical Officer, Jamestown Family Health Clinic

As the COVID-19 pandemic played out across the state, one of the most pressing needs at JFHC was to quickly implement telehealth visits. Given Stay at Home directives from the Governor, combined with an increased level of concern within the community over leaving their homes, even for routine medical care, meeting the care needs of JFHC patients meant offering virtual visits from the comfort and security of their homes.

Telehealth visits are any type of encounter between provider and patient, that is done remotely, and does not require a face to face visit. Telehealth or “virtual visits” require the use of technology on both ends, and can include audio, video , or, ideally, both. The challenges in operationalizing telehealth at JFHC included: identifying technology that was readily available to both JFHC providers and patients alike,

- quickly training users on both ends,
- scheduling the visits, and
- having reimbursement models in place to allow billing for such visits.

Meeting the needs of our patients, while generating adequate revenue to support daily clinic operations, are both necessary in order for any system to remain sustainable.

JFHC uses Epic as our electronic health record. Epic does not yet have built in telehealth abilities. Early on, JFHC Clinic Informatics team, lead by Holly Joyce, zeroed in on the Zoom platform as an accessible and affordable audio-visual system around which JFHC could develop our telehealth visits. While all platforms have their limitations, Zoom has proven successful for most users.

Training of providers, nurses, medical assistants, and the scheduling team required dozens of hours of planning, hands on training, testing, and, ultimately, rolling it out to our patients as a cohesive means to complete a healthcare visit. Our goal was to offer our patients a visit experience as similar to face-to-face as possible, without burdening users with insurmountable technology demands.

Clinic staff and patients alike have largely embraced the Zoom platform, with ease. Patients have overwhelmingly expressed satisfaction for the quality of the visit experience, and expressed tremendous appreciation for JFHC offering this option. The fact that JFHC took telehealth visits from concept to real time implementation in under 4 weeks is a testament to the dedication, ingenuity, and collaborative spirit that permeates each clinic department.

The other critical variable in this plan was for payers (commercial insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid) to recognize telehealth visits as billable way to offer care. In brief, Medicaid has made it easy to offer such care, including telephonic alone or Audio-visual-based Zoom. Medicare has been less accommodating, though more recently has agreed to cover most forms of telehealth, albeit at a lower rate than a face-to-face visit. Commercial Insurance generally follows the lead of Medicare. The biggest challenge in this arena is around our older patients, who might be less savvy with smart phones, tablets, or computers, and less able to accommodate a Zoom-based visit. Telephone visits by themselves are sometimes their only option, as Medicare has been slow to respond to the technological needs of this population.

From the time of “go live” for telehealth on March 20, 2020 to now, JFHC has averaged 20-30 telehealth visits per day, with the highs in the 50s. By any measure, the retooling of JFHC for telehealth visits has been hugely successful. It is expected that the demand for telehealth visits by patients will wax and wane with the evolving nature of the coronavirus pandemic on the North Olympic Peninsula. JFHC stands ready to respond to changing community demand, with a continued focus on quality, patient satisfaction and needs, and the safety of all involved.

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Anti-Coagulation Clinic Offers Outside Option

Early in the initial onset of COVID-19, Jamestown Family Health Clinic providers were concerned that patients would cancel or postpone their anti-coagulation appointments. And because these tests are necessary every 1-6 weeks in order to adjust dosages, the clinic leadership decided to offer patients an alternative. They moved the Anti-Coagulation Clinic into a tent in the clinic's south parking lot!

These blood tests are for patients who take one specific anticoagulant, warfarin (Coumadin) to prevent clotting disorders including stroke, pulmonary embolisms, and deep vein thrombosis. The test, called an INR (International Normalised Ratio) test, involves a finger prick administered by a medical assistant.

JFHC has approximately 400+ patients enrolled in its Anticoagulation Clinic. Some of them use their own home testing devices or get their INR checked by home health nurses; these patients are then dose-adjusted via telephone by the JFHC pharmacists. But the vast majority come into the clinic for testing. The outside anticoagulation tent operates 3.5 days per week, providing 100+ visits in those days.

