

Greetings from Tribal Administration,

In consideration of recent events I want to provide information about tribal programs during these times of crisis. Many of these information points are based on inquiries we have already received in the office. If your question is not answered please feel free to call.

1. Is the Drinking Water Safe? Yes the drinking water is safe. Our Ohkay Natural Resource Environment department, tests the water and will continue to monitor this on an on-going basis. Please rest assured the DRINKING WATER IS SAFE.
2. Ditch Work? **Ditch work for 2020 is CANCELLED.** Please help pass the word. Our rationale for the cancellation is twofold 1) There is a lot of water in ditch system and 2) COVID-19 and our efforts to not gather large groups of people.
3. Are Tribal Admin Offices Open? The Tribal government is open, however we are operating on an “Essential Personnel” only mode. Furthermore access to the Administration building will be limited. This means the doors will be locked and we are encouraging people to call ahead. Related to this we have also instituted the following;
 - a) Utility payments will cease and all shut offs are suspended indefinitely
 - b) General Assistance recipients will be asked to call ahead
 - c) Seniors, Wellness, BGC and teen Center are closed. Employees will work together to provide meals via home delivery to seniors. They will also be doing welfare checks
 - d) PD will be on duty, however courts will be closing except for emergencies. This suspends all PO, ticket payment etc.
 - e) All tribal departments will be allowing employees to work from home and or use vacation and sick leave if they so choose.
4. The Program directorates and Tribal Officials will be available to help in any way we can. Below is a listing of our contact information.
 - a. Ron Lovato - 505.660.6113
 - b. Albert Bowie - 505.927.7593
 - c. James Trujillo - 505.423.3223
 - d. Ken Maes - 505.901.7493
 - e. Donovan Trujillo, Public Safety – 505.927.5600
 - f. Ben Lujan, Public Works – 505.927.5622
 - g. Leonard Montoya, Health Human services - 505.927.3660
 - h. Larry Phillips, Natural Resources – 505.927.1398

There are a lot of false rumors out there, please do not panic. We will continue to update the community with factual information through our website www.ohkay.org. We are here to help, but you also need to take care of yourself, be cautious and follow all posted recommendations.

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