

**THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES
OF THE DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION**

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Tribal Departments, Local Businesses/Organizations/Groups
Owyhee, Nevada 89832

RE: Official Standing of the Shoshone Paiute Tribes
Social Gatherings, Presentations, Events, Contractors, Vendors Moratorium
In Reference to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Shoshone Paiute Tribal Business Council, believe that the safety and well-being of our community and our tribal membership is of the utmost importance. We also understand the real and imminent threat that the Corona Virus (COVID-19) poses to our Reservation.

Therefore, we hereby assert our Sovereign Authority by placing a moratorium on visitors, guests, contractors or otherwise from entering the Duck Valley Indian Reservation for business purposes related to social gatherings, presentations, events, workshops, etc., as an additional public health precautionary measure. We, in so doing, urge all tribal and non-tribal offices, businesses, organizations, groups and otherwise, to assist in restricting any outside entities from entering the Duck Valley Indian Reservation for such purposes.

Further, any contractors/vendors who are working on an individual basis or in a secluded area may continue to do so. However, notification shall be provided to Office of the Tribal Chairman, of such projects, by the persons overseeing the project. Then, the Business Council can review the reasoning and importance and authorize such project to continue or be restricted.

We thank you all for your understanding and cooperation during this time. And, should you have any questions feel free to contact the Business Council directly.

Sincerely,

Brian Thomas, Acting Tribal Chairman
Shoshone Paiute Tribes