"It's important for patients taking warfarin to get their blood levels checked regularly, and it can be dangerous to let it go without regular monitoring," said Colby Wait, Pharmacy Program Manager for the JFHC. "During the initial Covid-19 onset in King and Snohomish counties, JFHC patients understandably began cancelling or postponing their anticoagulation appointments, and it was then that the idea of moving the testing outside of the regular clinic facility was postulated. The intent was to continue providing anticoagulation services to our patients, but also keep them safe and healthy by preventing unnecessary exposure to other patients and following social distancing guidelines. It was amazing how quickly JFHC leadership responded. JFHC Information Systems and Maintenance staff were instrumental in getting the entire operation transitioned into its current form as a drive-thru tent."

"The patient response has been overwhelming. Patients love the safety aspect of the tent, and the convenience of not even having to leave their vehicle is a huge positive. And the patients' canine friends really enjoy riding along to the anticoagulation appointments too because, like all good drive thru services, we have dog treats available," he said.



Clinical Pharmacist Claire Capriola and Certifid Medical Assistant Darcie Mayo hold up the INR Clinic sign. Note the tent door to the right, where drivers can simply pull up and have their blood tested.



It's a Boy!

Welcome to the world, Calvin John Thomas Snell!

Calvin was born at Olympic Medical Center on March 31, 2020, at 7:07 a.m. He weighed 8lbs 2oz.

Mother: Morgan Snell (Allen)

Father: Garrett Snell

Maternal Grandparents: Jerry and Elise Allen

Maternal Great Grandparents: William "Bill" & Norma Allen

Congratulations, Morgan and Garrett!

Impact of COVID-19 on Treaty Resources

Treaty fishing resources have been open throughout the COVID-19 crisis, but the pandemic has had a significant impact on the markets.

Tribal leaders including Chairman Allen worked diligently at the federal level to make Tribal treaty fishers eligible for unemployment insurance. Some have already enrolled. If you are a treaty fisher and need help applying, please contact Natural Resources Director Hansi Hals (hhals@jamestowntribe.org), or Tammy Jenkins (tjenkins@jamestowntribe.org) in Human Resources.

The CARES Act also included a \$300 million allocation for Fisheries Assistance Funding, \$8 million of which is slated for Washington State. The Department of Commerce has tasked the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with distributing these funds. Jamestown has been participating in these talks, and intends to apply for funding on behalf of Tribal fisheries and aquaculture when it becomes available. Jamestown treaty hunting, fishing, and gathering has been open throughout the crisis, as they were deemed essential, food-related activities by the Natural Resources Department, the Natural Resources Committee, and the Tribal Council.

However, the commercial markets for geoduck were severely impacted by the virus. During January and February, when the virus was hitting Asia, the geoduck market for restaurants dropped to zero. "It was unprecedented," said Hansi Hals, Natural Resources Director for the Tribe.

In March and beyond, the U.S. market slowed significantly as restaurants across the country closed. But the Asian market began to come back for geoduck, oysters and clams.

"The market is still only one half to two-thirds of what it should be," said Hals.

"The price for geoduck started to rebound in early April and while lower than it has historically been, the price is back to where it was at pre-virus outbreak in China," added Liz Tobin, Shellfish Biologist.

Most recently, the ling cod and halibut seasons have opened, but many of our Tribal fishers have opted not to fish, because the prices are so very low. In addition, sport fishing reopened in May, but with such compressed openings, boat ramps are backed up and crowded – not a good situation during the pandemic.

Subsistence harvest in Blyn for oysters and clams has been quite active in March and April. Tobin has received more calls inquiring about harvesting clams and oysters from Subsistence Beach than she typically does this time of year.

In addition, Natural Resources staff has been able to continue biotoxin monitoring during the closures.

Biotoxin levels have remained undetectable or very low (i.e., safe) during the COVID-19 crisis so Jamestown Tribal citizens have been able to continue intertidal subsistence harvesting.

As with just about every sector of the economy, successful sales of treaty resources are directly related to the safe reopening of the economy when the data shows the virus to be reduced to safe levels.

Indian Country says “We’re Here” in 2020 Census

By Bridget Ray, Ojibwe/Michif

**Census Deadline
Extended to October
31, 2020
Go to
www.Census2020 to
complete yours!**

Native people of the Pacific Northwest and Tribal citizens across the region are using the 2020 Census to send a clear message: “We’re still here.”

Every 10 years, the United States government conducts the Census to count each person living in the country. That count determines how federal resources are distributed for things like affordable housing, public transportation, schools and hospitals.

