

"Honoring our Warriors Past and Present"

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#### Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is a Federally-Recognized Indian Tribe composed of the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup Peoples who inhabited Central Puget Sound for thousands of years before non-Indian settlement.

Among the Puget Sound Tribe, Muckleshoot uniquely possesses rights under two treaties: the Treaty of Point Elliot and the Treaty of Medicine Creek. Chief Seattle –whose mother was from one of the Duwamish bands of the lower White River ancestral to the Muckleshoot Tribe and whose father was Suquamish.

https://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/history
https://www.wearemuckleshoot.org/

#### Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center





https://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/depts/hwc

### Muckleshoot Tribe Workforce Data

Muckleshoot Tribal Government			
Muckleshoot		731	49%
Native		205	14%
Non Native		559	37%
Total		1495	
Muckleshoot- Health Division			
Muckleshoot		76	28%
Native		144	54%
Non Native		48	18%
Total		268	

#### COVID-19 Response Milestone

January 21, 2020 Nations first case of COVID-19 reported in in Washington State

February 29, 2020 Declaration of Washington State COVID-19 state of emergency

March 12, 2020 MIT Education closed campus

March 18, 2020 Moratorium on residential evictions, utility assistance, and suspension of state tax penalties and interest

March 23-25, 2020 Statewide "stay at home" order and closure of non-essential businesses

March 23, 2020 Leave, Telecommute, In Office Work: MIT will have the option to elect to remain at their home residence if they feel unsafe or unsure to work during their regularly schedule shift

May 4, 2020 Phased business and outdoor recreation reopening begins

May 11,2020 HWC Limited service operational hours

May 11, 2020 MIT Stay at home extended

July 10, 2020 MIT Mask Mandate for indoor and outdoor

June 24, 2020 Statewide mask order

September 2020 Hybrid or online options available for upcoming school year

#### COVID-19 Response Milestone

December 12, 2020 CDC officially authorized the COVID-19 Vaccine developed by Pfizer-BioNTech

December 19-21, 2020 Mass COVID-19 Vaccine clinic for MTMs

May 2021 Vaccines authorized for children 12 to 15

May 2021 MTM Youth 12 to 15 Mass Vaccine clinic

June 2021 Statewide reopening of all businesses at full capacity

August 2021 Vaccination requirements for health care providers and those that work vulnerable population

November 2021 Vaccines authorized for children 5 to 11

November 11 & 13 2021 MTM 5 to 11 mass vaccine

March 2022 most indoor mask requirements lifted

June 2022 vaccines authorized for children ages 6 months to 5 years

October 31, 2022 Washington state COVID-19 state of emergency end

October 31, 2022 Muckleshoot Indian Tribe end of COVID-19 state of emergency

#### Actions taken at the start of the pandemic

- Homeless assistance program
- Home air purifiers to all Tribal Member elders ages 55 years and older
- Food baskets and supplies to tribal members who tested positive for COVID-19
- Purchased 5 travel trailers for isolation or quarantine for Tribal Members
- COVID-19 Hotline (7 day per week; 8am to 8pm)
- Multiple mass COVID-19 vaccines clinics
- Monoclonal antibody therapy and anti-viral medication
- Collaborated with Washington State Department of Corrections
- Assisted other NW Tribal Nations and Urban Indian Health Centers
   COVID-19 vaccines

# MIT Organizational Strategies for prevention of COVID-19 to protect customers and staff

- Engineering controls (plexi-glass barriers, air purifiers, etc)
- Administrative controls(hybrid work schedules, telework options)
- Safe work practices (Entry screening stations, no touch enhancements, signage & a Special Sanitization Crew)
- Issuance of personal protective equipment (PPE) (extra masks, sanitizing cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers)

#### Covid-19 testing policy timeline

- 03/16/2020 First day to offer COVID-19 PCR testing at Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center through a partnership with reference laboratory; Lab Corp
  - In the first few months, results took approximately seven days to get results back. The lab decreased turnaround time to 2-3 business days.
- 3/23/2020 First confirmed positive case from the initial batch of COVID-19 testing
- 7/8/2020 First day to offer rapid molecular COVID-19 testing to individuals with symptoms via the Abbott ID NOW system
- 10/01/2020 Official MIT testing policy signed and distributed

#### Covid-19 testing & triage tent

- Shortly after the Tribe declared a public health emergency we erected a make shift testing and triage tent to screen all patients and visitors prior to entry into our Health and Wellness Center.
- We setup a mini point of care lab to test for common respiratory infections such as strep, flu and COVID-19 (PCR send outs).
  - COVID-19 testing was offered to Tribal members who believe they were exposed to COVID-19.
  - Tribal members who exhibited 1 or more of the COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Tribal members who were identified by their primary health care provider as being in a high risk group.
  - Community members who have been identified thru the MIT contact tracing team as being a direct close contact.
  - MIT government employees who exhibited 1 or more of the COVID-19 symptoms.
  - MIT government employees returning from furlough and work with high risk populations.
  - MIT government employees who believe they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- We setup a small exam area for patients be assessed and treated if they exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.
- Testing and triage tent is set to be decommissioned on 3/31/2023.

#### Community Assistance and Mitigation

- In an effort to support the needs of our Tribal and community members, the Tribe funded COVID-19 kits. These kits were meant to be a starter kit for patients who were either exposed to COVID-19 or diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - Kits include:
    - Basic cleaning supplies i.e. disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer
    - Non perishable foods i.e. oatmeal, can goods, rice and bread.
- The Tribe purchased 4 trailers to serve as isolation and quarantine trailers for Tribal members who were positive with COVID-19 and not able to safely isolate at home. Prior to occupancy the trailers were setup with starter food items and basic toiletries. Families were able to drop off items outside the trailers if the occupants desired. No visiting was allowed and 24 hour security was provided to control access to the isolation and quarantine trailer location

#### Covid-19 vaccine data and mass vaccine clinics

- Received our first 975 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on 12/17/2020 and vaccinated in clinic shortly after that.
- Total mass vaccine drive-thru clinic
  - 12/19/20
  - 12/20/20
  - 1/8/21
  - 1/9/21
  - 4/30/21
  - 5/1/2021
  - 5/21/2021
  - 5/22/2021
  - Continued to offer COVID-19 vaccines in the clinic on Thursdays. As of 2/9/2023, COVID-19 vaccines are offered by appointment every day of the week.
- Total doses of COVID-19 vaccine doses given was <a href="14566">14566</a> as of 2/21/2023
  - This includes primary series, third dose, boosters, and bivalent boosters

## American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (AIHC), NW Tribes Collaboration























### Washington Department of Corrections Collaboration







#### WA Department of Health Collaboration

#### Therapeutics / MCMs:

- Monoclonal Antibodies (Regen COV)
- Paxlovid
- Molnupiravir

#### **Immunizations:**

- Pfizer
- Moderna
- Johnson and Johnson Janssen
- Novavax

State allocated 5% of State stock for NW Tribes



















## IHS Recognition of Excellence Awards



Testing & Triage Tent Staff



- Medical Staff
- Contact Tracers
- Data Input



Thank you!

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