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LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

****COVID-19****

TENTH Directive –August 13, 2021

**Clarification of Directives – MAINTAIN FACE COVERINGS AND
RESCIND EXEMPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS OPERATING IN THE COMMERCIAL
CORRIDOR AND BUSINESSES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FROM THE SRPMIC
DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 PRACTICES**

**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 MAINTAINING FACE COVERINGS AND RESCINDING THE
EXEMPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS OPERATING IN THE COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR AND
BUSINESSES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FROM THE SRPMIC COVID-19
DIRECTIVES.**

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to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by additional directives that to-date have almost all been rescinded (the "SRPMIC Directives"); and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for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and issued subsequent directives (the "Arizona Directives") that to-date are rescinded; and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 August 13, 2021 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 958,992 cases of COVID-19 with 18,435 deaths in the state and within the Community 1,270 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 41 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccine is available to persons twelve years of age and older and 34% of Community members within Arizona twelve years and older are vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") issued health and prevention guidance that has

been incorporated into the SRPMIC Directives and the Arizona Directives;
and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021 issued new guidance for persons to wear a mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status, if in an area of substantial or high transmission. Currently, Maricopa County is at a high transmission rate for the COVID-19 virus and the Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, in response to the CDC guidance, Governor Ducey issued a statement that “Arizona does not allow mask mandates, vaccine mandates, vaccine passports or discrimination in schools based on who is or isn’t vaccinated. We’ve passed all of this into law, and it will not change.”; and

WHEREAS, due to the conflict of CDC recommendation and Governor Ducey's statement, and to be clear of the Community's authority 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 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:

Continued Practices

1. The Community requires the following practices to continue:
 - a. Wear a face covering (see below);
 - 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
2. Businesses and schools 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.

Face Coverings

3. Effective immediately, all individuals who are 2 years of age or older and within the Community are required to wear face coverings if outside of their residence and are or will be in contact with other individuals who are not from their household whether in a public place, business, restaurants, churches, schools, government facilities, or any space offered to or for use by the public. *See exemptions below.*
4. The purpose of these directives is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in areas outside your residence and to protect the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community.
5. Businesses that interact with the public must require employees and all individuals patronizing their business to wear a face covering in public areas if they are or will be in contact with other individuals.
6. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to still maintain physical distancing as it is the best defense against the spread of COVID-19. Physical distancing means keeping (6) feet distance between individuals who are not in the same household.
7. Exceptions for face coverings will be made under the following circumstances:
 - a. For those who fall into the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or developmental disability.
 - b. For children under 2 years old.
 - c. For restaurant patrons while they are eating or drinking. If a patron is not seated at their table, a face covering is required.
 - d. For individuals exercising outdoors, or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household, as long as physical distancing from others is maintained. For individuals congregating outdoors with other people not in their same household, face coverings are required when physical distancing is not maintained.
 - e. In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services, medical treatments or while swimming. *This exception does not extend to the entertainment setting such as bars, dance floors or any other setting where people socially congregate in public for entertainment purposes.*
 - f. When a person is in a personal or work office or vehicle (or similar space) where others are not present as long as the public does not regularly visit the space.
 - g. For public safety employees and/or emergency responders and/or field employees engaged in essential functions, when wearing the face covering would interfere with or limit their ability to carry out their duties or functions.

- h. For individuals complying with the directions of public safety employees.
8. A face covering means material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps, or wrapped around the lower portion of the face. It can be homemade or commercially made and shall be worn per guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It does not include gaiters, bandanas, or wearing only a plastic shield.
9. Enforcement of this directive shall focus first on education and providing guidance issued by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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 also be given an opportunity to comply with this directive before any enforcement action is taken. Continued failure to comply with an emergency directive is a civil violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.
10. Businesses and all venues shall enforce this directive by asking any person failing to comply with the emergency directive to leave their premises. By allowing people/patrons to remain on the premise without a face covering, as described in paragraph 1, is violation of this emergency directive. A continued failure to comply with a SRPMIC emergency directive by a business owner and/or responsible party is violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

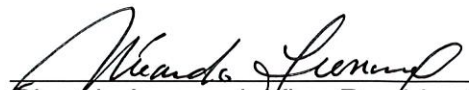
RESCINDED

11. Second Directive of June 9, 2020 *Keep the Community Safe—Wear Face Coverings*—**Rescinded**
12. Seventh Directive of April 7, 2021 *Steps Towards A New Normal*—**Rescinded**
13. Eighth Directive of May 19, 2021 *Updated Directive For Businesses Within The Community* — **Rescinded**
14. Ninth Directive of July 21, 2021 *Revised Directives For Covid-19 Practices For Schools Operating In The Commercial Corridor*— **Rescinded**

August 13, 2021

Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA
INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL


Ricardo Leonard, Vice-President

Attest:


Erica Harvier, Secretary

