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Raymond Namoki being sworn in Sipalovi village representative (Photo by Clark Tenakhongva)

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Romalita Laban, Managing Editor
Kykotsmovi, AZ – May 4, 2021, as of Tuesday evening, April 27, 2021 Hopi Tribal Chairman sent an email to the “All” list regarding “Phase II Re-Opening” with a memorandum attached and addressed to “ALL HOPI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES” with the subject line of, “RETURN TO WORK GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS”

The memorandum noted that “on April 27, 2021, the Hopi Tribal Government issued Hopi Executive Order 009-2021, which initiated Phase Two Reopening. This memorandum serves as notification to the Hopi Tribal Government Workforce that Executive Order 009-2021 effectively replaces the Phase One Reopening Executive Order 08-2021.”

The memorandum from the Chairman went on to explain that beginning Wednesday April 28, 2021 minimal staff for Tribal programs and services designated as Phase One and Phase Two programs were eligible to return to work onsite.

Further descriptions and explanations of what the Transition to Phase Two of reopening means, expectations of the Hopi Tribal employees, references to the Return to Work Guidelines and further anticipation of having all employees return to work at some future point in time was mentioned. No actual date of when the Hopi Tribe might move into Phase Three was addressed.

As of Thursday, April 1, 2021, the Executive Order #008-2021 Hopi Phase One Re-Opening item soosoyam qale ‘ykini had been in effect. No other announcements, memorandum to Hopi Tribal employees or Executive Orders had been received by Hopi Tutuveni staff before the document was published in the April 7, 2021 publication.

Executive Order #009-2021 was sent out in a separate email earlier in the day on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 to the “All” list by Malinda Andrews, Senior Advisor – Chairman’s Office with the Executive Order #009-2021 – Hopi Phase Two Re-Opening April 27, 2021 document attached.

The Executive Order #009-2021 – Hopi Phase Two Re-opening text is available on page 3 of the May 5th publication of Hopi Tutuveni.

Hopi Tribal Council Second Quarter Session March 1, 2021 AGENDA Month of May 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Action Item #061-2020 – To approve the settlement agreement in the Hopi Tribe v. United States of America, No. 06-0941 (Fed. Ct of Claims) – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel – TABLED
2. Action Item #013-2021 – To approve a Management, Development and Spring-consult agreement with Tonto Apache Tribe to develop and manage tribal casinos – Author/Dwayne Secakuku, Chairman, Hopi Gaming Committee - TABLED
3. Action Item #014-2021 – To approve Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation’s Special Land Use Assignment in the amount of 18± acres to develop on Hopi Indian Trust Lands consistent with the 140 Feasibility Study for Winslow Industrial Park, Parcel 16 – Author/Lucinda Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation - TABLED
4. Action Item #018-2021 – To accept Five (5) Year Multi-Funding from the Area Agency on Aging, Region 8, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) for period covering July 2020 thru June 2025 – Author/Beatrice Norton, Manager, Office of Aging & Adult Services
5. Discussion with Judge Eric Bruggink re: Settlement Agreement in the Hopi Tribe v. United States of America, No. 06-0941 (Fed. Ct of Claims) – Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel – **Time Certain – May 25 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.
6. Letter dated April 6, 2021 to Honorable Secretary of Interior Haaland from Stewart Koyiyumptewa, re: Hopi Tribe’s comments regarding consultation with the Department of Interior - Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi - **Time Certain – May 3, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
7. Letter dated February 1, 2021 from First Mesa Consolidated Villages’ Leadership re: Complaint on the development of aboriginal and traditional land use areas by the Hopi Tribe without consent – Phillip Quochtyewa, Sr., Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi - **Time Certain - May 5, 2021 @ 9:00 am
8. Peter Connors, President/CEO of Remcon Plastics Incorporated – Interest in the Winslow Industrial Park, Parcel 16 - Phillip Quochtyewa, Sr, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi - **Time Certain - May 6, 2021 @ 9:00 am
9. Presentation of Resolution on Save Oak Flat, Apache homelands from mining by San Carlos Apache Chairman Terry Rambler to seek support of Hopi Tribal Council on Resolution – Timothy L. Nuvangoa, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe - **Time Certain - May 6, 2021 @ 1:00 pm.
EXECUTIVE ORDER #009-2021 Hopi Phase Two Re-Opening / tam soosoyam qale'ykini

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) and (b) respectively, authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council to represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is a sovereign tribal nation, responsible to its villages, citizens and members and charged with providing direction for the health and safety of all during a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2021, after meeting the specified gating criteria, the Hopi Tribe implemented Phase One Re-Opening; and

WHEREAS, as of April 22, 2021, case data continues to reflect a downward trajectory or near zero percent (6.7%) of positive tests as a percentage of total tests over a 14-day period; and

WHEREAS, based on an analysis of recent data, benchmarks have been reached in all thirteen Hopi Villages and Communities indicating the gating criteria recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Phase Two Re-Opening have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe is continuing to face the COVID-19 pandemic with limited resources to respond to the public health emergency and is fully aware of the danger of prematurely opening the community; and

WHEREAS, while significant progress has been made to achieve a flattening of the curve, there is still a need for vigilance moving forward with Phase Two Re-Opening, including the continuation of certain restrictions and preventive measures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe authorizes the Phase Two Re-Opening of Hopi, subject to the following:

1. Face covering use shall be required inside all public facilities and buildings, common areas, and outdoor locations where physical distancing is not possible.
2. Recreational tourism and visitation are not encouraged at this time especially for individuals coming from outside the Hopi Reservation.
3. The Hopi Law Enforcement Services will coordinate with village leaders and village security officers to allow for welfare checks.
4. Hopi villages and regions that satisfy baseline CDC gating criteria are eligible to begin Phase Two. In recognition of village sovereignty, re-opening of the various Hopi villages and communities will be left to the administration of each respective village.

