



Tohono O'odham Nation
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Memorandum

To: Tohono O'odham Nation Members, Residents, Employees and General Public

From: Ned Norris, Jr., Chairman 
Wavalene M. Saunders, Vice Chairwoman 

Date: May 15, 2020

Re: COVID- 19 Executive Orders remain effective

As you may be aware, Governor Doug Ducey's Stay at Home Order for the state of Arizona expired today, May 15, 2020. Please be advised, the Governor's order *does not* apply to the Tohono O'odham Nation. All Tohono O'odham Nation Executive Orders remain in effect at this time. Relevant orders include:

E.O. 2020-03 Stay at Home Order: this order remains in effect until further notice, and does not have an expiration date. This order, in part, limits travel throughout the Nation to essential purposes/services only, orders all Nation's residents stay at home (excepted for authorized purposes) and establishes a curfew for the Nation from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

E.O. 2020-02 Partial Closure of Governmental Services: orders closure of all non-essential programs and relieves non-essential employees of regular work duties with pay

E.O. 2020-04 Extension of Partial Closure: extends E.O. 2020-02 governmental services closure end date from April 23, 2020 to June 4, 2020. Additionally, this order amends the Executive Branch Personnel Policies Manual (PPM)

You can find the Executive Orders mentioned above at <http://www.tonhc.org/coronavirus-executive-orders/>

It is important to remember that the Nation is not similar to the state of Arizona or the United States. As native people, we are disproportionately more vulnerable to the devastating effects of

COVID-19, and therefore, we must continue to take measures to protect our most valuable resource: our people. We ask that everyone continue to do their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on the Nation. If you must travel off the Nation for necessities we ask that you be aware of your actions while out and take all recommended precautions, including, wearing a face covering, washing hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, avoiding large crowds, practicing social distancing, etc. Please take all interactions seriously and always be mindful that you may be bringing the virus back to the Nation.

We are working diligently on plans to bring our employees back to work safely and to resume governmental services in a responsible manner. We will continue to carefully monitor the pandemic and will make changes to the existing Executive Orders as the circumstances change for the Nation.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these new challenges, and thank you for your continued support.