All told, more than \$1 billion in resources will be allocated across Indian Country based on the 2020 Census count.

“Despite the huge impact of the US Census, Native Americans have historically been under counted,” said Colleen Jollie (Turtle Mtn. Chippewa), senior advisor to the PNW Native Census 2020 Initiative. “Undercounts mean less federal funding for tribes, and lack of representation in congress. The Census is also a way for us to assert our sovereignty and citizenship as the first people.”

In 2020, the Census Bureau is asking people to complete the Census online at www.2020Census.gov. Residents can also complete it over the phone, or request a paper copy. People who do not complete the Census by summer will be visited by a Census worker to help complete it.

With people staying home to stop the spread of novel coronavirus, it’s a good time to complete the Census. Self-completing it, if possible, also means fewer Census workers out and about when people are being asked to stay in.

“For our Tribe, it is especially important for us to be counted in the Census because many of our people live outside of our local community,” said Council Chair Ron Allen. “Moreover, for all Jamestown citizens and descendants, we need you to not only select that you are American Indian, but also specify you are connected to Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.”

The form asks questions about each household, including name and age of each resident. Replies cannot be shared with anyone, including landlords and law enforcement. A Census worker who shares information can be punished by fines and jail time.

“Historic mistrust of the federal government might make some Native people hesitant to take part in the Census—but undercounts hurt Indian Country,” said Samantha K’_alaag’aa Jaat Biasca (Kaigani Haida, Tlingit, Inupiat). Biasca is Community Engagement Coordinator at the Na’ah Illahee Fund, which develops leadership among Native women and girls. This fund has also supported Jamestown programs.

“If we’re left out of the Census data, we’re left out in the cold,” Biasca said. “An accurate count in Indian Country means our people get the funding we need and deserve.”

The Census also asks about heritage and identity. There is no proof required by the form to identify as Native. All people have to do is choose the “American Indian or Alaska Native” race box on the Census form and make sure “Person 1” is a Native person in order to count your household as a Native household.

Additionally, there is no question about United States citizenship on the Census.

Two-spirit, gender queer, and non-binary relatives might find the form limiting. Activists recommend they choose one of the sex options listed, male or female, in order to be counted. That choice does not have to match with how people answer questions elsewhere.

Residents are asked to count all immediate family members, including those who might not be counted elsewhere.

In addition to funding, the Census also determines how many representatives each state has in the United States Congress.

“We only get this chance to be counted once a decade,” Biasca said. “It’s critical that we stand up and say we’re still here. We matter. No one else can say it for us.”

Additional information can be found at www.PNWNativescount.com.

Being Frank: Pollution-based Economy Cannot Be Sustained

By Lorraine Loomis, Chair, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

On April 16, as the coronavirus attacked communities across Washington, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it is rolling back our water quality standards that are the most protective of human health in the country.

The announcement gave a hollow ring to the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, which also marks the creation of the EPA. Today's EPA is led by an industry-driven agenda that will unravel half a century of work, environmental protection and science that are more critical today than ever.

At the request of industry, and in opposition to citizens, the state and tribes, EPA is rescinding our state's water quality standards that were developed in 2016 after decades of work. Pulp and paper manufacturers, oil companies and other polluters say the science-based rules that address known carcinogens are too costly to implement even though lenient implementation requirements were part of the compromise in creating the rules.

We shouldn't be surprised. The current administration has been working nonstop for the past three years to rollback or reverse many environmental regulations and policies that also protect our health.

The EPA is rolling back more than 100 laws ranging from decreasing auto emission standards to allowing increased levels of poisonous mercury into our environment. Polluters are even being allowed to regulate themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic. I don't understand how you can justify allowing more cancer-causing chemicals to be released in our water and our food, but that's what EPA is doing for polluters.

We need to move past this short-term thinking that destroys the environment and resources we depend upon. We must use our collective energy to innovate and build healthy economies that will feed and sustain us...not kill us.

Tribal communities already are compromised by

underfunded health care programs and scarce access to medical professionals. The health of Indian people should not be unjustly jeopardized simply because we eat more fish and shellfish than most who live here. In rolling back our water quality standards the agency is abandoning its trust responsibility to Tribes, a constitutional obligation to protect Tribal treaty rights, lands and resources. Under the federal Clean Water Act, the state and tribes – not the federal government – are responsible for setting water quality standards under their jurisdictions. EPA can revise existing standards only when they are deemed not strong enough, but that's not the case here.

