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Reminder Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting for March 1 – June 30, 2020 due SEPTEMBER 21!

Some tribes may have difficulty meeting the deadline and as a prime recipient, a tribe may seek a 30-day extension by submitting an extension request to Treasury OIG at CARES@oig.treas.gov. Extension decisions will be made on case-by-case basis. The Treasury FAQ and Guidance can be found at these links:

Guidance: <https://tinyurl.com/y2ojpe6m>

FAQ: <https://tinyurl.com/y2oktulz>

Wildfire Resources

Recent wildfires are severely affecting tribal communities. Here are some resources:

- If you are being impacted by smoke from fires and N95 or KN95 masks, email tribalaffairs@caloes.ca.gov.
- Shelter assistance may be provided through the state. If you require assistance with obtaining shelter due to evacuations, send an email to disasterSOC@dss.ca.gov and describe your shelter needs and the county you are located. Mass Care and Shelter Information can also be obtained by calling (916) 636-3706.
- Assistance for Individuals Impacted by COVID-19 and Recent Wildfires: CDSS released an all-county letter which provides guidance on the Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) program which provides some additional support to individuals impacted by COVID-19. The program provides additional support to individuals impacted by COVID-19 and those impacted by the recent wildfires. Read the All-County Letter here: <https://tinyurl.com/y624jfm4>.

Gov. Newsom signs AB 1876, AB 685, and SB 1159 in Response to Pandemic

AB 1876 expands access to the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) to ensure all California tax filers, specifically undocumented ITIN filers who are otherwise eligible, may qualify for the CalEITC and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC).

AB 685 ensures timely notification to employees and local and state public health officials of COVID-19 cases at workplaces. This notification will help workers take necessary precautions such as seeking testing, getting medical help or complying with quarantine directives.

SB 1159 expands access to workers' compensation and makes it easier for first responders, health care workers and people who test positive due to an outbreak at work to get the support they need, including necessary medical care and wage replacement benefits.

SB 115 – Extending the Benefits for Extended Foster Care Youth

On September 9, Gov. Newsom signed SB 115, which makes substantive changes to the Budget Act of 2020 and extends foster care financial support to non-minor dependents who turned 21 years old on or after April 17, 2020. The extension of benefits to the Extended Foster Care Program is in response to the many challenges, including housing instability, affecting youth/non-minor dependents during COVID-19. Through SB 115, non-minor dependents remain eligible for financial assistance through June 30, 2021. Read the bill here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxwh4oah>.

An All-County Letter was issued describing eligibility for extended foster care. The law allows for youth between the ages of 18 and 21 to be eligible for EFC even if they are not meeting all of the participation requirements, including a disruption in employment or their education program as a result of COVID-19. Read the all-county letter here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy675c54>.

TRIBAL COVID-19 RESOURCES

For updates on COVID-19 and Resources for Tribal Communities see the following links:

State of California:

A one-stop page collecting information related to COVID-19 can be located at:
<https://covid19.ca.gov/>.

CDSS Tribal Affairs: COVID-19 resources for California tribal communities:
<https://tinyurl.com/y3cjsopy>.

Federal Resources:

A one-stop page for Federal COVID-19 information:
<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>.

Indian Health Service:
<https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/>.

Health and Human Services:
<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/index.html>.

Centers for Disease Control: Providing information on how to protect yourself and what to do if you are sick. Also contains the most update-to-date information on the virus and medical news related to the virus: <https://tinyurl.com/rrro9sx>.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response:
<https://tinyurl.com/yyos6b28>.

Bureau of Indian Affairs: Includes resources for tribal governments when responding to COVID-19:
<https://www.bia.gov/coronavirus>.

Treasury: For more information on CARES Act funding and distributions.
<https://tinyurl.com/qsnh97g>.

Tribal Specific Webpages with Daily Updates

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI): <http://www.ncai.org/covid-19>.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TPLI):
<https://www.home.tlpi.org/covid-19>.

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) :
<https://tinyurl.com/yyfdhxw2>.

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA): <https://www.nicwa.org/coronavirus/>

National Indian Health Board (NIHB):
<https://www.nihb.org/covid-19/>

Turtletalk: <https://turtletalk.blog/covid-19-tribal-documents/> and <https://turtletalk.blog/tag/covid-19/>.

Native American Financial Officers' Association (NAFOA): <https://tinyurl.com/yyavoevy>.