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“As of 9:19 am, 9/18/2020 – Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has sent in or tested **3067 Total Tests, 2745 Total Negative, 11 tests Pending, 289 Total Positive Cases (47 Positive test from other facilities, 336 Total), 22 Total Invalid, 38 Hospitalized, 37 Discharged and 9 Deaths. There are currently 21 persons with active COVID-19 receiving daily monitoring by Tribal and IHS staff and 15 close contacts receiving daily monitoring. Thursday – 9/17 a total of 2 tested, 3 new positives (State returns), 14 total for the week. 1 Current Hospitalization, 0 on ventilator. (Following is response to high positivity rate=14%) Note – Factors to consider in positivity rate. We have 14 new positive cases so far this week, our total number tested is 82 (very low due to the late opening and closure yesterday). Normally, we would have tested around 150-170 in the same timeframe.” Dauphinais, Hyllis, CEO, Warm Springs and Wellness Center, CoVID-19 Update**

COVID-19 and Smoke are a challenge to the health of our Warm Springs Community. COVID-19 disease is still very much with us, the Warm Springs Tribal Council have firmly directed the COVID-19 Response Team to educate our community on it’s responsibilities to save lives. KWSO and Spilya Tymoo have been packed with COVID-19 news, instructions, health advisement and general health messages. The individual tribal member and community members has a responsibility to do their part. Over protect yourself from COVID-19 disease and unhealthy air. The small smoke particles can ruin your health if you take in to much smoke. Our recent air quality number AQI = 345, or Unhealthy.

Much thanks to first responders, fire fighters, National Guard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, for your coordinated efforts in keeping our residents and their homes safe.

Keep Masking up, social distancing, avoid gatherings of any size and not your household, avoid hot spots and be careful when near fire incidents. Use N-95 masks to keep smoke out of lungs.

STAY HOME, STAY SAFE

