

## **QUECHAN INDIAN TRIBE**

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Quechan Tribal Membership,

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On April 7, 2020, The Quechan Indian Tribe issued an urgent notice recommending all members to stay at home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After a difficult year for the Quechan Community, we continue to ask our members to follow the Tribes guidelines, such as wearing a mask, maintain social distancing, avoid large events and gatherings, washing your hands and to clean and disinfect the areas around you. The COVID-19 vaccines are now available at the Fort Yuma Health Clinic. The Tribal Council continues to encourage our tribal members to get vaccinated. The Fort Yuma Health Center is currently providing vaccines from ages 12 to an adult. To schedule a COVID-19 vaccination please call (760)572-4711.

The Quechan Tribal Council has made a decision to rescind the Stay at Home Order and would like to inform the community on the next phase which affects our membership.

**Tribal Departments/Offices**: Face coverings, social distancing and proper sanitizing will be still required at all Tribal Department buildings offices. Based on the space of some departments, by appointment only will be utilized to ensure social distancing is adhered to. The Tribe recommends social distancing staying six feet apart will be required to prevent the continuing risk of infection to the greatest extent possible.

**Parks and Recreation:** Outdoor parks may be open subject to social distancing and will be monitored by the Wellness Department. Follow posted park hours.

**Camping/Fishing/Hunting:** Outdoor activities maintained by the Quechan Fish and Game Department will be allowed. For non-tribal members permits are required to be purchased.

**Tribal Vendors:** Tribal members with current permits will be allowed to sell using the food vender's area with a current food handler's certificate. For further information, contact the Economic Development Administration office.

Funeral Services: All funerals will remain at the adjusted times we have been following until further notice.

**Tribal Operations:** Tribal departments will operate on modified hours and accessibility based on specific safety and service considerations. Please check with the individual department for internal policies for daily operation functions.

**Community Events:** The Quechan Indian Tribe's preparation for possible future events is guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs and context of the community. Further information will be given as it becomes available.

The Tribal Council is committed to work on the necessary protocols to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. We ask the community to do their part to prevent positive cases rising to levels as we endured in the year 2020. The Tribal Council does not want to issue another Stay at Home Order, as we work together to stay healthy.

Thank you,

Quechan Tribal Council