

Quinault Indian Reservation COVID-19 Emergency Guidelines

The Quinault Indian Nation remains committed and prepared to safely care for the families of QIN during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency. We recognize our responsibility to protect the health of those we are privileged to serve, therefore we will be implementing these following safety policies during the COVID-19 emergency.

Funeral policies apply only to funerals that occur on the Quinault Indian Reservation. If a funeral, ceremony, or memorial takes place outside the Quinault Indian Reservation, Washington State Rules and Regulations apply.

For policies of mandatory self-quarantine, these measures are put in place to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 due to crowded settings during travel and in public transportation hubs such as airports, buses, metro, trains and vessels.

There have been reports of community members travelling to areas where COVID-19 has been reported and the communities are experiencing the spread of the virus. Travel to “hotspots” is not recommended.

The following policies apply during the COVID-19 Emergency.

1. Funerals –

- a. **Social Distancing** – Social distancing between people during funerals
 - i. Social distancing (minimum of 6 feet)
- b. **Inside Funerals/Ceremonies** – Inside funeral or ceremonies will be allowed, with only immediate family members in attendance. Immediate family members include parents, siblings, children & spouse.
- c. **Grave Side Funerals/Ceremonies** – Immediate family and extended family may attend. Immediate family members include (parents, siblings, children & spouse). Extended family members include grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- d. **Meals and social gatherings** – Meals and social gatherings are not allowed before or after funerals/ceremonies.
- e. **Memorials** - Memorial are not allowed during the COVID-19 emergency.

2. Mandatory Self Quarantine for Travel –

- a. **Travel to another state or country** – A mandatory 14 day quarantine is required if an individual conducts the following domestic travel: New York, New Jersey, California, Connecticut; and international travel to China, Iran, United Kingdom and the European Schengen area. (Italy, Germany, Spain, Sweden etc.)
- b. **Non-essential travel off the Quinault Indian Reservation** – A mandatory 14 day quarantine is required for all individuals that travel outside of Grays Harbor County for non-essential services. Non - essential services include vacations, family gatherings, social events, and other non-essential activities.

- i. The mandatory 14 day quarantine includes every occupant in the home.
- ii. While in self quarantine, no visitors are allowed into the home.