

# Duu Lhlan Wee-ya'

Duu Lhlan Wee-ya', "not many words" or "in so many words," is mailed to Lincoln and Tillamook County Tribal members each month. Information includes youth activities, events, meetings, program updates and more.



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**All Tribal activities have been suspended at this time. Please check your June issue of Duu Lhlan Wee-ya' for your next cultural activity!**

### Tribute to class of 2020

Parents and guardians, to celebrate your 2020 graduate in the next issue of Siletz News we will need your help. Send us the first and last name, graduation photo, school from which they're graduating, and a bit about their future plans.

*Email this info to [pias@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:pias@ctsi.nsn.us), thank you for supporting your student.*

### Memorial Day Ceremony will be missed

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, to keep our membership safe, the May 25, 2020, Memorial Day Ceremony will not be held this year. The decision was not an easy one to make, but during this challenging time the health and welfare of the membership had to be taken into consideration.

Families may still attend to their family gravesites, but we strongly encourage social distancing measures. We want to ensure the membership that the council is doing what is best to keep you safe and healthy.

Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley

### Important information on the General Council meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to keep our membership safe, the May 2, 2020, Siletz General Council meeting will be a video presentation by the Tribal Chairman. The video will be available to review May 2-5, 2020, on the Tribal website, under the Member Only Area.

Your concerns normally presented at General Council are important to Tribal Council and Tribal staff. Submit any concerns to [generalcouncil@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:generalcouncil@ctsi.nsn.us) or mail to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Please refer to the Tribal website at [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us) for additional information.

Please remember, during this challenging time, the health and welfare of the membership is important to the Tribal Council.

#StayHomeSaveLives  
#InThisTogether

### Tribal construction skills bank being developed

The Siletz Tribe Housing Authority is compiling a list of Tribal members who are willing and able to work on the workforce housing construction project that will commence soon in Neotsu. The project is funded in part with Indian Housing Block Grant funds that require Indian preference in employment and contracting. The list will be provided to the contractor and subcontractors who will ultimately make the decision in hiring.

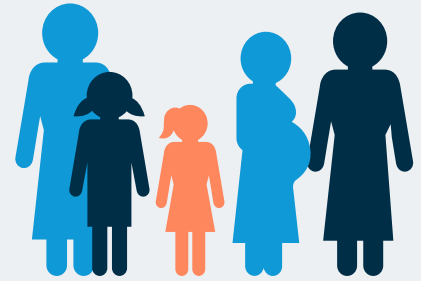
If you are interested and available to work, please contact Valerie Hibdon at the Siletz Tribal Housing Department office - 541-444-8322; 800-922-1399, ext. 1322; or [valerieh@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:valerieh@ctsi.nsn.us). You will need to provide your name, phone number, enrollment number and construction trade.

If you do not have construction experience, you will be added as a potential laborer.

# The Shadow Pandemic: Violence Against Women and Girls and COVID-19

Globally,

**243** million



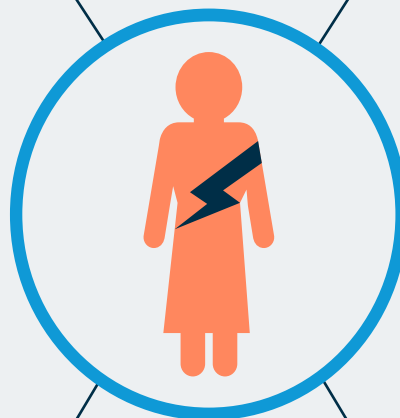
women and girls aged 15-49 have been subjected to sexual and/or physical violence perpetrated by an intimate partner in the previous 12 months.

**The number is likely to INCREASE as security, health, and money worries heighten tensions and strains are accentuated by cramped and confined living conditions.**

**Emerging data shows that since the outbreak of COVID-19, violence against women and girls (VAWG), and particularly domestic violence, has INTENSIFIED.**

In **France**, reports of domestic violence have increased by **30%** since the lockdown on March 17.

In **Argentina** emergency calls for domestic violence cases have increased by **25%** since the lockdown on March 20.



In **Cyprus** and **Singapore** helplines have registered an increase in calls of **30%** and **33%**, respectively.

Increased cases of domestic violence and demand for emergency shelter have also been reported in **Canada, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom** and **the United States**.

**As stay-at-home orders expand to contain the spread of the virus, women with violent partners increasingly find themselves isolated from the people and resources that can help them.**

**87,000** women

were intentionally killed in 2017. The majority of these killings were committed by an intimate partner or family member of the victim.

Violence against women and girls is pervasive but at the same time widely under-reported. Less

than **40%** of women who experience violence report these crimes or seek help of any sort.

The global cost of violence against women had previously been estimated at approximately.

**US\$1.5** trillion

That figure can only be rising as violence increases now, and continues in the aftermath of the pandemic.

**The surge in COVID-19 cases is straining even the most advanced and best-resourced health systems to the breaking point, including those at the front line in violence response.**



Domestic violence shelters are reaching capacity, or unable to take new victims due to lockdown and social distancing measures. In other cases, they are being re-purposed to serve as health centers.

**National responses to COVID-19 must include:**



**Services to address violence against women and girls**, including increased resources to support shelters, hotlines and online counselling. These essential services should be expanded and adapted to the crisis context to ensure survivors' access to support.



**A strong message from law enforcement that impunity will not be tolerated**. Police and Justice actors must ensure that incidents of VAWG are given high priority and care must be taken to address the manifestations of violence emerging in the context of COVID 19.



**Psychosocial support** for women and girls affected by the outbreak, gender-based violence survivors, frontline health workers and other frontline social support staff must be prioritized.

# Siletz Community Members

This is a friendly reminder that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all outdoor recreational areas in Siletz are closed.

This includes:

-playgrounds    -basketball courts    - parks  
and other community spaces.

Please continue to practice social distancing for your safety and the safety of our community. Thank you.

## Important Notice Regarding 2020 Per Capita



If you believe you are going to have a per capita garnishment either for a debt to the Tribe or

for child support, you will receive a notice and the protest forms in the mail. Please keep your address current with the Enrollment Department.

**Monies owed to the Tribe:** There will be no hearings. Your written protest is your due process in accordance with the ordinance.

**Child Support:** If you do **not** submit a written protest, you will **not** have a hearing scheduled. If

you do not submit a **written** protest within the 14 day time frame, you will not be allowed to do so via phone.

**Tribal Court will accept requests to be present via telephone in your written request.**

Ordinances are created by Tribal Council. Changes in ordinances must be directed to the Tribal Council.

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