July 25, 2020

Hello Kiowa Tribal Members!

I hope you all are staying safe and enjoying your weekend. I want to make a very important announcement and to clarify some of the misinformation being miscommunicated out there in Kiowa Country.

First, I am pleased to announce the School Distance Learning Assistance Program. What is this? It is COVID-19 federal assistance to help students learning from home. This allows students access to the internet, laptops, printers, ink for the printers, all the tools of learning from a distance. This is available to all Kiowa tribal students from grade school through college and even vocational schools. Only one wireless internet system will be allowed per household. All we ask is to fill out the only COVID-19 application available. Please provide your children’s Kiowa Tribal membership card. There’s no deadline, but you’ll need to hurry because school is right around the corner.

I also urge and encourage every Kiowa Tribal member to apply for emergency food assistance. Every Kiowa Tribal member will receive this funding. You’ll need to provide how many are in the household and provide a Kiowa Tribal membership card for each. Only one check per household. This applies to Kiowa Tribal members everywhere in the world.

The utility and bill assistance is also there for you all. However additional documents of rent, utility bills, etc., are required. Again, all of this is one application.

There is ‘NO DEADLINE’.

I also want to let you all know; this injunction is an attempt from the legislators to cease this assistance you all are entitled to. The injunction is pending and I pray the COURTS will rule in favor of the people’s needs so that we may continue the COVID-19 funding assistance program that we have started.

I appreciate your patience and support and I will continue to serve you and see to your needs.

Sincerely,
Matthew M. Komalty, Kiowa Tribal Chairman