

PANDEMICS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Shasta Indians Under Influenza Quarantine

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

REDDING. October 27.—Three influenza deaths among Indians near Anderson last night and half a dozen more during the week stirred the town to take drastic action today. All Indians are put under quarantine in the big fruit-drying house on C. W. Bolles' ranch. Armed guards will see that the quarantine rules are obeyed.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

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As Native peoples self-isolate, outsiders are still demanding in

For over 500 years Native communities have battled colonial invaders and foreign disease - and now we face coronavirus.



by Ruth H Hopkins
20 Apr 2020



INDIAN PEOPLE ARE
ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE
TO SERIOUS DISEASES.

FEDERAL RESPONSES
ARE LACKING.

LOCAL RESPONSES ARE
OFTEN IMPROPER.

INFLUENZA FAILS AGAINST NAVAJOS

Influenza did not reap a heavy toll among the Navajo Indians of Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California, says Dr. Grady Shytles of the United States Public Health Service, who declares that the mortality rate among the members of the tribe that were ill with the malady was less than 1 per cent.

Shytles asserts that the low death rate is due to the fact that Cato Sells, Indian Commissioner, has provided every known remedy for combating the disease and has maintained excellent hospital facilities on the reservations.

Just back from a trip through the western country, where he has been looking after the health of the Navajos during the Spanish influenza epidemic, Dr. Shytles will remain in Fort Worth until Jan. 20. He does not yet know what his next assignment will be.

LAUDS WORK DONE IN INDIAN PLAGUE

U. S. Board Says Employees Sometimes Were Heroes.


Washington, Dec. 8.—A tribute to the courage and zeal of Indian service employees during influenza epidemics among the tribes is paid the board of Indian commissioners in its annual report made public today. In some cases, the report said, the action of these employees amounted to heroism and the devoted work of the corps undoubtedly kept down the death toll among the government's wards.

"Indian service doctors, superintendents, supervisors, teachers, matrons, clerks and other reservation employees were out in the field night and day, caring for the sick and burying the dead," the report said.

"...the heroic work of the staff and the low mortality among the Indians," the report emphasized the fact that the medical division is in no wise adequate."

During 1918 and 1919 there were 6,000 deaths from influenza among the tribes, the rate being nine per cent of the cases.

OVERALL, NINE
PERCENT DEATH RATE
OF INFECTED NATIVE
PEOPLE.



More Choctaws Have Died of COVID Than Those Who Died of the Disease in Hawaii. Or Alaska. Or Wyoming.

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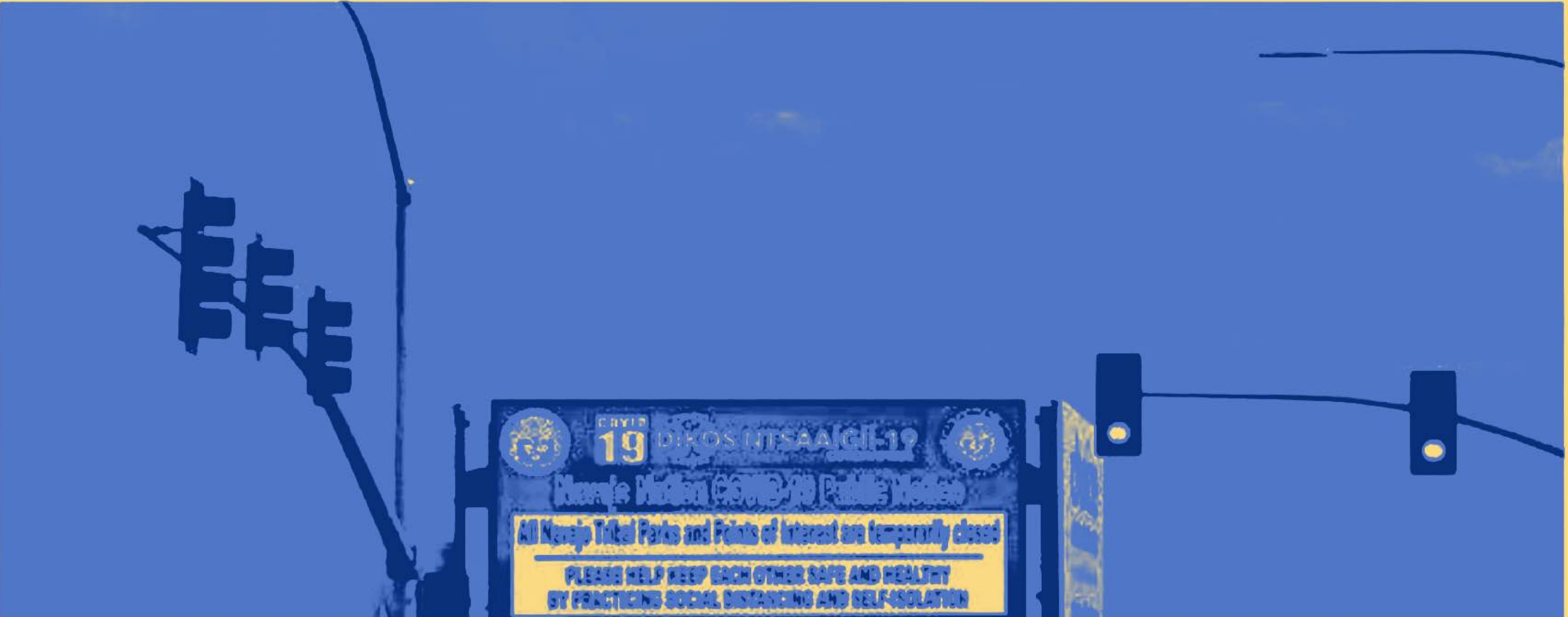
ARIZONA

Navajo Nation extends nightly, weekend curfews through September to fight COVID-19 spread

Chelsea Curtis Arizona Republic

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ATTACKS ON THE NAVAJO CURFEW



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April 10, 2020

To: Officer in Charge
Ramah Navajo Police Department

I know that we are all working toward the same goal of slowing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting the health and future of our communities. We must work together to accomplish this difficult task.

