



Salt River  
**PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
10005 E. OSBORN RD. / SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85256-9722 / PHONE (480) 362-7400

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**\*\*COVID-19\*\***

**Sixth Directive AMENDED – December 16, 2020**

**SAFE GATHERINGS — Church Services**

**TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY BY AMENDING SECTION 4 OF THE FIRST DIRECTIVE ISSUED ON APRIL 1, 2020 TO AUTHORIZE GATHERINGS FOR CERTAIN IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 virus pandemic continues to infect persons globally, nationally, state-wide and within the Community; and although the COVID-19 virus infection rate has fluctuated since the First Directive was issued, it remains a serious threat to the health and safety of the Community and its members and guests; and

**WHEREAS,** as of December 14, 2020 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 420,248 cases of COVID-19 with 7,358 deaths in the state, and, within the Community 627 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 24 deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** at this time, the Community desires to amend the public gatherings restriction within the Community and provide limited exceptions for important traditional, cultural and religious functions for church services or worship, subject to certain important conditions.

**NOW THEREFORE,** pursuant to the SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 of March 18, 2020, I along with the Council, hereby issue an amended Sixth Directive for the Community that rescinds and replaces Section 4 of the First Directive of April 1, 2020 as follows:

1. Throughout the Community there will be no public gatherings, in-person meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc. of 10 people or more. Exceptions and clarifications to this directive are below:
  - a. Traditional Onk Akimel O'odham or Xalychidom Piipaash funeral services, and all gravesite services may exceed more than 10 people up to a safe and reasonable number of people.

- b. If necessary to ensure that the functions of public health and safety continue, Community government departments are exempt from this meeting restriction.
  - c. Regular weekly church and worship services may continue in an appropriate, limited and safe manner.
  - d. For each exception, the family, organization or person holding the event shall ensure physical distancing of individuals by a minimum of 6 feet, and face coverings for all persons age 7 and older.
- 2. Memorial Hall and Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash remain closed until further notice.
  - 3. If the Community provides limited governmental facilities and services (generally the use of bathrooms), all persons must follow directions from Community staff to ensure the health and safety of the staff and attendees.
  - 4. Church facilities, homes or buildings cannot hold wake services or funeral services within the Community until further notice.
  - 5. All other provisions of the First Directive of April 1, 2020, and all other SRPMIC Directives remain in effect.

This directive shall be effective immediately and shall remain in place until notice of repeal or revision.

December 16, 2020

Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

  
Martin Harvier, President

Attest:

  
Erica Harvier, Secretary

