



Hopi Tribal Secretary Judith Youvella is depicted on the left, swearing int First Mesa Consolidated Villages Representatives l-r Albert T. Siquah, Dale Siquah, and Wallace Youvella, Jr. who were seated on Hopi Tribal Council on December 1, 2022. Additional Representatives from Kyakotsmovi Village were also seated, those being David Talayumptewa, Danny Honanie and Gary Kelhoyouma. Follow up article and picture will be included in the December 14th publication.

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Public Service Announcement

Hopi Law Enforcement Services Currently Experiencing Phone Lines Issues

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: LaVaun Dyer,
Police Administrator, Hopi Law
Enforcement Services

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734-7340.

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – December
2, 2022 Hopi Law Enforce-
ment Services is currently
experiencing issues with our
phone lines.

Incoming calls from cellu-
lar phones are being received,
however, the caller cannot
hear dispatch on the other end.

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928-497-1493

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get this issue resolved.



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CDC www.cdc.gov/rsv

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Hopi CHR Program Announces Car Seats Available In Time for Christmas

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Felicia R. Mata, Community Health Representative

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – December 1, 2022 and are you aware that children up to the age of 9 should continue using a car seat?

As children grow, car seat needs and how they are used in your car will change. So to ensure you are buckling your child/children in age and size appropriate car seats, booster seats and seat belts, join the Hopi Community Health Representative (CHR) Program and Hopi Department of Transportation on Friday, December 16, 2022 for the “Car Seats for Christmas” event at the Hopi Wellness Center located in Kykotsmovi, Ariz.

The event is free and open to any expecting parents or families with children. The only requirement to receive the free car seats is to attend one of the sessions about car seat safety. There will be two sessions on December 16th, which participants can attend. Session 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Session 2 beginning at 1:30 p.m. with a maximum of 15 participants per session.

Registered participants will receive

education on car seat safety, a new car seat, how to properly install the new car seat, as well as having the any current car seat/s inspected for proper installation.

Registration is now open and will close on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, or when both sessions are at maximum capacity.

You can register online at: <https://forms.gle/kpxoMES9wzQuMTMc7> or email Lori Honyaoma, CHR, at LHonyaoma@hopi.nsn.us.

Car seats are vital to the safety of our children and reduces serious injuries and death by up to 80%. Accidents are unpredictable and can have detrimental outcomes. So each time you rev up your vehicle to make that drive, no matter how short the drive, make it a habit to buckle up, use a child safety seat and keep your child/children under 12 years old in the back seat.

Take advantage of this great learning opportunity and get a free car seat for Christmas! Sessions are filling quickly, so register today! For more information, call the Hopi CHR Office at (928) 737-6342 or Lori Honyaoma at (928)737-6345. Happy Holidays from the Hopi CHR Program!



Driving While Sleepy and Fatigued Can Cause Danger

Submitted by: Kevin Dennis, Structure Firefighter – Department of Public Safety

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – November 21, 2022 and with the upcoming Holidays and traveling many of us will be doing, here is some information about the topic of “Driving While Sleepy and Fatigued.”

As a reminder, take your time when traveling and give yourself time so that you won't be speeding and rushing around which also leads to motor vehicle crashes. Along with this PLEASE take the time to remind your family, children to avoid driving while intoxicated.

Health Issues of Fatigue

The lack of sufficient sleep that often causes driver fatigue can lead to chronic health problems. Diabetes, heart disease and obesity have been correlated with sleep loss. People who are sleep-deprived are more likely to consume high-energy, sugary food and drinks, which may also contribute to various health problems. Inadequate sleep has been linked to depression and anxiety.

Drowsy Driving and Its Dangers

Driver fatigue can be more serious than a feeling of tiredness – it often produces drowsiness or even causes short sleep episodes. Driver fatigue is one of the most common – and serious – hazards on the road and is a threat to anyone behind the wheel or on the highway. Awareness of driver fatigue and measures to prevent driver fatigue are understanding: 1. What causes driver fatigue. 2. Physical and cognitive effects 3. Drowsy driving dangers and 4. Who is at risk 5 - Prevention and management.

Why do I get so tired when I drive?

This usually happens when a driver has not slept enough, but it can also happen because of untreated sleep disorders, medications, drinking alcohol, or shift work.

What causes driver fatigue?

Driver fatigue results from one or several factors: physical tiredness, long working hours, or sleep deprivation

What time is considered the danger zone for fatigued drivers?

Sleepiness can result in crashes any time of the day or night, but three factors are most commonly associated with drowsy-driving crashes, which occur most frequently between midnight and 6:00 a.m., or in the late afternoon.

Physical and cognitive effects or drowsy driving

A lack of sufficient sleep or feeling of weariness can diminish alertness and concentration, meaning that drivers are less able to recognize oncoming hazards. Reaction times are slowed, as well as the decision-making process. All these can lead to accidents, or make them more severe.

What are 5 warning signs for driver fatigue?

You can avoid fatigue crashes by recognizing the early warning signs:

- Yawning.
- Poor concentration.
- Tired or sore eyes.
- Restlessness.
- Drowsiness.
- Slow reactions.
- Boredom.
- Feeling irritable.

How can I get more energy when driving?

Here are 7 tips to boost your energy and stay alert when driving:

- Get plenty of sleep the night before you drive
- Take a nap
- Take a walk before the day starts
- Turn the temperature down
- Caffeine
- Stay hydrated!
- Finally, eat energy-boosting foods!

From Hopi Fire/Rescue we wish every one of you Happy Holidays, enjoy your time with family and loved ones. Uma sòsoyyam naami tunatyàltotini. Itam umuy kyàakyawnaya.

For more information on this topic, please contact Kevin Dennis, Structure Firefighter - Department of Public Safety at: KDennis@hopi.nsn.us or (928)734-3665.