That's why all 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington stand with Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson who have filed a lawsuit to stop the EPA's rollback.

Everyone who lives here will suffer from EPA's actions. But it's not just people who will be affected. Studies show that Puget Sound juvenile salmon acquire significant amounts of contaminants, such as PCBs, more than salmon from other parts of the Northwest. PCBs become more concentrated as they move up the food chain. Southern resident orcas accumulate more of these harmful chemicals than other animals, leading to reproductive disorders, compromised immune systems and cancer.

EPA has moved away from an agency tasked with providing environmental protections to one of accommodating polluting special interests.

Unfortunately, about the only thing we can expect from this EPA is more of the same.

We must protect what sustains us. Cutting costs for polluters is shortsighted at best. Polluters want short-term economic profits at the expense of our long-term health. The hard truth is that a pollution-based economy cannot be sustained.

Nominate the Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award is intended to go to that individual or group who has shown *selfless generosity* by volunteering a significant contribution of time and talents in service to the Tribe and its mission.

To be eligible, the nominee must be an adult or youth who provided volunteer service unrelated to paid activities or employment in service to the Tribe.

Volunteer of the Year Nominating Forms are available at the Tribe's website (www.jamestowntribe.org, on the Announcements page), and in the Administration Building lobby. Forms should be sent to Ann Sargent at asargent@jamestowntribe.org, or by mail to her attention **by July 1, 2020**. The Volunteer of the Year will be recognized in the Tribal newsletter and at the Tribal Picnic in August.

Hotel Opening Delayed Until August

By Matthew Nash, excerpted from The Sequim Gazette, May 8, 2020

Plans to hold a soft opening for the Tribe's new hotel, originally scheduled for late May, are now on hold until early August.

The scheduled opening for the approximate \$40 million, 100-room hotel has been postponed because of COVID-19 precautions and weather-related causes, casino CEO Jerry Allen said.

He said reservations will go online to 7 Cedars' website (www.7cedars.com) close to July 7, with the hotel's first occupants tentatively slated for the first week of August.

7 Cedars Casino closed in mid-March following state guidelines for gatherings to prevent the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus. Allen said they're monitoring state and county guidelines and will continue to follow their health officer Dr. Tom Locke's recommendations.

Allen said he's hopeful to reopen the casino sometime in June and he doesn't anticipate swaying from Locke's advice. He said there are about 60 staffers working in the casino when it's open, and staffing is "down considerably" since the closure.

Along with the hotel rooms, the construction's first phase includes conference spaces for up to 220 seats, a coffee shop and a 5-acre parking lot. Allen said that, despite the delays, he's happy with how construction is going.

"The work going on is a compliment to Swinerton (a San Francisco, Calif.-based construction company with offices in Bellevue)," he said. The project's Phase 2 would include adding more rooms, conference space and less-visible parking space after a few years of operating with Phase 1, Allen said in a previous interview. Possibilities for a pool and spa are also included in long-term plans.

The Tribe's marketing plan includes focusing on travelers from the Puget Sound area/I-5 corridor. Allen said he's hopeful that travel to the Olympic Peninsula will pick back up as Clallam County goes deeper into Gov. Inslee's four-phase program for COVID-19 gathering guidelines.

The Tribe continues to monitor travel regulations between Canada and the US with Canada's government continuing to restrict non-essential travel into the country. Allen said travelers stop in Blyn from the Seattle area and California before going to Canada via the Coho Ferry from Port Angeles.

Trump Administration Reestablishes White House Council on Native Americans

On April 28th, the White House, in conjunction with U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt, re-established the White House Council on Native American Affairs under Executive Order 13647. The Council was originally established by President Obama in 2013, but discontinued under the Trump Administration.

"Tribal leaders across the country are delighted that the White House is resuming the Council for Native Americans to improve the coordination of American Indian and Alaska Native affairs and programs to our Indian Nations. It is disappointing that it took the Administration 3 ½ years to figure out that it was needed to better serve all 574 Tribes in the U.S, but hopefully we can sustain it's standing through all future Administrations."

