

KARUK TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY



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At the April 6, 2020 Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) Board of Commissioners (BOC) Meeting, the commissioners and staff reviewed the current status of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the ongoing economic strain it is placing on our tenants and program recipients. We recognize the increased financial responsibilities many families are facing as they are now working from home and providing home schooling to their children, resulting in additional costs for food, utilities, and other supplies.

Therefore, the BOC has voted unanimously to again waive all Rent and Home Loan Payments due for the month of May 2020 and cover 100% of current Elder, Student, and Temporary Voucher Recipients' Rent for the month of May 2020. All outstanding balances through March 31, 2020 will remain on your account. Although this is the second month of relief, there is no guarantee this will be repeated going forward.

All affected individuals will receive full notification with their May Payment Coupons. If you currently make your payment via payroll deduction or automatic payment through your employer or bank, you will need to contact them directly to withdraw the scheduled deduction(s) for May as KTHA cannot make that request on your behalf.

It is our hope that this financial relief will allow you to continue to comply with the **Stay at Home Order for the State of California, and Shelter in Place Order for Humboldt County**. The goal of these efforts is to slow the spread of the virus, easing the strain on our rural healthcare systems. Please follow the guidance that is being given to STAY HOME except for essential needs, and observe all recommended hygiene practices that can lessen the impact in our communities. It protects you, and protects others.

Although all Tribal Offices and Facilities are closed to the public until further notice, employees can still be contacted through email and/or phone. We ask that you be patient as response times may be longer than usual, and recommend email as the fastest option. Karuk Health Clinics are still available by phone; you can speak with a Triage Nurse who will assess your healthcare needs during business hours.

KTHA will continue to operate with the following restrictions until further notice:

- Only emergency (health& safety) work orders will be authorized for completion.
 - Be sure to specify with your TRO if KTHA has permission to enter so that requests can be resolved as quickly as possible.
 - Be sure to also advise your TRO if anyone in your home is currently ill.
- Inspections and face to face meetings will be postponed until social distancing limitations are lifted.

The Karuk Tribe has established a dedicated toll free message line at **(800) 50-KARUK, Extension 2500** which you may call for any unmet needs related to this incident, or you can email your needs to KarukCovid19@karuk.us

You can visit www.karuk.us/covid19/ for more information with links to all local agencies. Both Siskiyou and Humboldt Counties have activated their 211 Resource Systems, text your ZIP code to 898-211, or call 211 from any phone.

We hope that you are all healthy and safe. We have strong communities and will make it through this together. We appreciate your ongoing patience and cooperation.

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