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"As of 5:00p on 7/28/2020 – Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has sent in or tested **1887 Total Tests**, **1665 Total Negative**, **45 Test Pending**, **168 Total Positive Cases**, **9 Total Invalid**, **16 Hospitalized**, **8 Discharged**, **3 deaths and 109 Recovered**. Note - the STATE lab is taking 24--48 hours for results and our maximum daily capacity for Rapid tests is 20-22. Our test kit inventory currently stands at 191 STATE and 429 ABBOTT (Rapid) test kits. We continue to do random surveillance testing of our high-risk community members, our healthcare and first responder staff, and we continue to conduct broader surveillance of the CTWS employees, as the community has reopened." Hyllis D. Dauphinais, Sr., CEO, Warm Springs health & Wellness Center, Ph: 541-553-6275

School is approaching so how will education occur during the Corona Virus-19 Pandemic? Oregon Health Authority: "There's no simple, statewide answer for every school in Oregon. It is important to get students back to class, but how we do that depends on a number of important factors, such as: prevalence of the virus, availability of testing, the capacity of the local health care system to provide quality care and the readiness of the public health system to work with schools to contain any outbreaks." Go to: Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance and "Oregon public health officials have developed evidenced-based metrics to help school boards and school districts make local decisions based on local conditions, to determine how they can safely reopen school." Our local school officials will be meeting with Tribal Council to assess those factors above; education is important but now our children must learn and we must all protect them from the virus.

The Boil Water Notice is still in effect for Warm Springs Agency area. For more information contact: The Branch of Public Utilities, Water and Wastewater division at (541)553-3246. Conservation of water is critical as repairs will take time; please continue to conserve water. The water available for the Agency community is still low. Construction is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks, be forewarned that water will have to be shut off for a day, two days at the most for repairs. The Shut Off days will be announced so we can prepare with storage of water at home.

## Stay Home, Stay Safe

To check Oregon Status as of 0800 on 7/28/2020 go to https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID

Also go to: CDC.gov for Center of Disease Control

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