

UPDATE ON THE ROAD CLOSURE

The lifting of the curfew and giving Pyramid Lake Tribal Members and Residents the chance to enjoy the outdoors is blessing. We are very hopeful that everyone who got out to the lake this weekend was using the tools that the clinic and the EMS staff have been giving you to stay safe. Those include but are not limited to the following;

- Gathering in small groups of less than 10 people,
- if you decide to gather ensure that everyone you are socializing with has been following and continue to follow the CDC guidelines for sheltering in place, wearing protective coverings such as face masks and;
- never attend a function or go out in public if you are feeling ill, have a fever or develop symptoms of COVID 19.

The Road Closure Project approved and supported by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council was a response to the growing numbers of COVID 19 cases on the reservation. The health and safety of our tribal members was the determining factor and continues to be our biggest concern. The Road Closure Project has significantly limited the exposure from outside sources and has been a success overall. We will continue to monitor as best we can the number of individuals coming on the reservation for your protection.

The road closure is an approved activity through the State of Nevada NDOT in coordination with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

We also need you to do your part. Please be patient with the flaggers, they are only doing their job.

If you have an issue with the road block please call the Pyramid Lake Transportation Safety Coordinator at (775) 574-1000 extension 1107 to get share your concerns and get resolution to your issue.

Entering the reservation for non-residents and non-Pyramid Lake Tribal members is prohibited unless there are special circumstances which can be requested through our office. There is no guarantee of passage but there

may be other solutions to why you may need to pass through. Using the lake for recreational purposes will not be considered at this time.

Attempting to run the check point is not advisable. Your license plate number and/or vehicle description is immediately reported to Tribal police and/or rangers. Consequences of running the checkpoint may result in a fine so don't risk it. Additionally, running any road closure can be dangerous to yourself and others. Actions such as this may result in injury to others and result in more extreme consequences. Stay calm and be patient we will do our best to work with you.

Recent attempts or threats of attempts to run through the road closure have been noted and are being taken very seriously. Law enforcement is monitoring the situation and coordination with our Tribal liaison at NDOT has begun. Be assured that the safety of our staff is as important as the health and welfare of the Pyramid Lake communities. There will be consequences for this type of unnecessary actions.

We now have Tribal Beach Monitors as well who are checking for Tribal ID's so please make sure to bring your ID when frequenting the lake shores for any recreational activity. If you do not have proof of Pyramid Lake Tribal membership and/or you have invited people to recreate with you that do not have these credentials you may be asked to leave.

Non-Tribal residents of Pyramid Lake must show proof of their residency here on the reservation. Please carry a photo ID with your current address if frequenting the shores of Pyramid Lake. If you do not have this with you, you may be asked to leave.

We want to reiterate that this is not an attempt to inhibit the use of the lake but rather to limit the amount of exposure for our tribal families and residents. As with all communities across America, lifting of the restrictions will come slowly as we evaluate the threat to families living on the reservation.

The Tribal Council is working closely with Tribal Health Clinic to monitor the progression of COVID 19 and its threat in our communities.

Please stay safe out there, follow as closely as you can the CDC guidelines and call the local Tribal Health Clinic for more information on the COVID 19 guidelines and/or prevention measures.