My office is aware of Navajo Nation Police Chief Francisco's 8pm-5am curfew order (#2020-004) and the intended stay at home order for April 10, 2020 at 8:00pm thru April 13, 2020 at 5:00am.

I recognize the right of the Navajo Nation and Ramah Navajo to limit access to reservation lands, more specifically interior reservation and reservation cities. However, State Road 53, State Road 36 and portions of private land with private inholdings are checkered through the Ramah Navajo Chapter area. Non-natives travelling from state jurisdiction land to state land or private inholding lands are permitted to travel for essential functions (groceries, livestock, food and agriculture production work etc.) by the New Mexico Governor and moreover the United States Constitution.

I ask that although the Nation has the right to civilly fine non-natives without arrest for the curfew violation that you refrain from doing so based on the understanding that, if travelling for essential business allowed



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ATTACKS ON OTHER TRIBES' CURFEWS

CRIT ATTORNEY GENERAL HITS BACK AT TOWN OF PARKER OVER COVID-19 ORDERS

John Wright April 7, 2020

The Attorney General of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Rebecca Loudbear, has hit back at the Town of Parker, calling the Town's statements on the Tribes' recent COVID-19 order "a complete misstatement", exposing decades-old jurisdictional complexity.



The Town of Parker is located within the CRIT reservation, so CRIT's strict stay-at-home order does apply to



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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May 20, 2020

The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500-0003

Dear President Trump:

I'm writing to ask for your assistance in resolving a matter impacting interstate commerce and travel of United States citizens within the state of South Dakota.

You may have seen the recent media reports about tribal checkpoints being placed on US/South Dakota highways within the boundaries of tribal reservations in South Dakota. Based on a written request from my office dated April 23, 2020 (enclosed as Document 1), the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a memorandum dated April 24, 2020 (the "BIA Memo"). The BIA

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

Argued September 11, 2020 Decided September 25, 2020

No. 20-5204

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE CHEHALIS RESERVATION, ET
AL.,
APPELLEES

UTE TRIBE OF THE UINTAH AND OURAY INDIAN RESERVATION,
APPELLANT

v.

STEVEN T. MNUCHIN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS
SECRETARY OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, ET AL.,
APPELLEES

CONGRESS APPROPRIATED \$8
BILLION TO TRIBES — IN
NORMAL YEARS, THE TOTAL
AMOUNT TO INDIAN COUNTRY
IS LESS THAN HALF THAT.

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SOMETHING LIKE
40 PERCENT WAS
TO GO TO ALASKA
NATIVE CORPS.

Appeals from the United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
(No. 1:20-cv-01002)
(No. 1:20-cv-01059)
(No. 1:20-cv-01070)

D.C. CIRCUIT
SAID NO.

Riyaz Kanji argued the cause for Confederated Tribes appellants. With him on the briefs were Cory Albright, Lisa Koop Gunn, Lori Bruner, Eric Dahlstrom, April E. Olson,

KAREN LECRAFT HENDERSON, *Circuit Judge*, concurring: It is, was and always will be, this court's duty "to say what the law is," *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 U.S. (1 Cranch) 137, 177, 2 L.Ed. 60 (1803), but that does not mean we should be blind to the impact of our decisions. The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented calamity, subjecting Americans to physical and economic suffering on a national scale. The virus respects no geographic or political boundaries and invades nearly every facet of life. And as the virus has swept through our Nation, it has disproportionately affected American Indian and Alaska Native communities.¹

Although I join my colleagues in full, I write separately to express my view that this decision is an unfortunate and unintended consequence of high-stakes, time-sensitive legislative drafting.² It is indisputable that the services ANCs provide to Alaska Native communities—including healthcare, elder care, educational support and housing assistance—have been made only more vital due to the pandemic. I can think of no reason that the Congress would exclude ANCs (and thus exclude many remote and vulnerable Alaska Natives) from receiving and expending much-needed Title V funds.

¹ Press Release, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC data show disproportionate COVID-19 impact in American Indian/Alaska Native populations (Aug. 19, 2020), <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/p0819-covid-19-impact-american-indian-alaska-native.html>.

² The CARES Act was drafted and required to be implemented on an extraordinarily short timeline. Only eight days elapsed between the CARES Act's introduction in the Senate on March 19 and the President's signature on March 27. *See* H.R. 784, 116th Cong. (2020) (enacted); S. 3548, 116th Cong. (2020). The CARES Act funds at issue were to be distributed no later than 30 days after enactment and any undistributed funds are scheduled to lapse on September 30. 42 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1), (b)(1).

A Quiet Crisis

Federal Funding and Unmet Needs In Indian Country

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2018

U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

BROKEN PROMISES:

Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans

ON OCTOBER 30, 2020, THE COMMISSION VOTED AGAINST (A 4-4 TIE) RELEASING AN UPDATE TO THESE REPORTS THAT INCLUDED DATA ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

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DENGWE-AGWAZHE'IGAN.**



**EVEN MIGIZI
WEARS A MASK.**