5. It is recommended that the Hopi business sector adhere to the following guidelines, in addition to those listed above for Phase Two Re-opening:
   - Implement maximum capacity restrictions and social distancing requirements.
   - Implement screening, and temperature checks for staff.
   - Implement Intervention, Prevention, and Control (IPC), cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
   - Implement mechanisms to control flow of traffic within the facility to the extent feasible.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of April 2021
2021 Hopi Tribal General Elections for Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Hopi Tribal Council - Hopi Tribe.

Submitted by: Hopi Election Board
For Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - On April 8, 2021, The Hopi Election Board announced the Hopi Tribal 2021 General Elections for the Chairman and Vice Chairman by posting flyers in the community and on the local radio.

September is still a couple of months away but it will be here before we know it. September 9, 2021, second Thursday of the month will be the Primary election. November 11, 2021, second Thursday of the month, will be the General election.

The Hopi Election Board has the Petitioner’s Packets available for pick up beginning April 12, 2021 at the Hopi Elections Office, located off of Ariz. State Highway 264 and B.I.A. Indian Rt. 2 (Leupp Road turn off) in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. The Elections Office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. if an interested individual would like to pick up a petition. A short orientation of the contents of the packet is given to the Petitioner. The Petitioner’s Packets are due back to the Hopi Elections Office no later than May 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and the Petitioner is required to deliver the packet back to the Office.

The Primary Election is the process of having individuals who wish to submit a petition to qualify to compete to have their names placed on the ballot to vie for the Chairman and Vice Chairman Seats. This election will determine the final two competitors who will move onto the General Election.

In the General Election the top two individuals who received the majority of the votes from the Primary Elections will be placed on the ballot for the General Election. The majority votes cast by the eligible Hopi voters will determine the next Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe. Once the Hopi Election Board certifies the election results it is presented to the Hopi Tribal Council.

The current Hopi Election Board Regular members are: George Nasafotie Jr, Board Chairman from the Village of Shungopavi, Adrianne Masaquaptewa, Board Vice Chairman from the Village of Hotevilla, Colleen Seletstewa, from the Village of Mushungnuvi, Cheryl Tenakhongva, from the Village of Hotevilla, Mardell Lomayestewa, from the Village of Shungopavi. Alternate members are: Dorothy Ami, 2nd Alternate, from the Village of Tewa, Darlene Lucario-Nuvamsa, 3rd Alternate, from the Village of Shungopavi.

The 1st Alternate position is currently vacant and interested individuals who wish to serve on the Hopi Election Board as the 1st Alternate may submit a Letter of Interest to the Hopi Election Board. An interested person must be 18 years of age, a Hopi enrolled member, and be able to speak and understand the Hopi language and must not be a staff member of the Hopi Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman or a member of the Hopi Tribal Council.

As of December 2020, the Hopi Election Board has begun preparing for the upcoming elections. A common question being posed is how will Tribal Elections be managed in this time of crisis?

The Coronavirus Pandemic on the Hopi Reservation is a major concern of the Hopi Election Board. Throughout their discussions several of the Board members agreed and requested that a motion be made to consider writing a letter to the Hopi Tribal Council on their concerns.

The Hopi Election Board has sent a letter to the Hopi Tribal Council with their concern of the method which they should consider for the elections this year. As we all know that this Coronavirus Pandemic is upon the Hopi Reservation.

On February 9, 2021 the Hopi Tribal Council discussed the Hopi Election Board’s request and the Hopi Tribal Council recommended that the Hopi Election Board continue having the elections as they have carried out the elections in the past. With the guidance from the Hopi Tribal Council, the Hopi Election Board has begun to move forward with the planning of the General Elections for the Hopi Tribe.

Early voting sites will be located outside of the villages on given days for each location and at the Hopi Elections Office for another whole week to give the opportunity to those who wish to vote early. The dates and locations will be forth coming.

To vote by absentee ballot, which is a vote by mail, an eligible voter can request for an absentee ballot to be sent to them by calling 928-734-2507/2580, emailing kshupla@hopi.nsn, or faxing a request to the Hopi Elections office at 928-734-1257. Tribal Registration forms can also be obtained on the Hopi Tribe’s website at hopi-tribe.gov under the Tribal Government pull down menu where the Hopi Elections link is located. Click on Hopi and you will find the form to request for an absentee ballot.

Requests to have polling sites in the villages have been emailed out to the villages which have a deadline of May 14, 2021 to respond back to the Hopi Elections Office, if they choose to have a site in their villages. These polling locations will be posted at a later time.

These changes which are made by the Hopi Election Board are due to the Coronavirus Pandemic which has hit the Hopi reservation. It is for the safety of the voting members of the Hopi Tribe and its Election Workers and all those involved in the elections throughout the Hopi Reservation that these changes have been implemented.

The Primary Election date is September 9, 2021 and the General Election date is November 11, 2021 which is also Veteran’s Day, a National Holiday. The Hopi Constitution does not state that if an election date falls on a holiday it will be moved to the day before or after, so the General Election will still be held on November 11, 2021.

The Hopi Election Board will have a live interview with the local Hopi Radio station, KUYI 88.1 FM on Monday, May 10, 2021 beginning at 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. so the public may tune in to hear more about the upcoming Hopi Tribal General Elections for the Chairman and Vice Chairman Elections.

For more information call Hopi Elections Office at 928-734-2507/2508 or email kshupla@hopi.nsn.us.
NOTICE of 2021 Hopi Tribal Primary and General Elections
For Hopi Tribal Chairman & Vice Chairman

Submitted by: Karen Shupla, Hopi Elections Office
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – Friday, April 30, 2021, this public is being notified of the following Hopi Tribal Elections taking place in 2021:

PRIMARY ELECTION September 9, 2021
GENERAL ELECTION November 11, 2021

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE HOPI TRIBE Article IV, Sec. 9 The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Candidates for the offices of the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall:
- be members of the Hopi Tribe,
- twenty-five years of age or older,
- and must speak the Hopi language.
- Each candidate for either of said offices must also have a primary and physical residency on the Hopi Reservation for not less than two years immediately preceding his announcement of such candidacy.
- A candidate must not have been convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude within ten (10) years of candidacy.

Petitioner’s Packets Information:
A Petitioner must pick up and sign out for the Packet in person only. A short orientation will be given regarding the packet contents and information.

Petitioner’s Packets will be available at the Hopi Election Office located off of Ariz. State Hwy 264, B.I.A. Indian Rt. 2, (Leupp Road turn off) in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. beginning April 12, 2021, during normal business hours.

Deadline Date Information: Deadline date to return Petitioner’s Packets is MAY 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. MST to the Hopi Elections Office.

Masks/Face coverings are required while doing business at the Hopi Election Office.
For more information, call the Hopi Elections Office at 928-734-2507/2508 or email kshupla@hopi.nsn.us

Plan for lane restrictions on State Route 264 as work gets underway on Dinnebito Wash Bridge rehabilitation project in early May

PRESS RELEASE

Drivers on State Route 264 should plan for lane restrictions beginning in early May as work begins on a new rehabilitation project on the Dinnebito Wash Bridge about 40 miles east of Tuba City on the Hopi tribal lands.

The following traffic restrictions are scheduled to be in place from 6 a.m to 6 p.m. seven days a week beginning in early May and will continue through the summer:
- SR 264 will be narrowed to one lane of alternating east- and westbound travel near the Dinnebito Wash Bridge (milepost 363).
- A 12-foot vehicle width restriction will be in effect through the construction zone.

The restrictions are needed so crews can safely demolish, remove and replace the existing bridge decks, reconstruct the roadway approach transitions, replace guardrails and other related work. The work is expected to be completed in fall 2021.

Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or go to azdot.gov/contact and select Projects from the drop-down menu. For real-time highway conditions statewide, visit ADOT’s Traveler Information Site at www.az511.gov, follow ADOT on Twitter (@ArizonaDOT) or call 511, except while driving.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

This week, the Biden Administration completed its first 100 days in office. President Biden has delivered immediate relief for Indian Country including actions to control the COVID-19 pandemic, launching a national vaccination program to immunize everyone over the age of 16, efficiently and equitably, and to provide economic relief. These are critical steps in defeating the pandemic and a pathway to more equitable health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected American Indian and Alaska Native populations across the country. American Indians and Alaska Natives have infection rates over 3.5 times higher than non-Hispanic whites, are over four times more likely to be hospitalized as a result of COVID-19, and have higher rates of mortality at younger ages than non-Hispanic whites. The IHS continues to work closely with its tribal partners and with urban Indian organizations as well as federal, state and local public health officials to coordinate a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. IHS has worked closely with these partners over the past 100 days to accelerate its fight against the pandemic. IHS addressed barriers to vaccination in underserved communities, including the provision of convenient and accessible vaccination sites, by increasing clinical and community-based workforce for outreach, education and vaccination and led the way on accelerating COVID vaccination distribution and administration.

• In the first 100 days, the IHS has administered approximately 1.1 million vaccine doses across the Indian health system.

• In March, FEMA mobile units were deployed to the Indian Health Service Great Plains Area, with a unit in South Dakota and North Dakota to reach rural and remote populations. This partnership will allow IHS to expand access to vaccines in tribal communities and reach more people as we work to achieve community immunity. The vaccine outreach events also targeted hard-to-reach population of 16 and 17-year-olds.

• IHS expanded vaccination efforts in our urban communities. In April, we collaborated with the University of Maryland, Baltimore and Native American Lifelines to provide a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. areas and we partnered with the American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit, Michigan, the state of Michigan, the city of Troy, the county, and other local tribal partners on a community vaccination event that vaccinated 1,700 people in a day.

• IHS continues to strengthen partnerships with our state and federal partners to ensure successful vaccine events. Since January 20, 2021, IHS has hosted and/or partnered with stakeholders to participate in over 2,000 community vaccine events.

• Indian Country led the way in launching a rapid vaccine rollout to protect our elders who are at high-risk and vulnerable to COVID-19. Many tribal communities mobilized its community to vaccinate elders, fluent tribal language speakers, traditional storytellers, and traditional medicine keepers to protect tribal communities and preserve cultural resources. Indian Country was critical in assisting its respective state and local areas in vaccinating the community. In order to protect community immunity, IHS and tribal health facilities began vaccinating teachers, first responders, household members of tribal citizens and community members. IHS’ systematic approach and strong partnerships with tribes and tribal organizations resulted in early extension of eligibility to Native and non-Native community members aged 16 years and older. The IHS was the first jurisdiction to begin distributing vaccines based on need of the facilities, rather than centralized allocation. This on demand ordering system ensured vaccines were distributed where they were needed the most.

The IHS allocated $4.3 billion in relief to federal, tribal, and urban Indian organizations to support their ongoing efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• President Biden’s historic investment in our communities supports our ongoing efforts to address long-standing health inequities experienced by American Indians and Alaska Natives by ensuring a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

• These funds will allow our communities to expand COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment; increase preventive and primary health care services to people at higher risk for COVID-19; and expand the operational capacity of hospitals and health clinics during the pandemic.

•Also, it provides $2 billion for the broader Indian healthcare system, which has been hard hit during the pandemic due to lost reimbursements for care from public and private insurance. IHS ensured American Indians and Alaska Natives had access to regular, reliable, and free testing.

• IHS has administered approximately 470,000 COVID-19 tests in the first 100 days.

• IHS increased drive-through testing sites. Several IHS Area Offices collaborated with state and local partners, and, in some cases the National Guard, to provide drive-through testing events to provide much needed access to COVID-19 testing in remote tribal communities.

• IHS has efficiently and equitably distributed next-generation testing, including at home tests and rapid tests, to scale up testing capacity by orders of magnitude. IHS expanded access to telehealth by ramping up services and offering solutions that support communities with limited bandwidth.

• IHS expanded access to telehealth, significantly expanding the use of telemedicine to provide services in Indian Country. IHS facilities rapidly ramped up virtual care services averaging 35,000 telehealth visits per month.

• In remote and rural tribal communities, patients often do not have sufficient broadband connectivity in their home or community to support video consultation. In these cases, telephone only connections have allowed care to continue. IHS announced in March that it would be expanding telehealth by offering a telehealth solution that supports communities or areas that have limited bandwidth and where Internet connectivity may be a challenge. The goal is to reach more patients and providers with improved video and audio capability.

• IHS has committed to modernizing its health IT infrastructure. IHS recently added the ability to document post COVID functional status in a standardized manner in the electronic health record. This addition makes it easier for clinicians to rate and follow up with patients that have been diagnosed with COVID-19. By adding a functional status tool to the EHR, IHS has improved the way to document and capture patients’ long-term effects post COVID-19.

• The IHS allocated $140 million of the American Rescue Plan Act funds for information technology, telehealth infrastructure, and the IHS Electronic Health Record. Of the $140 million appropriated in the Act, the IHS will allocate $67 million to IHS federal health programs and tribal health programs, $3 million to support urban Indian organizations, and $70 million for IHS electronic health record modernization. IHS addressed infrastructure challenges in American Indian and Alaska Native communities by increasing access to water.

• The IHS partnered with the Navajo Nation and other local organizations to support the installation of 59 transitional water points on the Navajo Nation. In February 2021, the IHS completed this large-scale effort known as the Navajo Nation COVID-19 Water Access Project.

• The IHS specifically targeted Navajo Nation to increase and ensure the availability of safe water sources. This increased access to safe water for over 9,600 homes without piped water.

• This project benefited over 37,000 people or approximately 20% of the Navajo Nation population.

• The IHS will continue to work towards addressing long-term actions to improve water access.
Another method to try out is combining both disciplines of running and walking. Run-walk intervals can be a safe and effective way to increase your endurance, log more miles and stave off injuries; all while getting a great workout. And because of their customizable nature, intervals can be tailored toward people of varying fitness levels, from beginners to experienced runners.

1. **BE CONSISTENT** - You have to do the intervals from the time your run/walk starts to the end. Always beginning with a proper warm up jog/walk.

2. **RUN SLOWER** - Start out running more slowly than you typically would (at least on your training runs). This, paired with walking, will leave more in your tank for the second half of your run.

3. **WALK FASTER** - Just because you aren’t running doesn’t mean you are taking a leisurely walk in the park. Keep up the pace.

4. **IT’S NOT JUST FOR BEGINNERS** - The run/walk method isn’t just for beginners. Veteran runners have success with these intervals, too. I’ve been a runner for 10 years when I decided to try the walk breaks.

5. **KEEP THINGS INTERESTING** - Let’s face it – running can get boring. When you break it into intervals the sub two-hour run flies by.

### Run-Walk Plan for Beginners:

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Start and finish each workout with five minutes of walking. Then, alternate the following run/walk ratios for 30 minutes.

You may begin with a regular walking routine before incorporating the run-walk method. Once you get started aim for your level of perceived exertion during the run periods, causing you to breathe a little harder and more challenging to carry on a normal conversation. Reduce your pace where you can carry on an easier conversation while still in a brisk walk. You should be able to have a conversation during those walk periods.

In addition, good rules of thumb for a successful 100 Mile Club season are:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day to keep hydrated.
- Wear comfortable and properly fitting walking/running shoes.
- Wear comfortable and breathable clothing. Dress accordingly to the weather conditions outside.
- Let someone know where you intend to run/walk if going alone.
- During this time of the pandemic, please follow safety guidelines provided by the CDC on social distancing and wearing your face mask while in public areas.
- Enjoy the experience and know we are with you every step of the way!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – May 3, 2021 — Nationwide there has been a moderate increase in cases due to a combination of the more transmissible variants of the COVID-19 virus and certain states lifting their preventative guidelines. Currently the rising cases are mostly found in the Midwest and the North East areas of the United States. Arizona has continued to have a lower relative Covid-19 burden, however Coconino County and the Western communities of the Navajo Reservation have continued to see increases. Furthermore, the Hopi reservation continues to see small pockets of Covid-19 and the Hopi Department of Health and Human Services is monitoring the situation for community transmission. We all must continue to practice the three W’s; Watch your distance, Wash your hands and Wear a mask. In addition to the three W’s everyone who can be vaccinated (people over the age of 16), should contact their healthcare provider about receiving the Covid-19 vaccine.

For the Covid-19 vaccines, overall effectiveness has been reported in the range of 70% to 95% for symptomatic Covid-19, which is well above the average effectiveness of the flu vaccine, for example. Not only do these vaccines appear to lessen risk of developing COVID-19, but they also appear to lessen the risk of severe disease. In large clinical trials, most side effects have been minor. When side effects do occur, they typically last just a few days. A side effect or reaction isn’t necessarily all bad, as it may indicate that the body is building protection against the virus. Common side effects include: 1.) pain at the site of the injection; 2.) painful, swollen lymph nodes in the arm where the vaccine was injected; 3.) overall fatigue; 4.) headache. It is normal to feel apprehensive about any new treatment. But two common misconceptions often result in people avoiding the COVID vaccine unnecessarily. When health problems develop soon after vaccination, people tend to blame the vaccine. Yet cancer, strokes, heart attacks, blood disorders, and rare illnesses occurred before the pandemic, and will of course continue to occur long after. If a person contracts COVID-19 soon after vaccination, it is not due to the vaccine. No live SARS-CoV-2 virus is used in the currently available vaccines or those in development.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of May 3, 2021 the United States now has approximately 32.2 million confirmed positive cases with 34,452 new cases and over 574,220 deaths reported.

Over 864,579 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 16,218 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 9,200 patients to this date. Over 1,389 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 1008 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 269 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1277 positive Hopi Tribal members.

The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020

** A total of 1277+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

Symptomatic: People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness. This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

COPING WITH STRESS DURING COVID-19

It’s normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared, or angry. Talking to people you trust can help.

GATHER FACTUAL INFORMATION

from credible sources to help you accurately determine your risk and take reasonable precautions.

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

as best as you can with proper diet, adequate sleep and exercise, and social interaction with loved ones at home or online.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

for physical and mental health needs instead of using smoking, alcohol, or drugs to cope.

AVOID BAD MEDIA

Lessen the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage of news that you find upsetting.

REACH OUT FOR ASSISTANCE

If you need a little help when facing life’s adversities, please don’t hesitate and call us.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(928) 737-1800 or (928) 734-3401 or (928) 737-6342

THE HOPI TRIBE
### Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases*  
May 3, 2021

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**Education:**

- **total cases and seven day moving average**

This graph demonstrates that cases per day stratified by village with a total case line and rolling seven-day line. This graph gives the total of positive cases for the day in a blue bar graph. The red line is the moving 7-day incidence average and demonstrates the general trend of Covid-19 of the community.

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**Cases on Hopi during the last 14 days**

This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village. Currently there are 4 active cases that is defined as persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 14 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.

For questions or more information, please call The Hopi Tribe Department of Health & Human Services at (928) 734-3402.
Cross Word Puzzle
Find the English words for the Hopi words.

Across
1. Momo
2. Qotsvi
3. Qotsa
4. Maskiisi
5. Maasi
6. Tsodoviw
7. Kwewu
8. Mokingpu
9. Mansala
10. Qomvi

Down
1. Paalangpu
2. Sakwa
3. Paakiw
4. Sakuna
5. Tasikpu
6. Sikaagpu
7. Naala
8. Tsorongpu
9. Aanu
10. Angwusi

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A Windy April in May?

Larry (The Cat) Watahamagee

Around this time in the Hopi calendar, men would be furiously rushing around to get to their fields to clean and prepare for the planting season. I know, because that’s what we would do every year around this time in April. But for some reason, men don’t really seem to be that way this year. When I was at my field preparing as we do every year, I would see men at their fields, tractors rushing around, preparing their soil for the planting year, but now, it seems that we are not doing that anymore. I mean, maybe it means that they did that last weekend or so, but still, men would be at their field every weekend either preparing or planting.

Now don’t get me wrong, I’m sure the men are just delaying it because of the weather, but still, snow, rain, or shine, men would dedicate their selves to prepare and plant in their field. Maybe this whole pandemic put us in a worry? Or maybe this pandemic is just taking over our lives and we just want it to, but whatever the reason, to me, it just seems a bit strange.

So right now, some villages are preparing for their annual village ceremonies and others saying it will cost us our life if we don’t proceed with our annual ceremonies. So, who do we believe? Do we believe in the way of the white man telling us that we should hold back on our ceremonies because of the pandemic that still is in place, and that we need to have restrictions to do our own ceremonies? Or do we believe that these ceremonies are our own doing and will and that we should hold them even in the pandemic, that we should honor and respect our own religion to do so.

I could say the choice is yours to make. When you really look at it, yes, we should keep honoring our religion and keep our ceremonies alive. If you don’t what to partake in the ceremonies, that’s up to you.

Now I’m not saying that you have to keep with your traditions, all I’m saying is we need to keep our identity strong because that separates us from other Native Americans. I know that sounds shallow, but our culture is not bathed in competition or in grand arenas. Our traditions are our own. We’ve been practicing our ceremonies for thousands of years at the same place. So, yes, I believe that we should keep doing our traditions, not for ourselves but for the betterment of the people. Not just for physical help but for spiritual help as well. Physical health is just half of a human and we have to consider the human spirit, too.

I know some may think all of what I say sounds conceded but you can’t have a religion without sounding a little conceded, in my opinion, anyway.

I know we are all tired of the same old talk about this pandemic and I get it. We are getting bored and getting fed up with this whole sickness. But let me tell you this, this pandemic is not the first we will ever encounter, nor it will be the last. A real shocker, I know right? But all in all, if we learn how to deal with our problems and learn to cope with our world now, I can assure you that whenever another pandemic comes along, we will be ready to see this through. But thinking of not having a pandemic seems like a good quest, right about now.

I rarely get out of the house to visit people or visit my cat friends so that’s why I kind of talk about the same things. I can tell you all the gossip the old ladies are talking about but that’s too juicy and far too long to type which might make this out to be a book, rather than a column.

