



New Vaccine Service for Homebound Community Members

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To make sure that all Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and residents have access to the COVID-19 vaccine, the SRPMIC Emergency Management staff, with the help of many others, began an effort to provide a new vaccine service for homebound individuals on March 1.

So far, SRPMIC has administered approximately 5,000 Moderna vaccines to some of the most vulnerable Community members who haven't had good access to a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus.

SRPMIC Emergency Manager Cliff Puckett said that the staff is very excited about this new program.

"We have a policy team that's helping the command team that manages COVID-19 response for the Community, and the issue of homebound individuals came up in terms of how we're going to serve their COVID needs," said Puckett. "And by COVID needs, we refer to getting them the vaccine as well as some testing that they may need."

The first step was to identify the stakeholders in the Community who may know who and where these homebound individuals are. A task force was created, which brought multiple players from the Community together to address this issue. For example, the Emergency Management team asked the Senior Services Department to aid in identifying homebound people who may need the most help. A program was developed that uses the SRPMIC COVID hotline, the same number that Community members have had access to previously. Those who meet the team's definition of homebound



The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in a cooler at SRPMIC. Moderna is the current vaccine used by the Community, with plans for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine distribution in the future. Photo submitted by SRPMIC Emergency Operations – Command Team.

can call to schedule home testing and vaccine services.

Some people are not truly homebound—really all they need is transportation to Community vaccine or testing sites. In that case, transportation can be provided.

"If it is determined that the Community member truly met the definition of homebound, a nurse from our Community Health Nursing Program would schedule an appointment," said Puckett. "[The nurse] would come out to the home, educate them on the vaccine, administer the vaccine and then wait for 15 or 30 minutes, depending on what types of reactions [the individual] historically has had to a vaccine." The nurse will leave them with contact information in case they experience any adverse reactions.

Puckett said that the SRPMIC just received notification that the Community will be obtaining the Johnson & Johnson

vaccine, which only needs to be administered once, as opposed to the currently used Moderna vaccine, which requires two doses about a month apart. The Emergency Response team is still trying to figure out the logistics of which vaccine to use for the majority of the homebound vaccine patients.

Puckett has a message for those who may have questions or who are weary about the vaccine. "We are stuck with the fact that it is a personal choice [to get vaccinated], so we just encourage people to do the research, do their homework, and if they have questions about the vaccine, we have people who can answer them," he said.

"Reach out to us and we can at least get you educated, but ultimately it comes down to a personal choice. Sometimes the reason to get [vaccinated] is not necessarily for

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Vaccinating SRPMIC is Essential to Safeguard the Community



Aerial view of the Point Of Dispensing event that took place at the Salt River Community Building mid-February; that day 1000 COVID-19 vaccines were given.

BY SRPMIC EMERGENCY OPERATION - COMMAND TEAM

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) through our partnerships with State of Arizona and Maricopa County has been successful in providing the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, to Community members, government employees, family members and its tribal enterprises.

SRPMIC received 7200 doses of vaccines since December 2020 and has administered 4963 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to 3560 individuals as of March 3. The COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed through a Point of Distribution (POD) model that has inoculated close to 1300 individuals per clinic. As of March 8, SRPMIC has

vaccinated 820 first doses of community members and has fully vaccinated 572 members, a total of 1392 vaccinated in the Community.

There are now three COVID-19 vaccines available, the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen COVID-19 vaccine) being most recent to receive approval for emergency use. All of these COVID-19 vaccines will help protect you, your family, friends and Community from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized or even dying. Studies have shown the COVID-19 vaccine are not 100 effective and it is important to continue using prevention methods such as masks, social distancing, handwashing to reduce your chances of getting COVID-19.

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NARCAN Distribution at Vaccine Clinics and Pharmacy



Mikah Carlos having a team huddle to prepare for NARCAN Nasal Spray distribution at the vaccine clinic site. Photo submitted by SRPMIC Emergency Operations – Command Team.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been devoted to the health and overall well-being of its Community members by providing many services that apply to different aspects of health. Such as counseling, crisis workers, and medical help to ensure all aspects of health were covered. One of the more serious efforts to prevent further damage to the Community has been the implementation and understanding of the use of the NARCAN Nasal Spray that can be used to help with an opioid overdose.

Nancy Mangieri, SRPMIC epidemiologist and member of the the SRPMIC Emergency

Operations – Command Team explains what exactly NARCAN is and what it is used for.

