



Salt River
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
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LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

****COVID-19****

SEVENTH DIRECTIVE – April 7, 2021 **STEPS TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL**

TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'DHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY BY REDUCING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND TAKING STEPS TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL.

WHEREAS, to protect the health and welfare of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (the "Community" or "SRPMIC") on March 18, 2020, a Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was issued followed by the First Directive of April 1, 2020 *Stay Home, No Public Gatherings, Social Distancing*, the Second Directive of June 19, 2020 *Keep the Community Safe—Wear Face Coverings*, the Third Directive of July 22, 2020 *Curfew to Reduce the Spread of Covid-19*, and the Fourth Directive of July 29, 2020 *Closing of the Verde River/Salt River ("Red Mountain River Area") to Reduce the Spread Of Covid-19*, the Fifth Directive of October 7, 2020 *A Safe Halloween for the Community to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19*, and the Amended Sixth Directive of December 16, 2020 *Safe Gatherings—Church Services* (the "SRPMIC Directives") to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and issued subsequent directives (the "Arizona Directives"); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 has been a serious public health threat to the Community and as of March 25, 2021 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 837,987 cases of COVID-19 with 16,874 deaths in the state and within the Community 1,148 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 38 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has taken the position that immunization with a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is a critical component of the strategy to reduce COVID-19 related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths and to help restore societal functioning; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2021, with 16% of the Arizona population fully vaccinated and the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths decreasing over the last seven weeks, Arizona Governor Ducey lifted the restrictions of the Arizona Directives, including guidelines to business operations; and

WHEREAS, the Community is distributing COVID-19 vaccines to persons within its jurisdiction and 27% of all Community members within Arizona have been vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Community is preparing for a new-normal without all the COVID-19 virus restrictions, however because Native Americans are three times more likely to contract COVID-19 and are six times more likely to die from it, some of the SRPMIC Directives will remain in effect or be modified until more Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents and employees from the Community and its enterprises are fully vaccinated and the incidence of infections remain low for a sustained period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Community desires to remind everyone that COVID-19 is spread most often through direct person-to-person contact; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local emergency declaration process under Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community's Code of Ordinances, continued measures are required to safeguard the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of the Community from the COVID-19 pandemic by putting in place reasonable measures to maintain order and protect lives and also take steps towards a new normal; and

WHEREAS, the Community, working with its combined strength, unity and commitment, will work to protect the health and welfare of the Community against COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE the **SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 of March 18, 2020 remains in effect**, and I, along with the Council, hereby issue the following:

1. First Directive of April 1, 2020 *Stay Home, No Public Gatherings, Social Distancing*—**Rescinded**
2. Second Directive of June 19, 2020 *Keep the Community Safe—Wear Face Coverings*—**Remains in Effect**
3. Third Directive of July 22, 2020 *Curfew to Reduce the Spread of Covid-19*—**Rescinded**
4. Fourth Directive of July 29, 2020 *Closing of the Verde River/Salt River ("Red Mountain River Area") to Reduce the Spread Of Covid-19*—**Rescinded**
5. Fifth Directive of October 7, 2020 *A Safe Halloween for the Community to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19*—**Rescinded**
6. Amended Sixth Directive of December 16, 2020 *Safe Gatherings—Church Services*—**Rescinded**

7. The Community's Steps Towards a New Normal require the following practices to continue:
 - a. Wear a face covering per Second Directive;
 - b. Wash hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer;
 - c. Maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet or more from persons not of your household;
 - d. No unnecessary medium to large size gatherings (parties);
 - e. Avoid physical contact (handshakes);
 - f. Avoid touching your face;
 - g. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; and
 - h. Stay home if you feel unwell.
 - i. Curfew for juveniles remains in effect per code section 11-217
8. Businesses within the Community may continue to operate within the Community as long as they are in compliance with CDC guidelines, practice social distancing, and are compliant with the SRPMIC Directives in effect.
9. The purpose of these directives is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 within the Community and protect the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community.
10. HHS can issue directives for persons to isolate pending COVID-19 test results or quarantine persons that have tested positive with COVID-19. All persons are required to follow the directives of HHS for the health and safety of the individual and the Community. Failure to follow isolation or quarantine directives issued by HHS is a violation of this directive and is a violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.
11. Enforcement of the SRPMIC Directives within the Community shall focus first on education and providing guidance issued by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Arizona Department of Health Services, in order to promote the health and safety of Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community as well as to further contain the spread of COVID-19. Individuals shall be given an opportunity to comply with the SRPMIC Directives before any enforcement action is taken. A continued failure to comply with a SRPMIC Directive is violation under Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 1-503. Violation of a Local Emergency Declaration or Major Disaster Declaration.

- (a) Civil offense. Any person or business who knowingly or intentionally fails or refuses to obey any lawful order or regulation issued from a Local Emergency Declaration or a Major Disaster Declaration shall be held responsible for a civil offense. A first violation for a person shall result in a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and a second or subsequent violations for a person shall result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). All ordered fines shall be automatically deducted out of the individual's per capita distribution(s) if applicable. If the individual does not receive per capita, the Court shall order the individual to pay the fine by a specified due date determined at the discretion of the Court.

April 7, 2021

Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY



Martin Harvier, President

Attest:



Erica Harvier, Secretary

