



Colville Tribal Emergency Operations Center

P: 509-634-7350

Thursday, May 21, 2020

Colville Reservation

Positive 14

Death 1

Released from isolation 13

EOC reports potential scammers targeting reservation residents

NESPELEM - The Colville Tribal Emergency Operations Center would like to notify area residents of Medicare and unemployment scams on the Colville Reservation.

The AARP and Federal Trade Commission have stated, "If you get a phone call from someone purporting to be from Medicare, hang up — and report the call."

Identity thieves are targeting Medicare recipients to obtain money or their Medicare, personal or banking information, the FTC warns.

The IRS has also recently reported scams targeting stimulus payments.

Scammers use various ploys to obtain the information, saying in some cases that a new card is being sent out and the call recipients need to provide the last four digits of their Social Security numbers, or they'll be charged a fee. Sometimes scammers promise free services or equipment in exchange for Medicare information.

Or to wheedle sensitive data from you, they pretend there are new policies or updates.

Locally, reservation residents have reported being contacted to discuss pain management. The caller, who claimed to be from Medicare, has threatened to disenroll their targets from Medicare if the target does not comply.

Other residents have reported receiving letters related to Medicare and unemployment. These letters tend to ask their targets to call numbers alleging to be associated with Medicare and unemployment.

Do not comply with these calls. Instead, contact the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services by calling 800-MEDICARE.

For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

Colville Tribal EOC: 509-634-7350

Washington Department of Health Hotline

1-800-525-0127

Find more information online:

www.colvilletribes.com/novel-coronavirus

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ColvilleTribune

Testing sites on the Colville Reservation

Inchelium

- Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center - Inchelium Community Health Center Phone: (509) 722-7006

Keller

- Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center - San Poil Valley Community Health Center Phone: (509) 634-7300

Nespelem

- Colville Service Unit - Nespelem Clinic Phone: (509) 634-2913 or (509) 634-2900

Omak

- Colville Service Unit - Omak Clinic Phone: (509) 422-7416

Testing sites off the Colville Reservation

Omak

- Mid Valley Hospital Phone: 509-826-1760
- Confluence Health - Omak Clinic Phone: (509) 826-1800
- Family Health Center - Omak Phone: (509) 422-5700

Brewster

- Three Rivers Hospital Phone: (509) 689-2517
- Family Health Center - Brewster Phone: (509) 660-2129

Tonasket

- North Valley Hospital Phone: (509) 486-2151

Twisp/Winthrop

- Confluence Health - Methow Phone: (509) 996-8180

- Family Health Center - Twisp (509)997-2011
- **Grand Coulee**
- Coulee Medical Center Phone: (509) 633-1753

Colville

- Providence Health Service Phone: (509) 685-2011

Chewelah

- Providence Health Service Phone: (509) 685-2011

Republic

- Ferry County Health Phone: 509-422-7416

*****Other private providers and health clinics - call ahead and find out if this is available and get instructions from the provider.***