



Confederated Tribes and Bands
of the Yakama Nation

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YAKAMA NATION DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

YAKAMA NATION AGENCY, YAKAMA RESERVATION – Today, the Yakama Nation Tribal Council declared that a state of emergency exists for the Yakama Reservation and off-Reservation trust allotments due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency declaration facilitates access to federal and state resources dedicated for response to Coronavirus COVID-19 infections.

“The Yakama Nation is working closely with our tribal, federal, and state partners to monitor the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak and to implement best practices for the health and safety of all Yakama Reservation residents,” said Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman Delano Saluskin. “We have cancelled all non-essential governmental travel. We will continue to take necessary response measures and stick together as a community to see our way through this public health emergency.”

The Yakama Nation’s emergency declaration directs the Yakama Nation Office of Homeland Security to implement all necessary emergency measures that have been authorized by the Yakama Nation Tribal Council Executive Committee. For more information, please call the Yakama Nation’s Coronavirus COVID-19 Hotline at **(509) 865-7272** for a prerecorded message with updates on the Yakama Nation’s response. You may also access updates on the Yakama Nation’s official Facebook page. This announcement will be updated as the situation changes.

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