So, my advice to you is that even though it may seem like we are trying to stop our religious belief in the Hopi community, I can assure you that the Hopi religion is far stronger than this pandemic or sickness…only if you have faith and believe in it. But then again, I believe in the pizza fairy so much that I still pray one day a pizza will land on my doorstep and my prayers will be answered. For now I will keep up the faith even if I still have to buy my own pizza.
JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hopi Foundation

Job Announcements

**Program Manager** – Hopi Leadership Program

Position Summary: Responsible for overall management of Hopi Leadership Program (adult & youth leadership programs and HLP alumni activities) and supervision of program staff, volunteers, and interns to ensure program deliverables are met. Coordinates adult HLP outreach/marketing process, application and selection process, all monthly leadership training sessions, and provides professional guidance to program participants. Develops and maintains program curriculum, strategic development, to ensure program objectives are met. Communicates with partner agencies, cohort alumni, and HLP Community Advisory Board.

**Program Manager** – Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative (HOYI)

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KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

Case No. 2020-CC-0023

MANSFIELD, D.
DOB: 04/09/2010

Minor Child,

AND CONCERNING:
Sharon Mansfield,
Parent.

NOTICE OF FILING OF MINOR-IN-NEED-OF-CARE PETITION AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

THE HOPI TRIBE TO SHARON MANSFIELD, PARENT OF D. MANFIELD, MINOR CHILD NAMED ABOVE:

PETITIONER, the HOPI TRIBE has filed, pursuant to Hopi Children’s Code, Chapter 91, Section 1.1.b., a Minor-In-Need-Of-Care Petition to adjudicate the above-named child a minor in need of care.

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A COPY of the Petition may be obtained by submitting a request in writing to: Office of the Hopi Prosecutor, PO Box 306, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; telephone number (928) 738-2245 or 738-2246, fax number (928) 738-2203.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29th day of March 2021.

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Global warming's extreme rains threaten Hawai'i's coral reefs

Healthy coral reef systems like those at Palmyra and Kingman National Wildlife Refuges support countless species of reef fish and other animals, but portions of the reefs were being smothered by invasive organisms that gained nutrients from the iron leaching off shipwrecks. Removing the wrecks gives the reef its best chance to resist impacts of global climate and oceanographic changes into the future. (Photo by Susan White, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

Caleb Jones
Associated Press

HONOLULU — As muddy rainwater surged from Hawai'i's steep seaside mountains and inundated residential communities last month, the damage caused by flooding was obvious — houses were destroyed and businesses swamped, landslides covered highways and raging rivers and streams were clogged with debris.

But extreme rain events predicted to become more common with human-caused global warming not only wreak havoc on land — the runoff from these increasingly severe storms also threatens Hawai'i's coral reefs.

"These big events are the ones that have the greatest damage because they are the ones that put the most sediment and nutrients out onto the reef," said C. Mark Eakin, senior coral reef advisor to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the former director of the agency's Coral Reef Watch program.

A warmer climate tends to amplify existing weather patterns, said Hawai'i's state climatologist, Pao-Shin Chu, noting the islands have an overall wet climate and that powerful storms are expected to become more frequent.

"Given this climate change or global warming, as we have seen over the last hundred years, the atmospheric water vapor pressure is increasing," said Chu. "We have some evidence showing that we already have some increasing, very intense rain."

Coral reefs make up much of Hawai'i's nearshore ocean ecosystem and are critical to the state's economy.

Hawai'i's reefs protect populated shorelines from massive ocean swells and storm surges from tropical storms — a benefit the U.S. Geological Survey valued at more than $860 million a year.

Adding tourism, fishing, cultural value and other factors, the state's reefs are worth more than $33 billion, according to a NOAA-funded study.

Ku'ulei Rodgers, a coral reef ecologist at the University of Hawai'i's Institute of Marine Biology, studied that 2018 flood as well as a 2002 flood in the same area. The 2002 rains swept earth from a construction site into the sea and "killed almost an entire reef," Rodgers said.

After the 2018 flood, a review found fish abundance on a nearby reef had been reduced by 20 percent and urchins, which help clean reefs and keep coral healthy, were reduced by 40 percent.

When making policy decisions about how to safeguard reefs, Rodgers said, it's important to understand that land and oceans are intertwined.

"(Native) Hawaiians knew there was a connection between the two because whatever they did upland would affect their fishing downstream," she said. "The better the watershed, the better the reef and vice versa."

March's flooding was caused by a weather system that stalled over the islands and brought two weeks of rain, much extremely heavy.

On Oahu's North Shore, "a very large flood wave" rushed down from the mountains and flooded the town of Haleiwa, said National Weather Service hydrologist Kevin Kodama.

"That's a big challenge in Hawaii, where we have small, steep watersheds," Kodama said. "Most of the basins in the state will produce flash flooding."

Last month had 11 flash flood events and was the wettest March in 15 years, he said.

The runoff problem is multifaceted. Deforestation and grading on construction sites and farms lead to increased runoff. Feral animals such as goats, pigs and deer clear vegetation, causing erosion and excessive sedimentation on reefs. And constant, low-level runoff carries gasoline and oil from roadways, household chemicals, trash and pesticides into the ocean.

Any significant change in ocean conditions, such as an influx of freshwater alone, can harm coral health. Contaminants and soil from land accumulate on reefs and can smother and kill the coral. Scientists say suspension of material in the water can also block sunlight coral needs to survive.

One of the biggest problems for Hawai'i reefs is sewage. There are about 88,000 cesspools throughout the islands, many in coastal areas.

"Cesspools are essentially a hole in the ground where there is no treatment prior to wastewater entering the environment," said Jamison Gove, a research oceanographer with NOAA who lives on Oahu's North Shore.

Cesspools leak into groundwater — and with heavy rains, they overflow and send pathogens and other harmful contaminants into the ocean.

In the town of Pupukea, where professional surfers compete at the famed Banzai Pipeline reef break, more than 330 million gallons (1.25 billion liters) of wastewater enters the ocean each year — enough to fill hundreds of Olympic size swimming pools.