In addition to leading COVID-19 inter-agency response coordination with Indian Country, the Council will help drive Administration policy priorities supporting Indian Country, including economic development and rural prosperity, energy development, infrastructure, public health, cultural resources, public safety, veterans' affairs and education & workforce development.

As of Monday, May 4, Tyler Fish (Cherokee Nation) will be detailed to the position of Executive Director of the Council. In this position, Mr. Fish will continue to coordinate inter-agency collaboration on policy matters important to Indian Country and will serve as a key liaison to Indian Country for the Administration, formalizing and elevating the work Tyler did as the Tribal Liaison in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs since July 2019.

"Indian Affairs is proud to support the White House Council on Native American Affairs, which will help the Administration be even more responsive to Indian Country and effective in partnering with it," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney (Native Village of Barrow and the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope).

The Council is chaired by the Secretary of the Interior and includes major executive agencies and senior White House leadership. The Council was established to provide improved coordination of Federal programs and the use of resources available to Tribal communities.

Klallam Language Classes Go Virtual

For the last couple of months, our language class has jumped on the virtual platform train! Jamestown has been using Zoom as the online meeting platform to connect the language students to one another through video so that the meetings feel more “face-to-face”. So far we have about 17 steady participants! One positive outcome to note—because Jamestown has switched to Zoom for classes, this has given the opportunity for Tribal citizens and descendants from outside Clallam and Jefferson counties to participate. One current participant is a Tribal citizen living in Alaska!

Are you a Tribal citizen or descendant interested in joining in? No S’Klallam language experience necessary! Come join in, listen, and participate! Classes are Wednesdays at 12pm-1pm PST. Please contact Loni Greninger for the Zoom meeting information: lgreninger@jamestowntribe.org or 360-681-4660.

Drop in Vaccination Leaves Children Vulnerable to Other Diseases

The number of immunizations given to children in Washington is dropping during the COVID-19 pandemic. Providers in Washington’s Childhood Vaccine Program reported they administered 30 percent fewer vaccines in 0-18 year olds in March of this year compared with the same month in previous years. The decline appears to be continuing as April numbers are reported.

Children need vaccines to protect them. Slowing or stopping access to immunizations increases the risk that we could see an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease. Adding more outbreaks on top of COVID-19 not only would put more people’s health at risk, it also could overload the health care system.

Kids need adults and health care providers to keep them safe.

Parents and guardians should make an appointment right away for any missed immunizations.

Parents may be nervous about taking kids into a clinic. But health care providers are making clinics safe for families to visit. Talk to your doctor, nurse, or clinic about ways you can get vaccinated.

Everyone should be making appointments for needed medical care. Clinics and doctors’ offices have made changes to create a safe environment for you to obtain needed health care.

**Tribal Citizens & Descendants
Our Tribal Food Bank staff have been working hard
to keep the Food Bank stocked!**

If you are in need of food items, please consider visiting us!

The following items are available as supplies last:

Fresh produce such as apples, pears, oranges, potatoes, onions, and more

Canned vegetables and fruits

Fresh and canned meats

Pasta and sauces

Oatmeal

Juices

Butter, cheese, eggs

Non-food items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, and more

And more!

**Please call Christine Kiehl at 360-681-4636 to make an appointment to pick up a box of food,
or if you need a food box delivered to you.**

Food bank hours are 8am-5pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Community
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Housing Department
Notice of ICDGB Cares Act Application**

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is applying for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) CARES Act grant in order to Respond and Prepare for COVID-19 related activities. The new ICDBG CARES grant will be used to acquire and/or upgrade property to be used for quarantine/isolation units. This project will provide housing and support for those in need due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Persons desiring to comment on this application should submit comments in writing to the Jamestown S'Klallam Housing Department 1033 Old Blyn Highway, Sequim, WA, 98382.

Contact Persons: Ann Jagger, Housing Manager
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Children and Youth Programs

We've been trying to stay connected and make Girl's Group fun during these times where we cannot be physically together. We've had face and foot day, included with great conversations, education and laughter.

Ada Jane Garden, Caitlin Humphries, Kaycee Adams, Sofia Chaves, Mikaya Haller, Chava Haller, Kira Hedin, Kaileena Hedin, Ella Massey, Nyomie Colfax and Ellie Lawson have been joining the new Zoom group!