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

Fourth Quarter Session

September 1, 2022 AGENDA

Amendment #2 MONTH OF November 2022

COMPLETED ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #087-2022 –To approve Sole Source Consulting Agreement with Oxbow Data Management Systems, LLC – Author/Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services – **Approved**

2. Action Item #089-2022 – To approve Arnold & Porter Contracts (1882 Reservation Land Matters) and (Miscellaneous) – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, OGC – **Approved**

3. Action Item #092-2022 – Lease Option Agreement for the I-40 Solar Project –Author/Edison Tu'tsi, Manager, OHL – **Approved**

4. Action Item #094-2022 – To approve Amendment to Consulting Agreement No. 22-013 – Author/Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, Director, Hopi Dpt of Education and Workforce Development – **Approved**

5. Action Item #095-2022 – To accept grant award in the amount of \$472,894.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime – Author/Ronald Honyumtewa, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services – **Approved**

6. Action Item #097-2022 – To approve a new Employment Contract for Mr. Marc Roy for three (3) years effective November 9, 2022, to serve as Chief Judge of the Hopi Tribal Courts – Author/Mervin Yoyetewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Mishongnovi - **Time Certain – November 7, 2022 – 12:30 p.m. (add-on 11/7/2022) - **Approved**

7. Action Item #003-2023 – To approve a FY 2023 General Fund Budget – Author/Nada Talayumtewa, Tribal Treasurer, The Hopi Tribe (Add-on) - **Approved**

8. Action Item #004-2023 – Lower Colorado Conservation Program – Author/Dale Siquah, Chairman, Water/Energy Committee (Add-on) - **Approved**

9. Presentation/Review of DES Tribal Consultation Policy – Jocelyn Beard, Tribal Relations Manager, Office of Tribal Relations - **Time Certain – November 7, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. - **Complete**

10. Discussion/Possible Action: Update Bears Ears Litigation – Carlene Tenakhongva, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel - **Time Certain – November 7, 2022 – 3:00 p.m. - **Complete**

11. Discussion/Possible Action – Installation and connection

of powerlines at Turquoise Well Complex – Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe **Time Certain – November 9, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. - **Complete**

12. Further discussions with the Budget Oversight Team on budgets of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Election Board and Tutuveni – **Time Certain – November 10, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – **Complete**

13. Presentation of the FY 2023 General Fund recommended budgets for final review and approval – Eugene Talas, Chairperson, Budget Oversight Team - **Time Certain – November 21, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - **Complete**

14. Presentation entitled “The Taking of Hopi Lands”, a re-examination of the Hopi Land Claims and Land Dispute – Clay Hamilton, Geodetic Technician, Land Information Systems - **Time Certain November 23, 2022 1:00-5:00 p.m. - **Complete**

15. Letter (undated) from Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; RE: Fourth Priority Lower Colorado River Water Allocation at Cibola Farms for discussion and possible action - **Time Certain –November 10, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – **Complete**

16. Letter dated September 23, 2022 from Jayson Paymella; RE: Concerning Information in regards to the Village of Tewa's affairs – Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages - **Withdrawn** by Council Representative Youvella, Jr.

17. Letter dated October 25, 2022 from Jack E. Harding, Jr., President, Hopi Day School Board – Anita Bahnimptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Sipaulovi - **Time Certain – November 22, 2022 – 1:00 p.m. – **Withdrawn by Council Rep Bahnimptewa**

REPORTS

1. Law & Order Committee – 2022 Comprehensive Report - **Time Certain – November 23, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - **Complete**

*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item

**Time Certain Requests



TAKE 3 ACTIONS TO FIGHT FLU

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that can be serious. Every year, millions of people get sick, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands die from flu. CDC urges you to take the following actions to protect yourself and others from flu.

GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY VACCINATED!

A yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

Everyone 6 months or older should get an annual flu vaccine. Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Get Vaccinated. #FightFlu

STOP THE SPREAD

Take everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of flu viruses!

Avoid close contact with sick people, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often (with soap and water).

ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT FLU ANTIVIRALS

Take antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them!

Antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness and can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.

WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU #FIGHT FLU CDC

Association of American Indian Physicians: Child vaccinations against COVID-19 are critical to preserving our native cultures

New resources made available during Native American Heritage Month to improve health outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native youth

Oklahoma City, Okla. - The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP), a national non-profit working to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities, is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in a campaign to encourage increased COVID-19 vaccination rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives – with an emphasis on vaccines for children ages 6 months and up. November is Native American Heritage Month, and improving Native American health outcomes continues to be a top priority for the healthcare industry.

“Protecting our communities includes protecting our children, who contract and spread viruses sometimes at a higher rate than others because of their close proximity to peers in daycare and school,” said AAIP Executive Director Tom Anderson. “Our hope is all American Indians and Alaska Natives eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine – especially children – get vaccinated and keep up with their boosters and other seasonal vaccines. AAIP is proud to stand with and serve tribal members, physicians, healers, elders and our vast network of communities. Healthy tribal communities mean we can continue passing traditions on to our next generations of leaders.”

AAIP directly addresses health disparities among Native populations. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), American Indian and Alaska Natives suffer the highest rate of caregiver loss from the pandemic – 4.5 times higher than White children. The pandemic affected Native American communities acutely. In the same study, NIH noted that 1

of every 168 American Indian/Alaska Native children experienced orphanhood or death of a caregiver because of COVID-19.

AAIP physicians say these disparities make vaccinations crucial for native youth who can get sick or spread the disease to more vulnerable native community members like teachers, caregivers and community elders.

“As the pandemic has evolved, so have our efforts to protect our communities. Child vaccinations against the COVID-19 pandemic are safe, effective and available to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and they’re a tool for maintaining our cultures and keeping friends and neighbors healthy,” said AAIP President Lukejohn Day, MD. “Vaccination is a community effort with a colossal community impact.”

As COVID-19 and variant cases are expected to rise over the holidays and into the winter, AAIP is providing parents, caregivers and physicians’ online resources at aaipvax.org to increase awareness of and accessibility to vaccines and boosters. The interactive site includes statistics, trending topics and safety information regarding child COVID-19 vaccinations. Additionally, video resources were made available this month to make critical and accurate information even more accessible.

