



# Colville Tribal Emergency Operations Center

**P: 509-634-7350**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

## **Colville Reservation**

Positive 14

Death 1

Released from isolation 14

## **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 targetting residents 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.

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, such as a back brace or neck brace, 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.

Medicare has stated they do not telephone recipients. 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](http://www.colvilletribes.com/novel-coronavirus)**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ColvilleTribune](http://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**

- 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.***