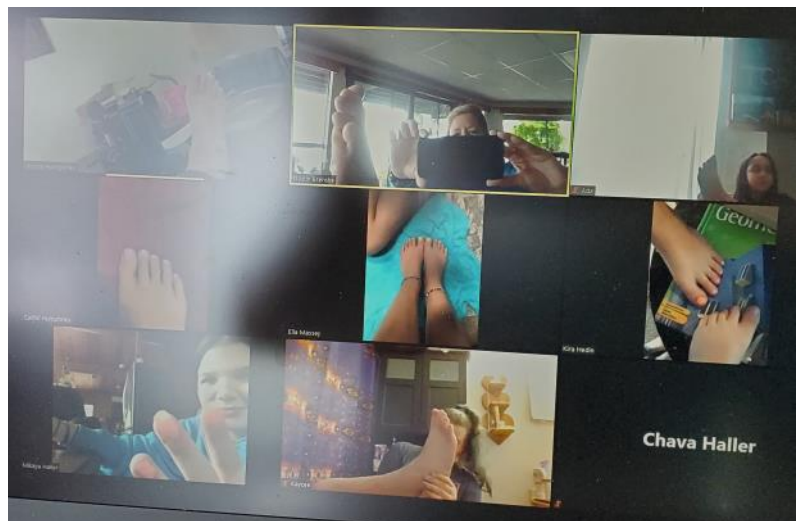
Any girls who would like to join this tween/teen group please reach out to us, we would love to have you. We have been dropping off supply kits for an activity and use the time to stay connected and also share important education in an informal setting.

Contact Youth Services Manager Dustin Brenske dbrenske@jamestowntribe.org or Children's Program Manager Jessica Humphries jhumphries@jamestowntribe.org for details.

We have also started a Boy's Group, led by our new Youth/Teen Assistant, Eric Greninger. (egreninger@jamestowntribe.org)



Above, face (mask) day. Below, foot (pedicure) day.



yəhúmæct Traditional Foods Program

by Lisa Barrell and Mackenzie Grinnell

Mackenzie and I have met the shelter in place challenge to keep our program going, and we are kicking its butt!



Cathy MacGregor with a bag full of nettles she picked for the food boxes.

q̓péct ʔiʔ kwúkʷ -gather and cook

We met for the first time virtually for q̓péct ʔiʔ kwúkʷ on April 28th to make a *nettle, bean, sausage immunity soup* and it went well enough that there was a request to do it again! It was a great way to see others in the Tribal community and at the same time prepare a healthy meal together/apart that could be shared with everyone in the household. Twenty food boxes were distributed or picked up at the Tribal office and thirty people participated. I saw spouses, mothers, and a grandchild on screen help with the meal prep.

I'm submitting this article prior to our May 26th q̓péct ʔiʔ kwúkʷ, but we will welcome guest cook Joseph Prince, son of Greg, grandson of Les who will lead us in a black cod dish from his home in Olympia. I'm excited to see how this turns out!

We've had several requests to continue with the virtual cooking after social distancing is a thing of the past, so let us know if you have a meal you'd like to share virtually live. We ask that it include one traditional food item and if you live across the country and eat something weird like quahogs... (haha) we can substitute littlenecks! Same applies to fish, and other shellfish. We can make it work! We do provide a \$100 thank you stipend and \$50 for you to purchase the supplies you'll need

Our next q̓péct ʔiʔ kwúkʷ is scheduled for June 23rd. We're sticking with the same format we had prior to sheltering in place of the 4th Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join in. The Zoom address will be listed on our Facebook page and on the Tribe's webpage. Our guest cook for June will be Harold Hensley, son of Vickie Carroll. He may be joined by his daughter Taylor. I hear both are fantastic cooks!



