

## Tohono O'odham Nation

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## Tohono O'odham Nation Tri-Branch Scale Back

February 1, 2022

On January 20, 2022, the Nation's three branches of government ("tri-branch") extended the government scale-back through February 4, 2022, in order to reduce the number of tri-branch employees on-site during the surge in COVID-19 cases.

During the extended scale-back, the Nation's leadership has continued to consult with medical experts and track the COVID-19 surge across the state of Arizona and here on the Nation. As experts had projected, COVID-19 cases hit a peak at the end of January and are now trending downward.

Although cases are trending downward, the tri-branch has decided to extend the scale-back for an additional two (2) weeks, through February 18, 2022, in order to continue to reduce the potential spread on COVID-19 amongst the workforce and continue to monitor local cases. All government employees that are assigned to work from home or sent home to remain on standby are expected to remain at home during their scheduled work hours.

We continue to stress the importance of lifesaving vaccines and urge everyone 5 years and older to get fully vaccinated, including up to date booster vaccines if you meet the eligibility requirements for the booster.

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