On the North Shore during the recent flood, "brown, polluted water just blanketed the entire town," Gove said. "You could just smell it everywhere."

More than half the state's cesspools are on the Big Island, home to some of the state's most expansive and pristine coral reefs. And Gove said some areas have shown a clear decrease in coral cover where sewage routinely enters the ocean.

A reef off the town of Puako — an extensively monitored location — has seen significant losses, he said. Coral cover there has declined by about 70% since 1975.

"This is probably one of the more dramatic examples since coral cover is not this high in a lot of places," he said. "But since we don't have this type of data everywhere, we can't say for sure this isn't a more common story."

NOAA is providing data on the issue to the state, and efforts to remove cesspools and change infrastructure to slow and distribute floodwater could help Hawai'i's reefs.

The state has banned cesspools in new construction and is attempting to remove the existing ones by 2050.

Although coral reefs worldwide face threats from global warming, including marine heatwaves that bleach and kill coral, storm runoff could prove a more serious and immediate threat to reefs in Hawai'i.

"In Hawaii, I would rate runoff much higher than marine heatwaves in driving coral decline," said Greg Asner, director of the Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science at Arizona State University.

In 2019, Asner and his team used imaging technology on aircraft coupled with satellite data to create new detailed maps of all living coral in the Hawaiian Islands. The data, now being used by federal and state scientists, shows a correlation between land-based pollutants from runoff and coral health.

"More runoff impacts reefs, mostly by mobilizing more chemicals and sediment on land," Asner said. "Increased chemical pollution and sedimentation is a major driver of coral decline."

March's floods were not the first of their kind.

A 2018 rainstorm on Kauai caused widespread flooding that cut off a community for weeks. The storm set a new U.S. record for rainfall in a single day with nearly 50 inches.
Sec. Haaland: “Getting everyone’s voice” at the table

By Antonia Gonzales
Native News.net

On her first day on the job, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland promised to specifically reach out to tribes.

“I think speaking to tribes and fully involving them in decisions that we make will be one way to ensure that we’re getting everyone’s voice and everyone’s perspective at that table,” said Haaland. “So, I look forward to having a full list of issues that I know need to be worked on and I will look forward to that.”

Her comments came during an online video briefing with news outlets, including National Native News, that lasted a little more than 30 minutes. It was among her first acts after being sworn in as the first Native American presidential cabinet member. Haaland opened with remarks touching on a number of issues ranging from the environment and sacred sites to the COVID-19 pandemic. She talked about the disproportionate impacts COVID-19 has had on tribes, and President Biden’s American Rescue Plan investing $900 million in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and $850 million in the Bureau of Indian Education. As the new leader of the agency that manages public lands and tasked with upholding treaty and trust responsibilities, Haaland said she will take tribal consultation seriously, including when it comes to complicated issues such as federal acknowledgment re-petitioning and land into trust.

Haaland’s decision to hold her first press briefing with Indigenous reporters drew praise.

“The nature of her reaching out to tribal media first and recognizing the Indigenous reporters are on the ground and know these issues better than any other journalists working in the country speaks to one of (the Native American Journalists Association’s) main goals,” said Graham Lee Brewer, associate editor for Indigenous affairs at High Country News. Brewer is also secretary of the NAJA board.

“Sec. Haaland proved today by giving us access before any other reporters is that, that kind of diversity in the newsroom adds value. It gives you greater lived experiences and greater access to Indian Country,” Brewer said.

Brewer said he hopes Haaland will continue to give access to tribal media.

10 members of the Native American Journalists Association were presented the opportunity to have a “pen and pad” briefing with Sec. Haaland. In attendance-National Native News, Indianz.com, Indian Country Today, Navajo Times, Mvskoke Media, FNX-First Nations Experience, High Country News, Arizona Republic, Tulsa World, CBC Indigenous

NASA taps Cherokee Nation to create curriculum

In collaboration with Oklahoma State University, the Cherokee Nation is one of three tribes chosen by NASA to create STEM curriculum that incorporates Native American culture (Courtesy photo via Cherokee Phoenix)

Lindsey Bark
Cherokee Phoenix

TAHLEQUAH – In collaboration with Oklahoma State University, the Cherokee Nation is one of three Oklahoma tribes chosen by NASA to create a science, technology, engineering and math curriculum that includes Native American culture.

As part of a $3.3 million program called Native Earth|Native Sky, the program will “build culturally-relevant earth-sky STEM programming” to help increase students’ understanding and interest in STEM, according to science.nasa.gov.

According to an OSU press release, the funding is a cooperative agreement with OSU College of Education and Human Sciences.

“NASA has been wanting to do more public outreach,” said Deputy Chief Bryan Warner. “Just the same as we have a doctor shortage and we have a nursing shortage, there’s a shortage of engineers. And we want to try to put this in the mindset of these kiddos that, hey, all that gaming, and all that stuff you’re doing, that is directly related to software engineering, and the types of things that it takes to get a rocket into space, to get a get a moon lander to land and what we’re doing on Mars.”

Warner said the plan is to develop a “good usable curriculum that fits the standards” for public education. He said the Cherokee Nation is planning and working with several departments on implementing ideas.

“Anytime you look at building a new program like this, I think from an educator standpoint of view, how can I build this in a way that the public schools find it useful?” Warner said. “Then ultimately, from a tribal stand point of view, how can we tie in our culture, our history and our heritage?”