AAIP recommends American Indians and Alaska Native parents and caregivers contact their local Indian Health Service Clinic, pharmacy or physician to schedule COVID-19 vaccines and boosters for themselves and their families.

About the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)

Hopi Day School Book Club Update November - December 2022



November 7, 2022

**Guest Readers: Reading Is Medicine
Book Club - Founders
Phoenix, AZ**



Bobbi Nez

Tamara Littlesalt-Butler

Submitted by: Deborah Deborah Baker, BSW/MS, Parent Liaison - Hopi Day School

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – November 17, 2022 is a good date to remind readers and supporters of the Hopi Day School Book Club that the monthly reading takes place on the First Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. on our local Hopi radio station, KUYI Radio 88.1FM.

To follow up on the previously published article, the November Guest Readers were the creators of The Reading is Medicine Book Club based in Phoenix, Ariz. - Bobbi Nez and Tamara Littlesalt-Butler.

Bobbie Nez and Tamara Littlesalt Butler, Co-Founders of The Reading Is Medicine Book Club originating from Phoenix, AZ, were introduced to the Hopi Day School Book Club in 2021 and since, we have been working together to promote our joint goal of literacy.

Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard was presented to us by Bobbie Nez. It was a fun read as it is a topic many are familiar with. The story talks about how Fry Bread can be experienced through our five senses and also how it represents us as Native American people.

We had a fun conversation about the page that reads, "Fry Bread is Art!" which is in reference to when we are first learning to handle fry bread dough; we agreed that is a time when Fry Bread can be considered "Art" based on the many shapes we create.

Tamara Littlesalt-Butler, shared the book, "Forever Cousins" by Laurel GoodLuck. This is a story of two cousins who are also best friends. They both lived in the city until one cousin and her family moved back to the "REZ." They wonder how different life will be and worry about the continuation of their friendship. They learn the result when they come together at a family reunion.

It is a great book to discuss the topics of empathy and building relationships. HDS Second Grade teacher, Samantha Sekaquaptewa discussed how both books are topics that many Native children are familiar with and how this familiarity helps children connect with the content of each book. Connecting to the topics of books can help expand a child's discussion on books. Also, when reading with a child you can stop at different parts of the book and ask the child to predict what will happen next. After reading the next part or page, you can make a comparison. This helps children develop analytical skills.

Both readers complimented the academic insight HDS includes as part of the book discussions. Hopi Day School would like to thank The Reading Is Medicine Book Club for partnering with us and implementing our first project - a Bookmark Exchange.

Students of Hopi Day School created handmade bookmarks and The Reading is Medicine Book Club collected bookmarks. Each group exchanged the bookmarks to connect and encourage reading with one another. Askwali to Bobbi Nez and Tamara Littlesalt-Butler.

The December 2022 HDS Book Club Special Guest Reader will be Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy Nuwangaoma. We are excited about the Chairman's book selection, "Field Mouse Goes to War" - a favorite story in our Hopi Community.

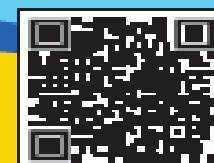
The HDS Book Club was formed to promote literacy in the home and assist parents with improving reading skills with their child/children. The Book Club is aired on KUYI Hopi Radio 88.1 FM on the First Monday of each Month at 6:00 p.m. following station Identification. (Due to upgrades occurring at KUYI, all book club sessions are currently prerecorded.)



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**FIELD MOUSE
GOES TO WAR**
TUSAN HOMICHI
TUWVOTA

by Edward A. Konrad

Illustrated by Albert Yerra
Narrated by Fred Kachio



Interior Department Announces New Partnerships and Offices to Leverage New Resources for Indian Country

New Office of Strategic Partnerships will develop and build sustainable public-private initiatives

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
By: U.S. Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C. – November 30, 2022

In opening remarks at the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit today, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced a series of actions to support Tribally led conservation, education and economic development through a new Office of Strategic Partnerships. The Department also announced a new joint project between the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and Trust for Public Lands to create culturally informed outdoor educational spaces, the renewal of “The National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education,” and new partnerships with community organizations to catalyze economic opportunities across Indian Country.

“At the Department of the Interior we have a solemn duty to honor and strengthen the federal government’s nation-to-nation relationships with Tribes. Today’s announcements reaffirms that commitment and will bring increased and much needed resources to Indigenous communities,” said Secretary Haaland.

The new Office of Strategic Partnerships will assist with building partnerships, leveraging resources, and promoting innovative solutions for Indian Country. It will work to bring awareness of the needs and unique status of Tribal communities as federal-philanthropic initiatives and programs are developed. Housed within the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs and with support from a partnership with Native Americans in Philanthropy, the office will work in close coordination with the White House Council on Native American Affairs and other federal partners to help Tribes and Tribal organizations develop and build long-term sustainable bonds with philanthropy, non-profit organizations and the business community to further conservation, education and economic development initiatives in Indian Country.

Through the office, the Department will help manage a diverse set of collaborative efforts with philanthropic and non-profit organizations, including a new partnership between BIE and the Trust for Public Land’s Community Schoolyards Project to create culturally informed outdoor educational spaces. Working

closely with Tribal communities, the Trust for Public Land has helped design multi-purposed outdoor spaces that infuse physical activity, education, Native languages and cultural heritage. In 2023, this innovative partnership will help fund nine new schoolyards in Tribal communities:

- Coeur d’Alene Tribal School, De Smet, ID
- Crazy Horse School, Wanblee, SD
- John F. Kennedy School, White River, AZ
- Menominee Tribal School, Neopit, WI
- Northern Cheyenne Tribl Schl, Busby, MT
- Pine Ridge School, Pine Ridge, SD
- Rock Creek Grant School, Bullhead, SD
- Santa Fe Indian School, Santa Fe, NM
- Wingate Elementary Schl Ft. Wingate, NM

In support of these new strategic initiatives, Secretary Haaland is renewing “The National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education.” Founded in 1999, the congressionally chartered -but long unused - nonprofit organization has a mission to promote educational opportunities for American Indian students attending BIE schools. Through the National Fund, the Department will support Tribally-led educational initiatives, including its work on Native language revitalization.

