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TO: Warm Springs Community Members, All Tribal Employees  
FROM: Michele Stacona, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO; Alyssa Macy, Chief Operations Officer  
DATE: October 25, 2017  
RE: Closure of Early Childhood Center (ECE) building

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On October 24, 2017, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon Executive Management team learned of conditions at the Early Childhood Center (ECE) building requiring immediate closure of the facility for further investigation and remediation. Test results of soil and water samples taken last week were received Tuesday which indicate the presence of E. coli in standing water underneath G-Pod at the facility.

These conditions require remediation before allowing children, employees and community members back into the facility. As such, the ECE was closed today, Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate re-opening on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, however, this is dependent on the availability of remediation services on such short notice.

Exposure to E. Coli is potentially harmful. Signs and symptoms can include diarrhea, gas, abdominal cramping and tenderness, nausea and vomiting as well as fatigue and fever. (<https://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/index.html>) Please contact a health care provider without delay if you or your child are experiencing any of these symptoms or if you are concerned about exposure and inform your health care provider of potential exposure to E. Coli.

The closure of the facility will impact community members and Tribal employees. Full time tribal employees will be granted Administration Leave to ensure care of children. This will be limited to one working parent per family. To be eligible for leave, Tribal employees must inform their supervisor immediately.

Parents, staff and community members will be informed of steps taken to remediate this condition and ensure the safety of our children, staff and community members as it pertains to this facility.