NASA has five objectives on how they want to accomplish intertwining tribal culture into education:

Identify “earth-sky legends” and “earth-sky words” in each tribe’s language by interviewing elders and educators;

Create tribe-specific STEM curriculum that interweaves each tribe’s legends as well as STEM principles from national and state standards by using “evidence-based curriculum development protocols” to include culture and language in STEM programming;

Test the effectiveness of each curriculum in summer camps and school settings in each tribal nation;

Create professional development opportunities for educators that are local to the tribes and regional to the state; and

Identify “iterative design principles of the program” using student assessments and tribal feedback to adjust the curriculum until it achieves the desired results.

The program’s grant is for five years, and Warner said in that time the idea is to get kids more interested in STEM. He said Mary Golda Ross set the tone for Cherokees in STEM by being the first Native American aerospace engineer.

“That’s the tone that we want to keep that’s been set long ago,” he said. “There are no limits to what they can do if the opportunities there exists.”
Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy, center, listens as residents discuss a levee they have concerns with on Thursday, April 22, 2021, in Hyder, Alaska. Hyder was among the southeast Alaska communities that Dunleavy visited as part of a one-day trip. (AP Photo/Becky Bohrer)

Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

METLAKATLA, Alaska — Drummers and singers welcomed Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy to Metlakatla, with some blowing fluffy white eagle feather down — symbolic of spreading peace in Tsimshian culture — before he went to a meeting with tribal leaders on the only Indian reserve in Alaska.

In Hyder, a tiny southeast Alaska town on the border with Canada, Mark and Amy Bach invited Dunleavy to their house, where they had brownies waiting and most of their 12 children who live at home broke out instruments and sang for him.

In Ketchikan, diners wanting to say hi or get a photo stopped by Dunleavy’s table as he ate breakfast with Alaska’s chief medical officer, Dr. Anne Zink, and the area’s state senator.

In a trip aimed in part at promoting signs of re-emerging normalcy amid the coronavirus pandemic, Dunleavy visited the three southeast Alaska communities in one day in late April, taking advantage of a streak of sunny weather in a region notorious for its rains for a journey that included float plane travel.

The Republican governor tested positive for COVID-19 in February and has spent most of his term under the threat of a recall effort. He cited increasing vaccine rates in February and has spent most of his term under the threat of a recall effort. He cited increasing vaccine rates

The trip also showed the challenges of getting around a state where most communities lack road access in or out. Dunleavy flew on Alaska Airlines about 230 miles from Juneau to Ketchikan, where he met with area leaders.

Dunleavy then had to fold his 6-foot-7-inch frame into the front passenger seat of a float plane — joking he needed a shoehorn to do so — for a roughly 75-mile flight to Hyder over snowy, mountainous terrain. From Hyder, he took the float plane, which carried seven people, to Metlakatla and later back to Ketchikan. By the time he returned to Juneau, about 14 hours had passed.

Dunleavy said his trip illustrated how Alaska is “an amazing place” and told The Associated Press he is considering seeking re-election next year, even as opponents continue gathering signatures trying to force a recall election. The recall effort was fueled early on by anger over budget vetoes and proposed cuts. Dunleavy gave no timetable for making a decision on whether to seek re-election, saying his focus has been on the pandemic and the state’s economic recovery.

“Just know that those decisions have to be made and people need to know what my future’s going to hold. So, I’ll let people know soon,” he said.

Leaders in Ketchikan and Metlakatla, communities only accessible by air or water, brought up concerns with the state-run ferry system that many residents rely on, including ticket costs on boats that spike as the number of booked passengers rises.

During Dunleavy’s first year in office in 2019, he proposed deep cuts to the ferry system as part of a broader plan to cut state spending that put him at odds with legislative leaders and drew public outrage. The impact of cuts that were made to the system were compounded by other issues, including maintenance needs within the fleet, resulting in limited service to some communities.

Dunleavy and legislative leaders said they are working on plans to bring more reliability in scheduling to the system.

Leaders of the Alaska House’s bipartisan majority have said there is better communication with Dunleavy’s office this year, and he agreed there is a different dynamic.

“We’ve been hit with a pandemic and an economic meltdown, the likes we’ve never seen. It’s ... all hands on deck for Alaska,” he said.

At The Landing Restaurant in Ketchikan, John Judson and his daughter, Jasmine Pattison, stopped by Dunleavy’s table to say hi. Pattison, a recent nursing program graduate, was excited to meet Zink, one of the public faces of Alaska’s COVID-19 response.

“As a woman leader, she’s been fantastic,” Pattison said, adding later: “It’s really great for a lot of us nurses to be able to look up to that.”

In Hyder, estimated population 70, residents met Dunleavy at the float plane dock and then drove him around, including to the U.S.-Canada border to meet Stewart’s mayor and to a levee that several said needs attention.

Paul Larkin, with the Hyder Community Association, called the visit “probably one of the biggest ones we’ve ever had” by state officials.

One of the Bachs’ children was waiting outside their house as the pickup carrying Dunleavy pulled up. Amy Bach, who said her family is involved in ministry work, said they wanted to show their hospitality.

“We’d have had him for dinner if they had time,” she said.

Dunleavy joked with the kids about how he could hit his head on the ceiling’s low-hanging beams and asked questions about the house. The Bachs, after two songs by the kids, sent Dunleavy off with a bear painting and brownies for the road.

He was greeted warmly, too, in Metlakatla, where he received a welcome in the Tsimshian language. As he made his way up the dock ramp to the street level with Metlakatla Indian Community Mayor Reginald Atkinson and others, the singers and drummers performed.

“It’s been a while since a governor has come to Metlakatla, and you are more than welcome,” Atkinson told Dunleavy at the start of his meeting with tribal leaders. Dunleavy later was given gifts that included a talking stick.

Atkinson said the tribe’s relationship with the state had “kind of faded,” saying the tribe and state had been “kind of inactive in collaborating.”

The tribe is “looking forward to a renewed relationship with the state of Alaska,” he said.