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“As of 3:45p on 5/18/2020 – Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has sent in or tested **308** tests samples, with **278 Negative, 10 pending, 17 cases 3 total invalid, 9 have Recovered**. Note – the STATE lab is taking 24-48 hours for results. Our testing capability currently stands at 116 STATE and 421 ABBOTT test kits. We continue to do random surveillance testing of our high-risk community members.” Hyllis Dauphinais, CEO, Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center

The Warm Springs Tribal CoVID-19 Response team is disappointed at the opening of Jefferson County. In contrast, the Tribal Council has chosen a cautious and safe approach to a very dangerous disease. It is important for tribal and community members to keep covering your face with masks, social distance, avoid crowds, wash often---as these are really **actions that does make a difference**. You must monitor your travels, “mask up”, social distancing is a must when you visit or shop off-reservation----don’t bring back the virus.

The Warm Springs Tribal Council accepted recommendations from the WS CoVID-19 Response team to cancel the 2020 Treaty Days Piumesha celebration. Many unsafe situations would be created by such a gathering from around Indian country, our guests and families coming to Warm Springs then going back to their respective homes---the Tribal Council also conditioned the July 4th celebration “**....contingent on test results and community safety**.” Remember the virus is carried by people, who can be infected but show no symptoms.

STAY HOME STAY SAFE

