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**“As of 9:25 am, 9/16/2020 – Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has sent in or tested **3033 Total Tests, 2715 Total Negative, 12 tests Pending, 284 Total Positive Cases (46 Positive test from other facilities, 330 Total), 22 Total Invalid, 37 Hospitalized, 36 Discharged and 9 Deaths. There are currently 16 persons with active COVID-19 receiving daily monitoring by Tribal and IHS staff and 9 close contacts receiving daily monitoring. Tuesday – 9/15 a total of 31 tested, 8 new positives, State lab remains closed due to fire/smoke so there will be a delay in state results, 1 current hospitalization, 0 on ventilator, 1 new COVID related death.” Dauphinais, Hyllis, CEO, Warm Springs and Wellness Center, CoVID-19 Update****

**The Warm Springs COVID-19 Response Team reminds those on quarantine/isolation to comply with Community Health officials orders. Do not let the fires distract you from the safety practices that the COVID-19 Pandemic demands.**

**Fires and smoke bring on another attack on our healthy ways of life. Air quality is poor (health hazard) –AQI = 346, continue staying inside away from smoke, close windows, when in a car also close windows and put on recycle, breathing this polluted air is worse than smoking packs of cigarettes. The Response team recommends using N95 masks. Smoke particles go through the COVID-19 masks and smoke particles are small enough to raise health concerns if the particles enter the lungs. Remember children have developing lungs and this smoke is more harmful than to an adults lungs.**

**Keep Masking up, social distancing, avoid gatherings of any size and not your household, avoid hot spots and be careful when near fire incidents. If you are quarantined/isolated you are responsible for letting employer, family, and emergency officials know if you are sharing a shelter with others.**

**STAY HOME, STAY SAFE**

