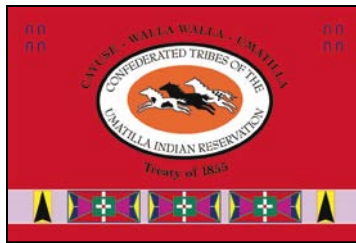


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TO: Lyndsey Watchman, General Council Chairman
FROM: Ted A Wright, Executive Director – Incident Commander
DATE: October 13, 2020
RE: Incident Command Update

Yellowhawk Public Health Incident Command completed an analysis that confirms what we have suspected for some time, that is: outbreaks are primarily a result of social gatherings in which tribal and community members do not adhere to our pandemic infection prevention protocols. Knowing that there are several events and holidays coming up between now and the end of the year where community members are more likely to gather outside their immediate family, Yellowhawk and CTUIR are taking several steps so as to prevent outbreaks and respond in the event they occur:

1. YTHC will increase testing capacity and prepare to schedule more tests, as may be necessary.
2. YTHC will add staff to facilitate more and faster contact tracing and ensure that infected individuals receive timely healthcare guidance.
3. More quarantine kits will be available and additional sites to isolate are being secured.
4. CTUIR entities will continue safety protocols within facilities: (telework, requirement to wear a mask and use other PPE, social distancing, checking employee's temperatures upon entrance into any facility).
5. ICT Public Information Officers are putting together a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of social gathering. The campaign will start this week and continue through the end of the year.

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Please see most recent CTUIR Incident Command COVID Case Status Report dated October 9, 2020 – and – chart showing outbreaks and connection to social gatherings.