Trina Bridges Jeffrey's nettle, bean and sausage immunity soup

cácu sčaʔyiqʷ - riverside berry farm and the cácu sxʷčənéʔnə - riverside garden

The plants are young at the cácu sčaʔyiqʷ but I am seeing blossoms and new growth. Mackenzie has installed the drip irrigation and we are trying to keep the field growth low enough, so the new plants survive. We welcome volunteers to help with the weeding. Contact Lisa or Mackenzie. Special 'thank you' again, to all the volunteers who helped with the Camas Prairie Restoration last year. We have camas!

stətiʔəm ʔiyəm -Jamestown Strong

The "stətiʔəm ʔiyəm -Jamestown Strong program continues weekly on Wednesdays at 3:00. We rotate weekly to cover Garden Updates with Chris, Movement with Katy, Preventing & Living with Diabetes with Janelle and Native Nutrition with Bridgette. We've handed out seeds and start trays to those interested in starting plants that they will later transfer to the community garden. We want to thank those who have volunteered to work in the community garden and we welcome anyone who'd like to spend some time outdoors playing in the dirt! Contact Mackenzie to sign up.

Paint & sip sčxáyč - nettle tea

Last year we offered a workshop to "paint & sip tea". Timothy O'Connell led us in painting a cup then

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everyone created a batch of their own tea from dried plants we provided. This year we attempted the same theme virtually with Inupiaq artist Bristol Lakshas. The kits were all spoken for a few hours after the event was posted and several chose to join the virtual class using their own supplies. Hope everyone enjoyed the sčxáyč tea we included in the kits. Next month we'll post some of the artwork.

Personal planters

The personal planters were a hit for the second year in a row. Thanks to assistance from volunteer Adam Barrell, we were able to cut wood and assemble twenty-two kits. People stopped by to pick up their kits and thanks to Rochelle Blankenship, Ann Tjemsland, Rachel Sullivan, and Cathy MacGregor the remaining were delivered. A video of yours truly building the box was posted on our Facebook page for instructions on how to build the planter box. New this year... we had requests from citizens on the other side of the country who requested a materials list so they could build their own. Now that's exciting!

Plans are in the works to do a **virtual soap making workshop** in June with Teresa Smithlin, daughter of Kathy Duncan. Watch for details on our web page or the tribe's web site

Look at us. All of us. We're resilient. We are the strong people. Covid -19 couldn't keep us apart! Join us, whether it's virtually through one of our workshops or in person at the garden. Check out what we're doing on our Facebook page Jamestown S'Klallam Traditional Foods & Culture and leave us a message. We'd love to hear from you.

yəhúmæct – take care of yourself

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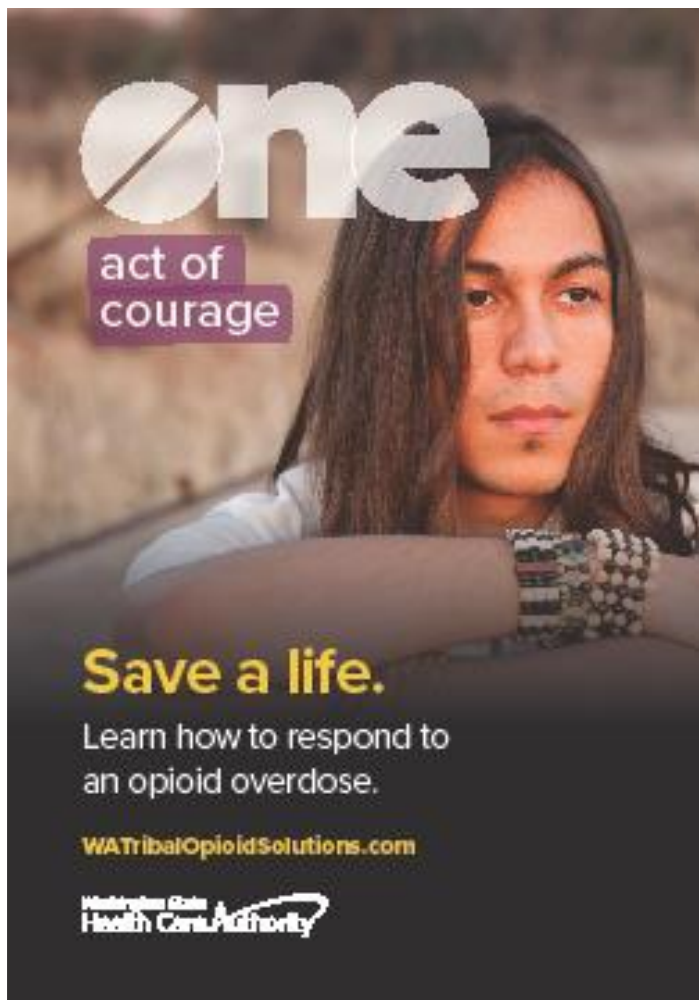
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Culture Corner