"NARCAN® Nasal Spray is a prescription medicine used for the treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose emergency with [the patient showing] signs of breathing problems and severe sleepiness or not being able to respond," Mangieri said. "NARCAN® Nasal Spray is to be given right away and does not take the place of emergency medical care. Get emergency medical help right away after giving the first does of NARCAN® Nasal Spray, even if the person wakes up. NARCAN® Nasal Spray is safe and effective in children for known or suspected opioid overdose."

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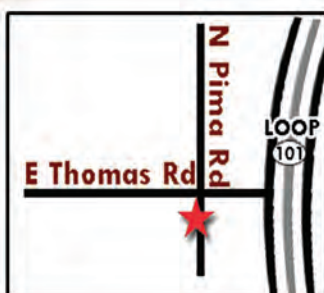
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COVID-19 Testing Declining But the Virus Is Still Here, Along With New Variants

BY SRPMIC EMERGENCY OPERATION - COMMAND TEAM

As the effort to vaccinate Americans intensifies, daily COVID-19 test numbers are falling nationwide, an alarming sign to public health experts who say the tests are still crucial to containing the virus. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is also seeing a decline in testing, however, anyone can still get COVID-19.

SRPMIC has seen a drop in new cases a day over the past few months. Positive Cases have declined December 2020 (439 positive cases) January 2021 (364 positive cases) February 2021 (103 positive cases).

Although COVID-19 case levels in the US are well below a January peak, health experts have given a few points of caution about the decline. Be aware that over the past year, COVID-19 has mutated into several variants that are more contagious. It is very important for everyone to continue to monitor their health and stay home if you are ill and get a COVID-19 test.

"Fewer people are coming in to be

tested, and we worry that people may not know they are positive and be spreading the virus in the Salt River Community," according to Dr. Nancy Mangieri, SRPMIC Epidemiologist.

We do know that COVID-19 is still out there and you can still get it. Individuals that are asymptomatic can still pass the virus to others. Asymptomatic people who have had exposure to a positive case or are having flu like, common cold or allergy symptoms, should be tested.

Isolation of this virus is very important to slowing the spread and if you do test positive, the safest way to protect your family and Community is to isolate. We also know that at risk are many people still waiting to be vaccinated, along with people who do not choose, at this time to be vaccinated.

"Widespread testing must continue in order to defeat the pandemic and safeguard the community from exposure to COVID-19," concluded Dr. Mangieri.

Note: See story on page 5 for more information on the COVID-19 variants.



SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 3/15/2021

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	Enrolled Residents	Enrolled Non-Residents	Non-Enrolled Residents	Non-Enrolled / Non-Residents	Total	All Residents	All Enrolled
Completed Tests	8028	2194	1307	2960	14489	9335	10222
Positive	942	269	198	359	1768	1140	1211
Negative	6927	1890	1082	2548	12445	8009	8817
Currently Hospitalized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered	903	260	187	353	1703	1090	1163
Active Cases	6	0	4	2	12	10	6
Deaths	31	9	7	3	50	38	40

*Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment

** Additional testing data has been provided by an external partner [dating back August 19]

*** COVID-19 Results Round Up will go live week of Sept. 14 increasing data collection with individuals self-reporting

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There are now reports that COVID-19 has mutated into several variants that are more contagious. Studies are now taking place to see how the various COVID-19 vaccines will arm against the emerging mutations. Therefore, it is premature to know the effects COVID-19 will have on those who have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Meanwhile, it is essential that people continue to take preventive measures to maintain the spread of COVID-19 even though you have received a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is designed to prevent you from getting sick, but that does not necessarily mean that you cannot become infected and then spread it to others.



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and its partners continue their work to fight the spread of COVID-19. We all have an important role to play in slowing the spread of the disease. We are all in this together.

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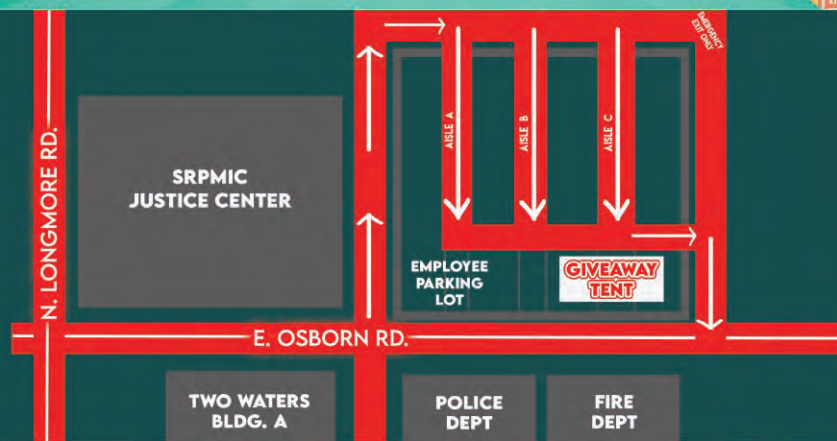
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Jeffrey Fulwilder Helps Utah Muralist Connect With SRPMIC at Café Rio

