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### Assembly Bill 1979

On September 25, 2020, Governor Newsom signed AB 1979 which addresses housing stability and availability for youths participating in Extended Foster Care. The law supports programs that address the new challenges that youth may face while in quarantine. AB 1979 streamlines approval processes, increases the housing options available to youth participating in the EFC program, and reduces their risk of falling into homelessness. Read the bill here: <https://tinyurl.com/y54ek95f>.

### CILS Voter Guide

Questions about voting and COVID-19? CILS is releasing its first-ever Voting Guide! Coming soon to CalIndian.org. You don't want to miss this!

### The 2020 Census Deadline is Near!

Don't forget to fill out your 2020 census! COVID-19 has affected in-person census operations and the deadline is now October 31, 2020. An accurate population count is needed for tribes to receive adequate social services and Congress representation. Check out: <https://www.calindian.org/census-extension-backtrack/>.

### Los Angeles Child Care Vouchers

If you live in Los Angeles county and are an essential worker in need of childcare, you may be eligible for a Child Care Voucher. \$15 million of CARES Act funding was approved to assist 5,000 low-income families. In order to be eligible, you must live in LA county, need childcare to perform essential work, not have the option to work remotely, and meet certain income eligibility guidelines. Application: <https://tinyurl.com/y2no57ya>.

### Survey is Out

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development released the results of a survey regarding the economic impact of COVID-19 in Indian Country. The results show that two-thirds of businesses have seen significant revenue losses and do not expect to see those declines to be reversed in the next six months. Significant revenue declines due to the coronavirus pandemic are disrupting small businesses in tribal communities. Read the results here: <https://tinyurl.com/y45jae6e>.

### California Courtroom Updates

#### Eastern District of California

All courthouses are closed to the public. Only those with official court business or building tenants with official business may enter the courthouse. The court will not call in jurors for service in criminal or civil jury trials until further notice. All civil matters will be decided on the papers or handled through remote hearings. Pro se parties in civil matters are encouraged to file documents by mail. If unable to do so, they may file at drop boxes in the entrances of the Sacramento, Fresno, and Modesto courthouses. Criminal matters may be postponed or conducted remotely at the judge's discretion.

#### Northern District of California

No new civil or criminal jury trials will be conducted before September 30<sup>th</sup>. Other criminal proceedings will be conducted remotely. Through September 30<sup>th</sup>, all civil matters will be decided on the papers or through a remote hearing, if necessary.

#### Southern District of California

Judges can conduct proceedings, except for jury trials, in all civil cases. A quorum of grand jurors may be available to serve during limited periods starting May 20<sup>th</sup>. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, judges can conduct certain in-person criminal proceedings when the defendant is out of custody.

## 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://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/tribal-affairs/tribal-affairs-covid-19>.

### 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/coronaviruses/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://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019->

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response:**

<https://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/COVID19/Pages/default.aspx>

**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://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments>

### Tribal Specific Webpages with Daily Updates

**NCAI:** <http://www.ncai.org/covid-19>

**TPLI:** <https://www.home.tlpi.org/covid-19>

**NIWRC:** <https://www.niwrc.org/news/resources-response-coronavirus-covid-19>

**NICWA:** <https://www.nicwa.org/coronavirus/>

**NIHB:** <https://www.nihb.org/covid-19/>

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

**NAFOA:** [https://nafoa.org/coronavirus?utm\\_source=Nafoa+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=09967d5081-newsletter-33020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_dcdb537bb2-09967d5081-58514507](https://nafoa.org/coronavirus?utm_source=Nafoa+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=09967d5081-newsletter-33020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_dcdb537bb2-09967d5081-58514507)