



Salt River  
**PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
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# **LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

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

**THIRTEENTH Directive – February 24, 2022**

**Revised Directives – ALLOW ALL BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY TO BE EXEMPT FROM SRPMIC COVID-19 DIRECTIVES AND ELIMINATE THE MANDATE FOR FACE COVERINGS**

**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 ALLOWING ALL BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY TO OPERATE UNDER CDC GUIDELINES AT ITS DISCRETION AND ELIMINATE THE MANDATE FOR FACE COVERINGS**

**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to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by additional directives that to-date have almost all been rescinded (the "SRPMIC Directives"); and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for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and issued subsequent directives (the "Arizona Directives") that to-date are rescinded; and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 February 23, 2022 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 1,971,678 cases of COVID-19 with 27,790 deaths in the state and within the Community 2,774 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 57 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 incorporated into the SRPMIC Directives and the Arizona Directives; and

**WHEREAS,** the Community maintains authority pursuant to the local emergency declaration process under Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community's Code of Ordinances, 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

**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 recommends 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. **All businesses operating within the Community.** Effective February 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., all businesses located on the Community, including schools in the SRPMIC commercial corridor, are exempt from the SRPMIC Directives but should comply with CDC guidelines for the health and safety of its employees and patrons. Businesses have the discretion to determine whether face coverings and social distancing will be required in their establishments.

### **Face Coverings**

3. All individuals who are 2 years of age or older and within the Community are recommended 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.
4. The purpose of these directives is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in areas outside your residence. The Community government, churches or any organization within the Community may implement policies or practices for the use of face coverings for employees and visitors at their facilities.
5. While wearing the face covering, it is recommended to 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.
6. 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 should be worn per guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**RESCINDED OR EXPIRED**

- 7. Tenth Directive of August 13, 2021 *Clarification of Directives*—**Rescinded**
- 8. Twelfth Directive of October 13, 2021, *A Safe Halloween 2021*—**Expired**

**REMAINS IN EFFECT**

- 9. Eleventh Directive of August 25, 2021, *Prohibition on Wakes in Private Homes*—**Effective**

February 24, 2022

Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
INDIAN COMMUNITY

  
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Martin Harvier, President

Attest:

  
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Erica Harvier, Secretary