The Department also announced the signing of new MOUs between the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs and the American Sustainable Business Network (ASBN) to support Tribally-led community based economic development entrepreneurship; with Enterprise Community Partners to support affordable housing and homeownership within Tribal communities; and with the Native CDFI Network and Oweesta Corporation to increase access to financial resources and leverage opportunities for Tribal communities and entrepreneurs.

The White House Tribal Nations Summit provides an opportunity for Administration and Tribal leaders from the 574 federally recognized Tribes to discuss ways the federal government can invest in and strengthen nation-to-nation relationships as well as ensure that progress in Indian Country endures for years to come. A livestream of each day’s events can be viewed at the Interior Department’s YouTube page (link is external).

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Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response August 26, 2022 Report (REPUBLISH)

Due to transitions occurring in DHHS the August 26, 2022 COVID 19 report was the latest data being provided for the public. Until DHHS and Tribal Leadership determines roles of the Public Health Authority, no reports will be submitted to Hopi Tutuveni. Hopi Tutuveni will continue republishing this last and latest Covid-19 Report received from DHHS. Although Hopi is still under Pandemic status and there are active COVID cases on Hopi, until the Hopi DHHS provides an update this is the only data Hopi Tutuveni has to report to the Hopi public.

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – July 20, 2022

This data is updated on the Hopi Tribe's website "COVID-19 Response and Resources" page. Hopi Health Care Center – Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Information
COVID-19 vaccines are available in the afternoons on Mondays and Wednesdays for the month of July for those 6 months and older. To schedule an appointment call (928) 737-6148 or 737-6081.

Appointments are required. For questions about COVID-19 vaccines please call (928) 737-6198 or 737-6197.

COVID-19 Testing Drive-up Testing schedule: Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM. Enter at the west entrance & drive around back. Mask must be worn by everyone in your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle at all times. To schedule for testing or for more information please call (928) 737- 6187 or 6233.

A COVID-19 Hotline has been created by the Hopi Health Care Center to assist with all COVID-19 related questions and service requests. The hotline is open Monday–Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM. To contact the COVID-19 hotline please call (928) 737-6187.

WHEN USING AN AT-HOME TEST IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REPORT YOUR RESULTS TO THE

COVID-19 HOTLINE AT HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER OR TUBA CITY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION SO THAT ACCURATE DATA IS PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY.

VACCINE UPDATE:

On June 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized emergency use of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 to include use in children down to 6 months of age. For more detailed information please visit www.cdc.gov

TUBA CITY REGIONAL HEALTH CARE CORPORATION (TCRHCC) COVID-19 TESTING & VACCINATION INFORMATION:

Testing, and now vaccinations, at TCRHCC are being held at the outdoor tent Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Daylight Savings Time. Rapid and CEPHEID tests can take approximately 3 hours. Send out tests can take 2-3 days. The address for Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation is 167 N. Main Street, Tuba City, AZ. For more information regarding Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation's COVID-19 vaccination clinic and testing, please call 1-866-976-5941. TCRHCC has at-home COVID-19 test kits available for the community. To request a test kit please go through the drive up tent from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Daylight Savings Time or go to the pharmacy drive up window after hours.

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS:

You can now order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the U.S. government at covidtests.gov by calling 1-800-232- 0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489). Only 4 tests come in an order and only two orders per household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Please do not wait to order your tests when you have been exposed or become symptomatic as the tests will not arrive in enough time for you to be tested. So please order them now so that you and your loved ones can be prepared. Households that did not place their first two orders of test kits, can now place their first, second, AND third order. They must complete the ordering process above three (3) times to place both a first, second, and third order (for a total of 16 test kits; 4 kits for first order, 4 kits for second order, 8 kits for third order).

FREE N-95 MASKS: The CDC now has a resource on their website where you can see a list of local pharmacies that have free N-95 masks by using your zip code. Click here or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION CALCULATOR:

The CDC now has a Quarantine and Isolation calculator that helps determine how long you need to isolate or quarantine.

SYMPTOMS, QUARANTINE, AND ISOLATION:

Watch for Symptoms - people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to

the virus and can range from mild to severe. The following are COVID-19 symptoms that people may experience:

- 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

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness."

Currently, the local health department and HHCC are implement the previously recommended CDC guidelines which is a 10 day isolation for those who test positive and a 14 day quarantine for those exposed to an infected individual.

(GLOSSARY ON PG. 5)

Be aware that when someone tests positive they became contagious 2 days before they developed symptoms, or if they are not experiencing symptoms 2 days before they tested positive not the day they received their results. If someone was less than 6 feet away from a potential positive case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period they would be considered a close contact regardless of whether or not both parties were wearing masks. For example, Molly was within 6 feet of Craig on Thursday night for 10 minutes and on Friday morning for 5 minutes. Craig developed symptoms Saturday evening, was tested for COVID on Monday, and received their results on Wednesday. Because Molly was within 6 feet of Craig for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period within the 2 day timeframe she is now considered to be a close contact. If you have been identified as a close contact you may or may not need to quarantine depending on your vaccination status.

If an unvaccinated individual that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will need to quarantine for 14 days beginning on the infected person's 10th day of isolation, with that day being Day 0 and the following day being Day 1. That means the caregiver could potentially be out of work for 24 days. If a vaccinated person that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will not have to quarantine but will need to get tested 5 days from the 10th day of the infected person's isolation. If a vaccinated person develops symptoms while caring for an infected person they will need to get tested as soon as possible and remain at home until they receive their results.

Re-testing of COVID-19 Positive Employees. Per guidance and alignment with HHCC, CDC, state and local health departments, and OSHA workplace guidance for COVID-19 re-testing of positive or suspected COVID-19 employees before they return to work, nor providing letters to go back to work is not recommended.

