

### **Talking Cedar Open for Indoor Dining**

*Talking Cedar will remain open for dining with renewed safety protocols*

**Grand Mound, WA:** The Talking Cedar Restaurant will remain open for indoor dining at this time. Indoor seating will be reduced to 50% with maximum seating limited to 6 diners. We are comfortable that our COVID safety measures will continue to provide a reasonably safe environment for our customers, suppliers, and staff. The Talking Cedar restaurant is owned and managed by the Chehalis Indian Tribe. As a sovereign jurisdiction, the Chehalis Tribe establishes its own health and safety protocols through its Emergency Management team for offices and businesses on the reservation.

“The Chehalis Tribe is committed to sound public health based on the guidelines on coronavirus from the CDC. We follow the science,” explains Chris Richardson, Managing Director of Chehalis Tribal Enterprises. Those guidelines include: setting tables set apart to maintain social distancing; hanging plexiglass screen guards; screening staff prior to each shift; and offering plenty of sanitizer. Staff and guests are required to wear masks, except when sitting down to eat and drink. “

Talking Cedar GM Stephen Pavletich shared that: “My staff has successfully managed the challenge of balancing service and safety for our loyal customers since we opened in the middle of the pandemic in June. We take the safety of our guests and staff very seriously. From the day we opened, we have trained our staff to follow strict safety guidelines. We are prepared to offer you amazing craft beer, cocktails and food in our spacious facility, where you will feel safe, comfortable and welcome.”

Talking Cedar will continue offering its daily craft food menu during its normal business hours. Customers are asked to wait in their cars when capacity limits require a waiting list. Generally, we have been experiencing waiting lists on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The restaurant hours are Monday-Thursday from 11am to 8pm; Friday, 11am to 9pm; Saturday, 9am to 9pm; and Sunday 9am to 8pm. We open earlier on Saturday and Sunday for a brunch menu served from 9am to 2pm. Growlers – both beer and spirits – are available to go at the front desk. Check out our [menu](#) at [www.talkingcedar.com](http://www.talkingcedar.com), before calling us at (360) 858-7867 for orders of food and drink to go. Please be patient that during peak dinner hours. Our staff will be able to take your order and have it ready for curbside pickup when you arrive.

Katelynn Spahn, Heritage Tasting Room Cask Club manager: “It’s great to be able to provide some normalcy, both for our staff and guests this time of year. Safety measures have been priority since day one and we have redoubled our efforts, it’s not just our safety but the safety of our guests as well that matters.”



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“I am excited to still be able to work, it makes a huge difference this time of year. I feel safe with the extra precautions we are taking; I hope people will come see us,” says Jacqui Street, a food server and bartender.

**Talking Cedar:** [Talking Cedar](#) is a project of Chehalis Tribal Enterprises. Talking Cedar is an exciting new Pacific Northwest destination brewery, distillery, restaurant, tap room and tasting room, featuring craft beer and spirits with upscale pub food. Our craft beverages are made on premises by Talking Cedar Brewery (Chehalis Indian Tribe) and Heritage Distilling Co. (Gig Harbor, WA).

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