

Nisqually Indian Tribe
Tribal Council Resolution No. 25 -2021

A Resolution Addressing COVID-19 Response

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Indian Tribe is the successor descendent entity of the Nisqually Nation signatory to the Treaty of Medicine Creek of 1854 (10 Stat. 1132), and unto this day has retained and maintained its Tribal identity, its governing body, and its sovereign powers; AND

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Indian Tribe is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe organized under its governing Constitution and Bylaws approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on September 9, 1946 and amended on October 28, 1994, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 476; AND

WHEREAS, the Nisqually General Council is the duly constituted governing body of the Nisqually Tribe, and the Tribal Council is the duly elected representative body of the General Council by the authority of the Tribe's Constitution and Bylaws, as amended; AND

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council in Tribal Council Resolution 23-2020, on March 11, 2020, declared a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 epidemic; AND

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council in Tribal Council Resolution 129-2020, on November 18th, 2020, requiring self-quarantine of employees after travel or contact with an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19; AND

WHEREAS, On December 16, 2020, the Tribal Council approved a distribution plan setting priorities for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine; AND

WHEREAS, consistent with that distribution plan a considerable portion of the Tribal Members and Tribal Employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine; AND

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine calls for an adjustment to the response to the continuing emergency presented by COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nisqually Tribal Council does expand the distribution list to include all phases as now open for scheduling, This includes: All Tribal members and their households regardless of whether that household is on or off the reservation, All Tribal Employees and their households regardless of whether that household is on or off the reservation, All Enterprise Employees regardless of whether that household is on or off the reservation, medical volunteers assisting at Nisqually vaccination clinics events at the time of such events, Wa He Lut School employees and their households regardless of whether that household is on or off the reservation, NWIFC staff and their households regardless of whether that household is on or off the reservation, Tribal and non-Tribal individuals who prior to March, 24th, 2020 where active patients receiving services at the Nisqually Clinic, and all individuals residing on the Nisqually Indian Reservation; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nisqually Tribal Council hereby instructs the Nisqually Clinic to provide COVID testing at the Nisqually Clinic to any tribal employee that has a work exposure to COVID-19; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requirements of Tribal Council Resolution 129-2020, requiring self-quarantine of employees that travel out of State or have close contact with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19, no longer apply to employees that have received both doses of COVID-19 vaccine at least two week prior. Employees who have not been fully vaccinated are still required to self-quarantine. The requirements for employees with symptoms or a positive test still apply regardless of vaccination status, as does the requirement to wear masks, social distance and engage in frequent hand washing/sanitizing; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that doors on Tribal buildings may continue to be locked to control access and to direct people coming into the building to temperature check stations. All individuals entering a Tribal building should have their temperature checked and complete a Daily COVID-19 Staff Screening Slip; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that as the Tribal Council has lifted the Stay at Home Order (Tribal Council Resolution 28-2020) as well as the Resolution Closing the Nisqually Indian Reservation (Tribal Council Resolution 27-2020) those resolutions no longer prevent current patients of the Nisqually Clinic from receiving services at the Nisqually Clinic.

Certification

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Nisqually Tribal Council held on the 24th day of March 2021 at the Nisqually Administration Building, at which time a quorum was present and voting 5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTENTIONS.

ATTEST:

E. K. Choke

E. K. Choke, Chairman
Nisqually Indian Tribe

Jackie Whittington

Jackie Whittington, Secretary
Nisqually Indian Tribe