The recommended reason for not re-testing is an individual may continue to test positive on a viral test long after they are recovered from COVID-19. These dead viral particles will turn viral tests positive even though they cannot cause disease in others. The Hopi Health Care Center strongly encourages employers to use the CDC's symptom and criteria below even if they continue to test positive. Once they meet the three criteria, they are no longer considered infectious to others. However, if the employee was severely ill (hospitalized) or in immunocompromised, plead advise them to visit their primary care provide before returning to work.

The "checklist" below has been updated as of the most recent COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and will be used by employers to determine when an employee with confirmed COVID-19 may return to work safely. For additional questions, please call the Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 hotline (928) 737-6188.

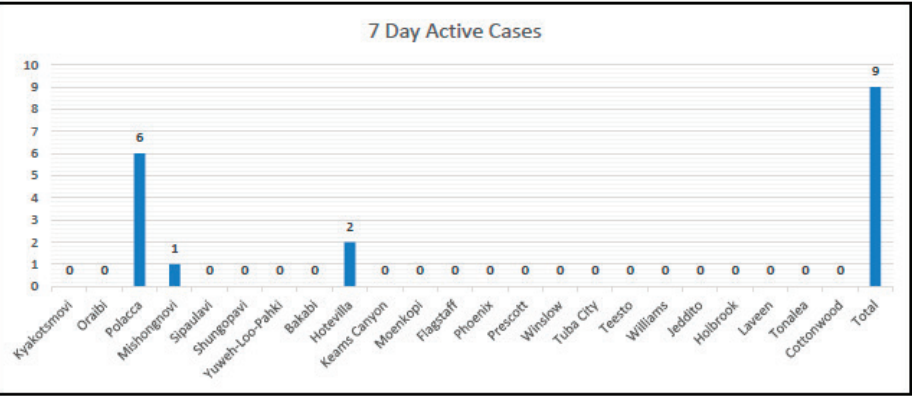
- ☐ It's been at least ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis if I've not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- ☐ Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- ☐ It's been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing medicine.

If you checked all three boxes, you are no longer a considered at risk to infect others and can go back to work!

Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response, Cont. (REPUBLISH)

AS OF AUGUST 26, 2022 (Arizona and County Data Updates on Wednesdays)				
	U.S.	Arizona	Navajo	Coconino County
Cases	93,880,573	2,245,733	43,537	49,300
Deaths	1,037,953	31,047	932	491
Vaccination (Total Pop. w/ At Least 1 Dose)	79.1%	73.8%	54.7%	67.0%
Vaccination (Eligible Pop. w/ At Least 1 Dose)	83.7%	74.2%	55.1%	67.3%

	COVID-19 Positives Last 14-Days	COVID-19 Positives Cumulative Total	Most Recent Case
Kyakotsmovi	4	339	August 19, 2022
Oraibi	1	42	August 17, 2022
Polacca (Walpi-Hutchumovi-Lewa)	15	723	August 24, 2022
Mishongnovi	3	223	August 19, 2022
Sipaulavi	0	121	July 22, 2022
Shungopavi	0	648	August 11, 2022
Yuwelt-Loo-Pahiki	0	16	July 28, 2022
Bakabi	0	112	July 10, 2022
Hotevilla	4	370	August 25, 2022
Keams Canyon	0	241	August 10, 2022
Moenkopi	0	365	August 11, 2022
Flagstaff	0	8	July 25, 2022
Phoenix	0	7	May 25, 2022
Prescott	0	1	July 20, 2020
Winslow	0	14	June 21, 2022
Tuba City	0	15	July 14, 2022
Teesto	0	2	October 7, 2021
Williams	0	1	May 11, 2022
Jeddito	0	2	June 13, 2022
Holbrook	0	1	May 27, 2022
Laveen	0	1	June 26, 2022
Tonalea	0	1	July 11, 2022
Cottonwood	0	1	July 15, 2022
TOTAL	27	3034	



VILLAGE	POPULATION ESTIMATE	NUMBER VACCINATED *	PERCENT OF POPULATION VACCINATED	VACCINE RANKING (HIGHEST = 1)
Bakabi	359	271	75.49%	4
Hotevilla	826	729	88.26%	2
Kyakotsmovi	547	706	129.07%	1
Mishongnovi	734	415	56.54%	9
Moenkopi	1,180	880	74.58%	5
Oraibi	239	178	74.48%	6
Shungopavi	1,269	874	68.87%	8
Sipaulavi	404	280	69.31%	7
Polacca	1,983	1,590	80.18%	3
Total	7,541**	5,923	78.54%	

# OF NEW CASES PER DAY							
	SAT 8/20	SUN 8/21	MON 8/22	TUES 8/23	WED 8/24	THURS 8/25	FRI 8/26
Kyakotsmovi							
Orayvi							
Polacca	1	1	2	1		1	
Mishongnovi	1						
Shipaulovi							
Shungopavi							
Yuwelt-paki							
Bacavi							
Hotevilla					1		1
Keams Canyon							
Moenkopi							
Flagstaff							
Phoenix							
Prescott							
Winslow							
Tuba City							
Teesto							
Jeddito							
Holbrook							
Laveen							
Tonalea							
Cottonwood							
TOTAL CASES	2	1	2	1	1	1	1



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Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. MST on January 20, 2023, at the Hopi Tribal Headquarters at 123 Main Street, in Kykotsmovi Village, Arizona. Faxed or emailed bids are not allowed. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Hopi Health Care Center Conference Room on Friday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. MST.

A digital packet of the Construction Documents may be obtained at Albuquerque Reprographics (Albuquerque), Dodge Report / McGraw-Hill (Albuquerque, Phoenix, Flagstaff), and Northern Arizona Plan Room (Flagstaff)

Contact is The Hopi Tribe, Office of Financial Management, Procurement Section, Cheryl Tootsie, Contracting Officer, 928-734-3000, x3351, CTootsie@Hopi.nsn.us. The Hopi Tribe reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.



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Association of American Indian Physicians: Child vaccinations against COVID-19 are critical to preserving our native cultures

New resources made available during Native American Heritage Month to improve health outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native youth

Oklahoma City, Okla. - The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP), a national non-profit working to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native communities, is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in a campaign to encourage increased COVID-19 vaccination rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives – with an emphasis on vaccines for children ages 6 months and up. November is Native American Heritage Month, and improving Native American health outcomes continues to be a top priority for the healthcare industry.

