



Tohono O'odham Nation Education Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, All Districts, General Public Tohono O'odham Nation

FROM: Jeffers Choyguha, Executive Director
Tohono O'odham Nation Education Department

DATE: 3/15/2020

RE: Notice of BIE Boarding School Closures due to risks posed by COVID-19

The Tohono O'odham Nation has approximately seventy-five (75) students attending BIE Boarding Schools across the state. As schools take every precaution to support the health and safety of the students, several out-of-state residential schools have announced temporary school closures due to risks posed by COVID-19.

Three of the schools, most attended by Tohono O'odham students that have announced closure include: (1) Chemawa, Salem, OR (2) Sherman, Riverside, CA and (3) Riverside, Anadarko, OK.

Families: if your child attends one of these schools, please make sure your contact information is current with your child's school. Your child's school will contact you directly with more information about student travel home.

School Contact Information

Chemawa Indian School	Principal Amanda Ward	503-399-5721 ext. 1345 Amanda.ward@bie.edu
Sherman Indian School	Principal Charlotte Longenecker	951-276-6325 ext. 262 Charlotte.longenecker@bie.edu
Riverside Indian School	Principal Kallan Glasgow	405-247-6871 Kallan.glasgow@bie.edu

For updated information about new developments with each school site please visit their website, and/ or Facebook pages for current information.

Website Information

Chemawa: www.chemawa.bie.edu * Sherman: www.shermanindian.org * Riverside: www.ris.bie.edu

Facebook Information

Chemawa: <https://m.facebook.com/chemawaindianschool/>
Riverside: <https://m.facebook.com/riversideindianschool/>

Enclosures:

1. US DOI BIE- Chemawa School Closure Notice (March 14, 2020)
2. US DOI- Sherman School Closure Notice (March 14, 2020)
3. US DOI BIE- Riverside School Closure Notice (March 14, 2020)