



**Pit River Tribe
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PIT RIVER TRIBE PRESS RELEASE

On Friday, March 20, 2020, the Pit River Tribe declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID -19 Pandemic, out of abundance of caution. Tribal Chairlady, Agnes Gonzalez, and Tribal Council made the decision to enact the emergency declaration in the interest of the health and well-being of our tribal and community members. By authority of the Pit River Office of Emergency Services we are implementing several preliminary steps in reducing any potential exposure risks to a minimum. Leadership has been supportive and engaged in these efforts.

The Pit River Tribal Leadership is provided daily status updates on the response efforts by the Pit River Office of Emergency Services (PROES) and shall, by resolution follow those efforts and objectives include regular updates to Pit River tribal members as conditions change, in order to keep the community informed. The PROES will use the same systems of information dissemination used during the recent power outage response (web site and social media primarily). The emergency texting is available and will be used as needed.

As a reminder:

The best way to reduce your risk of becoming infected with or spreading the COVID – 19 coronavirus, is to practice Basic Precautions, and we encourage everyone to:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available
- Avoid eating, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay away from people who are visibly sick
- Always cover your coughs and sneezes using a tissue, or the crook of your elbow
- People who are sick should stay home from work or school until they are well

If you have any of the following symptoms, contact your regular primary care provider, and let them know if you have been around someone who had COVID – 19 coronavirus:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing

The Health Department has a website <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us> and <https://modohealthservices.org>

with the latest guidance and recommendations on COVID – 19 coronavirus.

For any questions, please contact the Pit River Office of Emergency Services.

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