“Protecting our communities includes protecting our children, who contract and spread viruses sometimes at a higher rate than others because of their close proximity to peers in daycare and school,” said AAIP Executive Director Tom Anderson. “Our hope is all American Indians and Alaska Natives eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine – especially children – get vaccinated and keep up with their boosters and other seasonal vaccines. AAIP is proud to stand with and serve tribal members, physicians, healers, elders and our vast network of communities. Healthy tribal communities mean we can continue passing traditions on to our next generations of leaders.”

AAIP directly addresses health disparities among Native populations. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), American Indian and Alaska Natives suffer the highest rate of caregiver loss from the pandemic – 4.5 times higher than White children. The pandemic affected Native American communities acutely. In the same study, NIH noted that 1 of every 168 American Indian/Alaska Native children experienced orphan hood or death of a caregiver because of COVID-19.

AAIP physicians say these disparities make vaccinations crucial for native youth who can get sick or spread the disease to more vulnerable native community members like teachers, caregivers and community elders.

“As the pandemic has evolved, so have our efforts to protect our communities. Child vaccinations against the COVID-19 pandemic are safe, effective and available to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and they’re a tool for maintaining our cultures and keeping friends and neighbors healthy,” said AAIP President Lukejohn Day, MD. “Vaccination is a community effort with a colossal community impact.”

As COVID-19 and variant cases are expected to rise over the holidays and into the winter, AAIP is providing parents, caregivers and physicians’ online resources at aaipvax.org to increase awareness of and accessibility to vaccines and boosters. The interactive site includes statistics, trending topics and safety information regarding child COVID-19 vaccinations. Additionally, video resources were made available this month to make critical and accurate information even more accessible.

AAIP recommends American Indians and Alaska Native parents and caregivers contact their local Indian Health Service Clinic, pharmacy or physician to schedule COVID-19 vaccines and boosters for themselves and their families.

About the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)

In 1971, fourteen American Indian and Alaska Native physicians endeavored to improve the overall health of their communities and the Association of American Indian Physicians was born. Today, hundreds of licensed and practicing physicians around the country are committed to that same mission. AAIP pursues excellence in Native American health care by advocating education in the health sciences and honoring traditional healing principles. AAIP members directly address widely acknowledged disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native health. For more information about the Association of American Indian Physicians, see aaip.org. Vaccination campaign resources can be found at aaipvax.org.

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Cross Word Puzzle

Find the English words for the Hopi words.

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Across

2. Mamqasi

5. Sipala

7. Töövü

9. Tuutsama

10. Kiihu

11. Soohu

12. Sawya

13. Aahu

15. Pono

16. Moosa

Down

1. Mooho

3. Wipala

4. Sungwa

5. Tumna

6. Maqto

8. Mana

12. Muki

12. Tiyo

14. Sikwi

15. Tukpu

Answers in next issue

Answers

Across

5. Apple, 6. Arrow, 7. Tomorrow, 11. Tobacco, 13. Badger, 16. Language, 17. Drink, 20. Think, 21. Ladder, 23. Feed, 24. Turtle, 25. Nice

Down

1. Snow, 2. All, 3. Parrot, 4. Cattail, 8. Mustardseed, 9. Work, 10. Tea, 12. Bow, 14. Rained, 15. Breeze, 18. Ground, 19. Listen, 22. Drum

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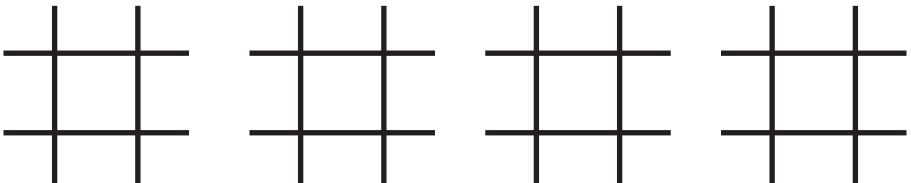


HOPILAVIT - EVERYDAY WORDS

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HOPi WORDS	Kyesmismuyaw - December	Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)
Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)	Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have)	Sivaqöppö - Heater
Yuki'at - Accomplishment	Öqala - Determined	Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life
Tukopna - Accuse	Alögö - Different	Nü'okwa - Kind Hearted
Hintsakpi - Activity	Hötsiwa - Doorway	Ngahu - Medicine
Pu'ason - Afterward	Hiihiko - Drink	Muytala - Moon Light
Qe'ti - Back out of	Nan'ip - Each (of two)	Tömö - Season (Winter)
Novaki - Bakery	Tutuqayiw - Education	Nuvati - Snowed
Tuptsiwni - Belief	Töövü - Ember	Nawini - Suggestion
Kwusiva - Bring	Tumal'aya - Employee	Tsangaw - Thank Goodness
Päato - Burst	Tunatya - Endeavor	Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)
Pitanakts - Cap/Hat	Naatsiki - Factionalize	Hihiiyà - Wow!
Sikiki - Car (Auto)	Qöppö - Fire place	
Kansulmongwi - Chairman	Saavu - Fire wood	
Namora - Choice	Tuuqayta - Fluent	
Iyoho'ti - Cold (Weather)	Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)	

TICK-TACK-TOE





Growing up on the reservation taught me that everything out here is tough to accomplish. I mean, living on the reservation...life is hard. You would have to work for everything from food to education and everything in between.

But when I was growing up, I don't think I ever paid attention to how life was for me then. When you're a mush head kitten, it seems you ignore the bad things in your childhood. Of course, we all have scars, but look at us now; we're entirely "NORMAL."

When you're a mush head kitten, you don't think about the bad things in the "now" REZ life, like drugs and alcohol. Back then, energy, as a simple force, was accessible. All you had to do was wait till your parents called you into the house. Or, you could eat at someone's house, and they would take you home afterward, right?

