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Weekly COVID-19 Update from the CEO

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This was a banner week for the Tribe, as we opened 7 Cedars hotel despite the pandemic. By holding several smaller celebrations, we were able to maintain social distancing for our honored guests, who arrived roughly every 90 minutes throughout Monday afternoon and Tuesday. Guests included our Tribal community, our sister Tribes, those who designed and built the hotel, as well as local and regional dignitaries. Seats were placed 6-feet apart; everyone wore masks, and everyone's temperature was taken before they entered the hotel for tours and refreshments.

According to the Sequim Gazette, in a unanimous vote Monday night, Sequim school board directors agreed to a limited opening of schools this September that will see students with special needs and individual education plans (IEPs) attend school in person — with a group of about 25 students at each school building on Mondays and Tuesdays, and a second group of 25 at schools on Thursdays and Fridays — and the rest of Sequim students learning from home. The remaining student population would eventually be brought back to school in phases, as health conditions allow, starting with kindergarten and first grade students at the district's two elementary schools, sixth-graders at Sequim Middle School and ninth-graders at Sequim High. The re-opening would still follow an "AABB" model, with students divided into two groups. The first group would attend school in person Mondays and Tuesdays, the second on Thursdays and Fridays, with Wednesdays reserved for specialized instruction and professional development. Other local districts are still working out the details of their reopening plans.

We continue to urge & encourage the use the mask! More than 50,000 people in Washington have been diagnosed with COVID-19, and between 30 and 50 percent of them caught it from someone who didn't have any symptoms at all.

Stay healthy,

W. Ron Allen, Council Chair/CEO