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On February 24, Café Rio Mexican Grill, which specializes in fresh Mexican food, opened a new location on tribal land in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, at 8930 N. 90th St.

Café Rio recently revealed a 3.0 version of the restaurant with new postcard-style murals by Salt Lake City, Utah muralist and acrylic painter Josh Scheuerman.

The design concept is a throwback to early promotional postcards on which an artist would include features from the city and surrounding areas, such as landmarks, specific events in history or some of the area's natural beauty.

When the mural was first designed for the Scottsdale Café Rio location, it was representative only of Scottsdale. However, since the restaurant was on tribal land, Café Rio decided that the artwork should feature themes relating to SRPMIC and the surrounding landscape.

SRPMIC artist Jeffrey Fulwilder, who is known for his artwork throughout the Community, was tasked to help bring to the mural important imagery that represents the Community as a whole. Fulwilder gave Scheuerman the history of the tribe and wanted him to incorporate landmarks, plants and

animals that are significant to the Community.

The mural was redesigned, and Scheuerman got to work with Fulwilder at his side. "Working with Jeff was really good. He provided a knowledge base for me and gave me the history [of the tribe], which I was unfamiliar with," said Scheuerman. "I think it's important

on how the Community is represented through his artistic contributions.

"I just kind of led Josh in the direction that he didn't know [much about]. It was really easy working with him. I gave him the history that I know from our travels, and then we went to the area here with the animals, the flowers, the desert plants, some of the mountains," said Fulwilder.

The mural was started on Valentine's Day and was finished by February 17.

Fulwilder's many art creations can be seen throughout the Community. At Two Waters Building A, four traditional Huhugam-design baskets and light sconces (an interpretation of water, gourd and coyote track designs) can be found, and at Building B, Fulwilder's "Waiting for the Fruit to Ripen" sculpture features ocotillo, prickly pear and ancient pots.

Many other pieces of Fulwilder's artwork are located in and around the Talking Stick Entertainment District, with the "Fire Keepers" at the Pavilions at Talking Stick and the "Basket Dancers," "Flute Players" and "Gourd Men" at Pima Center. Other Fulwilder pieces include "The Horse Called Creation" at Rancho Solano School and the "Water Birds" installation at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.



SRPMIC artist Jeffrey Fulwilder (left) and Utah muralist and acrylic painter Josh Scheuerman (right) pose in front of the new mural for Cafe Rio on tribal land. Photo by Kent Shelley.

for Café Rio to have reached out and made a decision on their own accord, because I think it's very important to honor the tribe and the land, give back to the Community and acknowledge where the location is."

As for Fulwilder, he is humble about the works of art he creates and doesn't want the attention on him, but rather

the "Fire Keepers" at the Pavilions at Talking Stick and the "Basket Dancers," "Flute Players" and "Gourd Men" at Pima Center. Other Fulwilder pieces include "The Horse Called Creation" at Rancho Solano School and the "Water Birds" installation at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

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SRPMIC Vaccine Clinic workers work on drive-up vaccine distribution at the point of delivery (POD). Photo submitted by SRPMIC Emergency Operations – Command Team.

yourself, but for an elder or somebody who may have an underlying medical condition. That may be the driving force that makes an individual get the vaccine, so there are a lot of reasons to get it. The key is to get educated and make a choice based on your specific needs and hopefully make the Community safer, which is our ultimate goal."

For homebound services, call the COVID hotline number at (480) 362-2603 and go through the phone tree. Homebound services is option number 3. Press that number and leave a message. If nobody answers, somebody will return your call, usually within 24 hours.



SRPMIC Vaccine Clinic workers fill the syringes up with the Moderna vaccine at the point of delivery (POD). Photo submitted by SRPMIC Emergency Operations – Command Team.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On February 20, sisters Rianna Tate and Johanna Tate took home championship belts in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at the NAGA El Paso Grappling Championship in El Paso, Texas. Rianna won in the female 130-139 Expert Division, and Johanna won in the 90-99 Expert Division. Congratulations to the Tate sisters! Marissa Johnson, O'odham Action News.