As kittens, we knew that there were drugs and alcohol in the village, but it was never a bother because it was frowned upon. We would make fun of the village drunks, and they would cower in shame for what they did. But nowadays, the entire village seems to be one big drunk person. And it's easy to be one big intoxicated person because you can buy alcohol and drugs on the reservation. All you must do is go next door and ask. Even the "grandma" next door will say, "\$20 for a bottle"... it's that easy.

It's strange because, in a short amount of time, drugs and alcohol have shaped and impacted the Hopi community drastically. The drunks we use to make fun of that cowered in shame seem to have no shame at all. When did that change? Now we don't make fun of them anymore. We say, "Daha is drunk again,"...and we go back to our daily business.

Younger kids already know what a drunken person looks like even before their first birthday. It's like we have engrained drugs and alcohol into our Hopi culture now, and we accept that it's part of our everyday tradition.

With drugs and alcohol now seeming to be part of our culture, killing and stealing acts are followed closely.

See, when I was growing up, I thought that killing and stealing were only on TV or in the big city. I would have never thought that those types of words would ever be used on the Hopi reservation because it was never part of our vocabulary when I was growing up. But now we hear that every day in the community and on Facebook. Of course, we have a legal system that tries to improve our "problem" but even that is broken and when you have an entire reservation full of drugs and alcohol, the problem seems to be growing from generation to generation.

So how can we solve this reservation-wide problem? That is one question I don't have a solution for. It's like trying to solve a division problem that we haven't seen in over 20 years. We cannot solve it, but that doesn't mean there isn't a solution. It just means that this problem is something that the entire reservation must come up with and not just a single person or group.

Of course, in schools, we teach our children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol by showing them what could happen to them if they do "go down that path." And it seems somewhere down the road, they will eventually try drugs and alcohol, and some will become addicted and others will not, but I guess it's how we are all raised. Do we accept that drugs and alcohol are part of the Hopi culture now? Or do we put a barrier between us to not see the absolute truth?

When I think of the word "STEAL," it seems that it is always used on Facebook. Every time I read it, it will say something like, "Someone stole my Hopi belt" or "Someone stole my grandma's walker." We are getting to the point where "BIG CITY" problems are becoming our problems. Why don't we do anything about it? Well, I say it's because we know that person's grandmother, grandfather or relative and they are good people. We are all scared to accuse someone of stealing because of the thought of what might happen if we accuse someone for stealing.

I'm pretty sure that a long time ago, when a Hopi per-

son was caught stealing, it was dealt with in a village setting where the person who stole something would do something to work off their debt to the community. Or that person would be shamed into not stealing anymore by having their behavior corrected by the village and not just an individual. But it's not like that anymore; we are a close community, yet we are miles apart because we don't know who our neighbors are anymore.

Of course, we have several groups who educate the community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and I applaud them for that. At least they are trying to make a change for our Hopi people. But, when you have just a simple group trying to make a change, it is not enough to make a dent, but they try, and they will continue to educate the Hopi community about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Every Hopi family here on the Hopi reservation has a person who drinks those lives with them, and it seems that we are forced to accept them as they are.

So, let me ask, is it ok to do that? Is it ok to treat them like this is part of our culture now? So, what can we do? I guess that's something we must "individually" come up with as a solution. Sometimes we will try to come up with answers like rehab centers or more PSA's about the "DANGERS OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL,"... but are they working? How can we keep the dangers of drugs and alcohol away from kids?

I advise you that drugs and alcohol are touchy subjects on the Hopi reservation. Some will not want to look at the truth of this epidemic, and some will try to improve the problem. Educating our younger generation about these problems is one thing. Eventually, they will not be mush heads anymore, so they will have to be the ones to come up with their solution to this problem. All we can do is try to make sure we are all adults and show our younger generation that there is still hope in this Hopi world of ours and one without so much of an impact from drugs and alcohol if we could just choose not to use either one, even for one day at a time.

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NAU expands Access2Excellence program to members of Arizona's federally recognized tribes

The program, which offers tuition-free education for first-time undergraduate students at any of NAU's sites, reflects the university's longstanding commitment to Native American and Indigenous students.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submitted by: Dian Rechel, Northern Arizona University

Flagstaff, Ariz. – November 14, 2022, honoring its longstanding commitment to Native American students and communities, Northern Arizona University today announced it would provide full tuition coverage for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes beginning in fall 2023 through an expansion to the Access2Excellence initiative.

Ensuring access to an affordable, high-quality education is the foundation of NAU's vision. The Access2Excellence (A2E) initiative, announced earlier this year, is a cornerstone of that work, providing full tuition coverage for all new first-time undergraduate students with a family income of \$65,000/year or less beginning in fall 2023.

This extension of A2E for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes reflects NAU's strategic priority of being the nation's leading university serving Indigenous Peoples. Now, NAU will ensure tuition coverage is not dependent on family income level and will apply to all new and transfer students, including those who live outside of Arizona but are members of the 22 Arizona tribes.

"At NAU, we pride ourselves on our service to Native American students and the communities they represent," said NAU President José Luis Cruz Rivera. "Extending A2E eligibility for our Arizona tribal members is an important step as we plant seeds for the success of future generations of Native American students at NAU. My thanks to our team and our engaged tribal partners who work every day to make higher education accessible and affordable to all."

NAU is creating pathways to enhance access to higher education for Native American students, building on a foundation that has placed the university at the forefront of institutions across the nation in awarding degrees to Indigenous students. NAU has been recognized as a leader in many fields, including:

- No. 1 in public health bachelor's degrees

- No. 1 in hospitality management bachelor's degrees
- No. 1 in education master's and doctoral degrees
- No. 4 in total master's degrees
- No. 6 in total doctoral degrees

"Last year on Indigenous Peoples Day, President Cruz Rivera announced a redoubling of our efforts to better partner with and serve Indigenous communities in Arizona by expanding access to Native American students and supporting their success," said Ann Marie Chischilly, Vice President for Native American Initiatives. "Today's announcement follows through on that commitment. I am honored that NAU is so focused on advancing our work as an Indigenous serving institution for the betterment of the native nations of Arizona and beyond."