- **In-Person Song & Dance Practice and Classes (Cancelled)**
- **Please keep an eye on Facebook for online opportunities!**
- **Reminder: Canoe Journey 2020 has been cancelled,**

Library Corner

If you're still stuck at home, you must be bored by now with checking your Instagram and Facebook feeds. Now is an excellent time to brush on up your computer skills or even learn some new ones. On the Library website's Computer page (<https://library.jamestowntribe.org/c.php?g=532995&p=4132895>) you'll find links to numerous sites that can help you with everything from basic word processing to coding. Microsoft Imagine Academy has excellent video tutorials on Microsoft 2013 and 2016 products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook) as well as computer science, data science, and IT infrastructure. Check out the Research page <https://library.jamestowntribe.org/home/research> for more learning opportunities.



Election News

The Election Board's most recent mailing, sent out in late May, is the Declaration of Candidacy letter, soliciting candidates to run for one of the three open Tribal Council seats in this year's November election. The open seats are Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

If any Tribal citizen does not receive this letter, it means that we do not have your current address. Please call the front desk (360-683-1109 or 1-800-262-6603) and give Amber, our Receptionist, your correct address, phone number and email.

Current members of the Tribe's Election Board are Cathy MacGregor (Chair), Lana Kerr, Mary Norton, and alternate Jokton Schmitt. You can leave them a message at 1-800-262-6603 Extension 2029.

Free Fitness Equipment

If you are interested in any of these items, please call Marlin Holden at 360-461-4225.
Local delivery is available!



Bow Flex: New, never assembled



Elliptical, hardly used



Recumbent bicycle, hardly used

DEADLINES FOR JAMESTOWN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (FOR ENROLLED CITIZENS)

Spring Quarter - February 15th

Summer Term - April 15th

Fall Quarter /Fall Semester - June 15th

Winter Quarter/Spring Semester - November 15th

For information on Higher Education funding, contact Melisa Pippen at 360-681-4626 or mpippen@jamestowntribe.org

Calendar of Events: June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Jamestown Strong Page 12	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth (emancipation of slaves in 1865)	20 Summer Solstice—First day of summer
21 Fathers' Day	22	23 q̓páct ʔiʔ kʷúkw Gather and Cook	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Tribal Picnic

We are waiting a bit longer before deciding whether to hold the picnic in August. More information in the July and August newsletters!

JAMESTOWN FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC
808 NORTH 5TH AVE. SEQUIM, WA
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Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
 Sat. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. for both routine and
 as-needed, face-to-face and telehealth
 appointments.

Websites:

Tribal Government: www.jamestowntribe.org

7 Cedars Resort/Casino: www.7cedars.com

Jamestown Family Health Clinic: <https://jamestownhealth.org>

Jamestown Family Dental Clinic: <https://jamestownfamilydentalclinic.com/>

Tribal Library: <http://library.jamestowntribe.org>

Tribal Online Museum: www.tribalmuseum.jamestowntribe.org

Healing Campus: www.jamestownhealingcampus.org

Facebook Pages:

Tribal Government: www.facebook.com/JamestownSKlallamTribe

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ʔáyəstxʷ ʔínəŋ skʷáči HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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1	Jorene Dick	15	Angel Freeman
3	Cheryl Shelafor	16	Gary Balch
3	Helen McElroy	17	Janis King
3	Karen Matson-Cole	19	Anna Adams
4	Terra Smithson	19	Vicki Turner
4	Andrew Sampson	21	Abigayle Wolf
4	Thomas Hernandez	21	Trina Bridges-Jeffrey
5	Derek Sanderson	22	Frank Qualls
7	Alexiz Erickson	22	James Shelton
7	Patrick Adams	23	Nathan Zwink
8	Drew Balch	23	Marcos Hunter
9	Myrna Rightmire	23	Harvey Harner
9	Donna Acaldo	24	Leah Myers
10	Alisha Adams	24	Michael Adams
10	Maya Zwink	24	Jeffrey Monson
10	Melanie Cable	24	Kristopher LaCross
10	Julie Powers	25	Jack Grinnell
12	Christopher Kardonsky	27	Angela Bill
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12	Darcel Obermiller	30	Jack Johnston

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