



Tohono O'odham Nation
Office of the
Chairman and Vice Chairwoman

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Executive Order

No. 2020-03

TO: All Persons within the exterior boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Chairman issued a Declaration of the Tohono O'odham Nation Proclaiming a State of Emergency in response to the wide spread coronavirus, or COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, in response to the state of emergency and increasing health and safety concerns of the Nation, the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council passed Resolution No. 20-094 which, in part, authorized the Chairman or Vice-Chairwoman to enforce quarantine orders, restrict the movement of people within the Nation, and prohibit gatherings of people in groups within the Nation; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, by Executive Order No. 2020-02, the Chairman ordered the suspension of all non-essential programs, and released all non-essential employees of regular duties, with pay; and

WHEREAS, in a short period of time, the COVID-19 has spread throughout the state of Arizona, with increasing presence in the counties which the Nation lies – Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, as of today, there are more than 1,100 coronavirus cases and 20 reported deaths in the state of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, a Nation's member, residing in the city of Tucson, tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, all individuals on the Nation must do their part to slow the spread of this virus and protect lives on the Tohono O'odham Nation by adhering to the recommendations by the Center from Disease Control, the Unified Command and tribal leadership and to practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman, under consultation with the Unified Command and health officials, has determined that the health, safety and welfare of the Nation's members remains at high risk, and that it is in the best interest of the public health and safety of the Nation to issue a STAY AT HOME Executive Order in response to the increase of COVID-19 cases in the state of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the authority vested in the Chairman of the Nation, the Chairman hereby declares and adopts the following orders, effective immediately and in place until further notice:

Individuals residing on the Nation:

- A. All individuals who reside on the Nation are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence, except as needed for medical, health, safety, and food for themselves or their family members.
 - 1. When leaving home for the essential needs above, individuals are at all times to practice social distancing by remaining 6 feet away from others.
 - 2. Individual outdoor activities are allowed, however, individuals must practice social distancing and remain 6 ft. away from others.
 - 3. Gatherings, such as birthday parties, death anniversary, wedding anniversary, with individuals that do not reside in the household is prohibited.

- B. This section does not apply to employees or volunteers for essential services that have been determined by the Nation, Districts, and entities on the Nation.

- C. All playgrounds and sport areas, such as football fields, baseball fields, basketball courts, etc., are closed.

- D. Funeral and wakes: Families hosting, and individuals in attendance, must:
 - 1. practice social distancing – recommendation for people to keep 6ft apart.
 - 2. Hosts must provide hand sanitizers or an area for attendees to wash hands frequently.
 - 3. Individual that are sick should not attend.
 - 4. Individuals that sneeze or cough should cover their mouth fully with a tissue or paper towel and throw it away immediately.
 - 5. Individuals that are elder or vulnerable should reconsider their attendance.
 - 6. Hugging or shaking hands should be limited. Alternatives can be fist bumps, elbow bumps, or the peace sign.
 - 7. Family members coming from off the Nation should follow the recommendations above.
 - 8. Family members who are not living on the Nation and are coming from a town or city that has had positive cases of COVID-19 should not attend.

- E. Curfew will be beginning Tuesday, March 31, 2020 from 9pm through 6am.

Entering the Tohono O’odham Nation:

- A. Individuals and businesses are NOT allowed to enter any boundaries of the Tohono O’odham Nation, except for:
 - 1. Employees and volunteers of essential services on the Nation.
 - 2. Medical and healthcare providers.
 - 3. Deliveries of medicine, food, and other essential items.
 - 4. Public and private transportation services necessary for the health and safety needs of the individuals on the Nation.
 - 5. Mail services.

6. Financial services
7. Businesses that provide maintenance services that are necessary to maintain the health and safety of the households or buildings on the Nation.
8. Other necessary professional services as needed.

Isolation Requirement:

- A. Any individual who is experiencing mild symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, coughing, sore throat, or difficulty breathing) must self-isolate for 14 days.
- B. Any individual that has been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, the entire household must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- C. Any individual that is awaiting test results for COVID-19, the entire household must self-quarantine until results are received. If positive results, must comply with letter B above.
- D. Currently, testing is not recommended for individuals that do not have the symptoms of cough, fever, sore throat, or difficulty breathing. In cases like this, Public Health Nursing will help follow-up with the sick person and anyone who might have come into close contact with this person.

Enforcement:

- A. The Nation's Law Enforcement shall enforce this Executive Order and direct individuals to return to their homes and document non-compliance.
- B. Minors who disobey this order: parents may be cited per Title 3 - Children, Chapter 4 – Juvenile Curfew.

ORDERED this 30th Day of March, 2020 in Sells, Arizona.



Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation