



Salt River
PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY
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LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

****COVID-19****

Ninth Directive – July 21, 2021

**REVISED DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 PRACTICES FOR SCHOOLS OPERATING
IN THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR**

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 THROUGH REVISED DIRECTIVES FOR SCHOOLS OPERATING IN THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR TO FOLLOW THE CDC'S COVID-19 GUIDANCE REGARDING SCHOOLS.

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 to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by additional directives that to-date have almost all been rescinded (the "SRPMIC Directives"); and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for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and issued subsequent directives (the "Arizona Directives") that to-date are rescinded; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 is a serious public health threat to the Community and as of July 19, 2021 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 909,282 cases of COVID-19 with 18,117 deaths in the state and within the Community 1,232 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 41 deaths; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") issued health and prevention guidance that has been generally incorporated into the SRPMIC Directives and the Arizona Directives; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and Arizona have taken the positions 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 May 13, 2021, CDC issued guidance saying that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccine is available to persons twelve years of age and older and 30% of Community members within Arizona twelve years and older are vaccinated; 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; 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 that all previous **SRPMIC Local Emergency Declarations for COVID-19 that have not been rescinded remain in effect as amended below**, and I, along with the Council, hereby issue the following:

1. **Schools operating within the commercial corridor of the Community.**
Effective July 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. schools located within the commercial corridor of the SRPMIC are exempt from the SRPMIC Directives for COVID-19 and must operate in compliance with CDC guidelines, but may impose more restrictive measures at its discretion for the health and safety of its employees, students and guests.
2. The SRPMIC Directives remain in effect until further notice.

July 21, 2021

Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Martin Harvier, President

Attest:


Erica Harvier, Secretary