NAU offers a robust and intentional community of support for Native American and Indigenous students who entrust their educational journey to the university. From the Native American Cultural Center, a centrally located cultural and programming space that serves as a home away from home for Indigenous students on campus, to the Office of Indigenous Student Success and the newly launched Indigenous Peoples Living-Learning Community, NAU is committed to providing a supportive environment that complements its exceptional academic programs, fueling students' economic mobility and social impact.

The university is uniquely positioned to set the standard for Native American student access and success in higher education. NAU's Flagstaff Mountain Campus is located in close proximity to 11 tribal nations, including the Navajo Nation, which has the largest Native American population in the United States, and the university's footprint in more than 20 statewide locations offers many access points to meet students where they live and learn.

Native American leaders share support for A2E initiative

"Many Native American students chose to join the workforce because the cost of attending college is just too expensive," said Lena Fowler, chair of NAU's Native American Advisory Board. "With NAU extending its Access to Excellence (A2E) program to Arizona's 22 fed-

erally recognized Native American Tribes, this gives our Native American students the opportunity to pursue their dream of earning a higher education at NAU."

"I'm pleased to hear that NAU is extending the Access to Excellence program to members of all 22 federally recognized Native American Tribes in Arizona," said LuAnn Leonard, Hopi-Tohono O'odham, member of the NAU Native American Advisory Board and former member of the Arizona Board of Regents. "This strategic commitment will enable and encourage more Hopi students as well as other Arizona tribal students to earn their college degree at NAU and use their skills to strengthen our Native communities."

"On the Navajo Nation, thousands of students graduate from high school each year. For many, going to college is not affordable," said Jonathan Nez, President of Navajo Nation, NAU alumnus and member of the NAU Native American Advisory Board. "With NAU extending its Access to Excellence program to Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribal nations, Navajo students will be encouraged to know that they can go to NAU without having to worry about how they will pay for tuition."

Details about A2E for members of Arizona's 22 federally recognized tribes can be found online at nau.edu/a2e. As NAU implements the program, the university will first use tuition scholarships offered at the time of admission, and any other federal grant program, such as the Pell and the remaining costs will be funded by NAU. Additional aid like tribal scholarships will not be used for tuition costs and can be applied instead for other costs of attending college, like housing, books and other fees—ensuring Native American students eligible for this program have access to all opportunities to make their NAU education affordable.

Specific questions about financial support can be answered by calling NAU's Student Service Center at (928) 523-9501.

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Yurok Tribe Announces Partnership for New Treatment and Housing Initiative

Friendship House partners with Tribe on Indigenous treatment and housing solutions

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San Francisco, CA- November 21, 2022 The Yurok Tribe and Friendship House, a Native-led nonprofit serving urban Indians in San Francisco, are partnering to build a residential treatment center in Yurok territory and two housing projects in San Francisco. The projects will serve Native people living in both rural and urban areas in Northern California.

“This is one of the first times that an urban-rural support network is being created for Native peoples,” said Joseph James, Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “Too often, Tribes and urban Indian organizations are pitted against each other for limited funding. This partnership shows what is possible when we put the needs of all Native people first and foremost, and focus on providing holistic services on and off-tribal lands.”

With support from Governor Newsom and Friendship House, the Yurok Tribe received \$15 million from the California Department of Health Care Services to construct a residential treatment center on the Yurok Reservation in Northern California. The Center is part of Yurok Tribe’s \$100 million dollar Regional Wellness Plan for the region, and will provide outpatient and Medication Assisted Treatment services to serve tribal citizens from seven different tribes and Native peoples throughout the region. Friendship House, a leader in treatment and recovery programs for Native peoples since 1963, will provide technical assistance to the Tribe in operating the facility.

The Yurok Tribe and Friendship House will also de-

velop two housing projects for Native people in San Francisco — a 65-unit sober-living transitional housing facility and an 85-unit affordable housing facility for first-time Native homeowners.

“Other successful models of treatment and housing have proven what we know to be true,” said Gabriel Pimentel, executive director of Friendship House. “Safe, affordable housing is key to long-term sobriety and well-being.”

The treatment center and housing projects are part of a larger Friendship House-led environmental and racial justice campaign called “The Village SF Initiative” to reclaim and rebuild community for urban Indians.

Both Yurok Tribe and Friendship House are focused on Indigenous-led solutions for Native peoples. Friendship House has seen high rates of success with its treatment programs, with more than 80% of its graduates maintaining sobriety 6 months or more after completing the program.

“The health, violence, poverty and housing disparities that exist today in Native communities can be traced directly to federal and state policies including genocide, boarding schools, and federal relocation,” said Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribe. “But it is up to Native people, leaders, and organizations to develop solutions. We must not wait for the solutions we know that work. And what we know is that Native communities are safest when we create and build our own solutions.”

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About the Yurok Tribe:

The Yurok Tribe is the largest tribe in California with

more than 6,300 tribal members and ancestral homelands spanning across Humboldt and Del Norte counties, into the Pacific Ocean and along the Klamath River. For additional information about the Yurok Tribe, visit <https://www.yuroktribe.org>.

About Friendship House:

Friendship House is the oldest social service organization in the country run by and for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Since 1963, the organization has helped nearly 6,000 clients recover from substance abuse using a model that integrates traditional Native healing with other evidence-based practices. For additional information, visit <https://www.friendshiphousesf.org>.

About California’s Native population:

California has the highest Native American population of any state, and represents 12 percent of the total Native population in the country - which is approximately 740,000 people. California currently has 109 federally recognized tribes, with nearly 100 separate reservations or rancherias, and 81 groups petitioning for federal recognition. California’s tribes are as small as five members and as large as 6,000 members. 90% of the American Indian population in California now resides in urban areas.

Additional statement from White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Member and Regensis Institute Founder Harold Mitchell Jr.:

“I believe this unique partnership and coalition could very well serve as a National Model for the Federal Inter-agency Council as a Best Practice guide for other Native and Tribal communities Nationwide.”

Additional information, statements from White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council and HUD follow.





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