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“As of 9:27am, 8/31/2020 – Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has sent in or tested **2723 Total Tests, 2440 Total Negative, 0 Tests Pending, 264 Total Positive Cases (43 Positive test from other facilities), 19 Total Invalid, 34 Hospitalized, 32 Discharged and 7 Deaths. There are currently 30 persons with active COVID-19 receiving daily monitoring by Tribal and IHS staff and 57 close contacts receiving daily monitoring by IHS staff. Friday – 8/28 a total of 23 tested, 6 new positive, 2 current hospitalization, 1 on ventilator.” Dauphinais, Hyllis, CEO, Warm Springs and Wellness Center, CoVID-19 Update**

The Warm Springs Tribal Council has ordered the tribal organization to stay at 50 percent opening, extending this another week “...contingent upon Covid-19 cases in community”.

Three fires impact health and safety of the Warm Springs Reservation: North Butte or P-515 (80% contained); Lionshead (20% contained) and White River (5% containment). The White River fire is off of the Warm Springs reservation and is being monitored by reservation fire crews. Evacuations were called for the area north of the reservation. Wind direction and velocity along with dry fuels make for very dangerous and quickly changing situation. Please avoid any travel into or near any of the fire areas.

The Warm Springs COVID-19 Response team remind our community to avoid gatherings, always wear masks if around other than your household, be extra careful around elders, large households need to monitor COVID-19 safety practices and plan travels outside homes to lessen chance of an infection from COVID-19. If quarantined or isolated for COVID-19 please follow instructions of Community Health.

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE

