MEMORANDUM

To: Hoopa Valley Residents
From: Hoopa Office of Emergency Services
CC: Hoopa Valley Tribal Council
Date: November 16, 2020
RE: Travel Advisory

Due to the rapidly increasing incidence of COVID-19 throughout California and the United States, the Hoopa Valley Tribe’s Office of Emergency Services is issuing a travel advisory. Movement of individuals between households and geographic areas is still a significant driver of virus transmission. This is particularly true for residents of the Hoopa Valley and Humboldt County because many areas outside of the County are experiencing more COVID-19 activity than ours.

Non-essential travel outside of the Hoopa Reservation could increase the risk of COVID-19 spread. Hoopa Valley community residents are encouraged to stay home or in their region and avoid unnecessary travel to other counties, states, or countries. Avoiding travel can significantly reduce the risk of virus transmission and bringing the virus back to the Hoopa Valley.

The Hoopa Valley Tribe has detailed travel guidance in our Alert Level System and Stay at Home Orders A and B, which can be found under the “Documents” tab on our website at www.hoopaoes.org. Travel is addressed in Section 9.

All non-essential travel is prohibited under the current Stay at Home Order. Essential Travel for tribal employees is limited, and travel outside of the County, State and Country requires an approved travel safety waiver from the Hoopa OES Safety Officer. Travel Safety waivers/plans can be obtained by clicking on the “Safety” tab and selecting the “Travel Restrictions Waiver” link. The Safety Officer can be reached by emailing safety@hoopaoes.org.
Travel for the purposes of Healthcare, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies etc. are considered essential travel. Using safety precautions while traveling for healthcare reason is of utmost importance.

**TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS**

- Stay home if at all possible
- Limit guests, especially those who are traveling
- When traveling for essential purposes, take extra care to use face masks, avoid large crowds, stay 6-feet away from others, use hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently.
- Avoid unnecessary stops and avoid dine-in type meals.
- Research COVID-19 data for the area your traveling to.
- Self-Monitor. Carefully monitor yourself and members of your household for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after return from travel.
- Quarantine. In addition to self-monitoring, individuals returning from higher risk travel are recommended to self-quarantine at home for 14 days. Simply put, if you are at a higher risk of exposure, home quarantine is the safest option.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should contact their healthcare provider and/or call K’ima:w Medical Center at (530) 625-4261 ext. 0218 to schedule a test.