



# **TULE RIVER TRIBE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY**

## **Order of the Public Health Authority**

**No. C19-13**

**(January 13, 2022)**

### **SUBJECT: Closure of Non-Essential Tribal Activities**

#### **I CURRENT SITUATION**

Covid-19 is a highly contagious novel coronavirus spread mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. As of January 13, 2022, there have been approximately 750 cases of Covid-19 identified through the Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc. including 8 deaths, 74,705 cases and 1,185 deaths in Tulare County, and 6,296,907 cases and 76,804 deaths in the State of California. Recovered patients sometimes suffer permanent heart, lung, or neurological damage from Covid-19. The Tule River Indian Reservation must take precautionary steps to protect its people, community, and elders from Covid-19.

#### **II SUMMARY GUIDANCE**

The following order is designed to protect the Tule River Indian Reservation, its residents, and its way of life. It begins at 12:00AM on January 14, 2022 and continues until otherwise noted.

Only essential organizations per designation by the Tule River Tribal Council are permitted to operate in-person activities on the Tule River Indian Reservation.

All organizations, regardless of designation, are encouraged to consider remote work, telework, or increased social distancing practices to decrease in-person interactions.

#### **Definitions**

- a) "Essential organizations" are any entity or organization defined, or deemed, by the Tule River Tribal Council as essential to the health, safety, and wellbeing of the community.

#### **III ENFORCEMENT**

- 1) Violation of this order may result in civil fines set out in the Tribe's Communicable Disease Ordinance, or any other applicable tribal, state, or federal penalties.
- 1) Pursuant to Tribal Resolution No. FY2020-110, the Public Health Authority requests that Chief of Police of the Tule River Tribal Police enforce this Order to ensure compliance with its provisions. The violation of any provision of this Order may constitute an imminent threat and an immediate menace to public health.
- 2) This Order shall become effective on January 14, 2022 and will continue to be in effect unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Public Health Authority.

- 3) The Public Health Authority must promptly provide copies of this Order as follows: (1) by posting on the Tule River Indian Health Center Inc., website ([www.trihci.org/Covid-19](http://www.trihci.org/Covid-19)) and all of the Center's social media sites (2) by posting at the Tule River Tribal Council Administration Building and requesting that the Tribe distribute to all other tribal entities, departments, and organizations for immediate posting, and (3) by providing a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public requesting a copy.
  
- 4) If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

Signature:   
Tribal Public Health Officer

Date: January 13, 2022