



Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

March 17, 2020

Dear Tribal Members:

The Tribal Council is taking the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic very seriously and we want to keep you informed. As you know, things are changing very fast and we receive new information daily. We are committed to minimizing the impact of COVID-19 on you, our tribal employees and the communities we live in. With this letter please find some of the most important information regarding prevention of the spread of COVID-19, including these essential measures:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 40 seconds (that is the Happy Birthday song, sung twice).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick, and stay away from large crowds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **If you are 65 or older and have underlying health conditions please consider self-isolating or staying at home for the rest of the month.**
- **If you have health conditions that make you more vulnerable to the virus, please consider self-isolating or staying home for the rest of the month.**

While there are **NO** known positive cases of COVID-19 within the Tribal community, or in Humboldt County at this time, rest assured that the Tribe is taking active steps to ensure that our Tribal Members are supported and protected. On March 4th, California declared a State of Emergency due to the widespread impacts of the virus. The Tribal Council has declared a State of Emergency to enable us to access additional resources and assistance should we need to in the future. A formal declaration of emergency will allow those resources to flow to the Rancheria in a timely fashion and will aid in our recovery in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.

The Tribal Council is dedicated to following the current guidance for public gatherings and has made the difficult decision to **CANCEL** the March 21, 2020 Community Council Meeting. Council considered the option to conduct the meeting completely via video conferencing, but our software license only allows 25 attendees and would not enable a quorum to be met. Tribal Council will be working with staff to determine the impact that this cancellation will have on the upcoming Tribal Council Election. An updated Election timeline and materials will be sent out once a feasible plan has been determined.

We want you to know the health and safety of casino patrons, employees, Tribal Members and the larger community are of utmost importance to us. Therefore, we have made the difficult decision

to TEMPORARILY close the Cher-Ae Height Casino on Thursday, March 19th at 2:00 AM. The Tribal Council and Casino Management will evaluate the closure on a weekly basis and keep you updated.

As you know, supplies are scarce in the County and limited online, but we are working to order soaps and sanitizers for the Tribal Membership. Please understand that it may take time to receive these supplies. If you are in a dire situation and in need of specific supplies, please call the Tribal Programs Department and we will try to assist you to the best of our ability. We are also asking you to **call ahead** if you have business at the Tribal Office as many requests can be completed via phone or email. We all need to take preventative steps to keep us safe and limit the spread of the virus.

The Tribal Council will continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak daily and keep you updated. Please visit our Facebook page for new updates and important information. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Tribal Programs or the Tribal Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garth Sundberg, Sr." in a cursive style.

Garth Sundberg, Sr.
Chairman