New Variants of the Virus That Causes COVID-19

BY SRPMIC EMERGENCY
OPERATION - COMMAND TEAM

Information about the characteristics of these variants is rapidly emerging. Scientists are working to learn more about how easily they spread, whether they could cause more severe illness, and whether currently authorized vaccines will protect people against them.

What we know

Viruses constantly change through mutation, and new variants of a virus are expected to occur over time. Sometimes new variants emerge and disappear. Other times, new variants emerge and persist. Multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been documented in the United States and globally during this pandemic.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is a type of coronavirus, a large family of viruses. Coronaviruses are named for the crown-like spikes on their surfaces. Scientists monitor changes in the virus, including changes to the spikes on the surface of the virus. These studies, including genetic analyses of the virus, are helping scientists understand how changes to the virus might affect how it spreads and what happens to people who are infected with it.

Multiple variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 are circulating globally

- The United Kingdom (UK) identified a variant called B.1.1.7 with a large number of mutations in the fall of 2020. This variant spreads more

easily and quickly than other variants. In January 2021, experts in the UK reported that this variant may be associated with an increased risk of death compared to other variant viruses, but more studies are needed to confirm this finding. It has since been detected in many countries around the world. This variant was first detected in the US at the end of December 2020.

- In South Africa, another variant called B.1.351 emerged independently of B.1.1.7. Originally detected in early October 2020, B.1.351 shares some mutations with B.1.1.7. Cases caused by this variant have been reported in the US at the end of January 2021.
- In Brazil, a variant called P.1 emerged that was first identified in travelers from Brazil, who were tested during routine screening at an airport in Japan, in early January. This variant contains a set of additional mutations that may affect its ability to be recognized by antibodies. This variant was first detected in the US at the end of January 2021.

These variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19. An increase in the number of cases will put more strain on health care resources, lead to more hospitalizations, and potentially more deaths.

So far, studies suggest that antibodies generated through vaccination with currently authorized vaccines recognize

these variants. This is being closely investigated and more studies are underway.

Rigorous and increased compliance with public health mitigation strategies, such as vaccination, physical distancing, use of masks, hand hygiene, and isolation and quarantine, is essential to limit the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 and protect public health.

What we do not know

Scientists are working to learn more about these variants, and more studies are needed to understand:

- How widely these new variants have spread
- How the disease caused by these new variants differs from the disease caused by other variants that are currently circulating
- How these variants may affect existing therapies, vaccines, and tests

What it means

Public health officials are studying these variants quickly to learn more to control their spread. They want to understand whether the variants:

- Spread more easily from person-to-person
- Cause milder or more severe disease in people
- Are detected by currently available viral tests
- Respond to medicines currently being used to treat people for COVID-19
- Change the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines

What CDC is doing

CDC, in collaboration with other public health agencies, is monitoring the situation closely. CDC is working to monitor the spread of identified variants, characterize emerging viral variants, and expand its ability to find new SARS-CoV-2 variants. CDC is collaborating with EPA to confirm that disinfectants on EPA's List N: Disinfectants for Coronavirus (COVID-19external icon) inactivate these variant viruses. As new information becomes available, CDC will provide updates.

What Salt River is doing?

Beginning in January the COVID19 vaccine has been dispensed through various Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) point of dispensing clinics. The two-dose regimen of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is expected to be protective against emerging strains detected to date.

Nonetheless, Moderna announced its clinical strategy to proactively address the pandemic as the virus continues to evolve. This includes testing an additional booster dose of its COVID-19 vaccine (mRNA-1273) to study the ability to further increase neutralizing emerging strains beyond the existing primary vaccination series.

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NARCAN Distribution at Vaccine Clinics and Pharmacy

Mangieri provided information on where the Narcan nasal spray kits are being distributed.

"In SRPMIC, it is provided to all people taking opioids for pain through the pharmacy. It is also offered through the "Not One More" project which is a team of people working to save lives through education and NARCAN distribution."

In October 2020, Commander Robert Boyle, a clinical pharmacist for the Salt River Integrated Health Care, wrote a blog post for the Indian Health Service describing how the Community is taking measures to reduce the deaths of opioid overdose.

"We are working across the Indian Health System to promote appropriate and effective pain management, reduce overdose deaths from heroin and prescription opioid misuse, and improve access to culturally appropriate treatment," Boyle wrote. "An example of a community-based model is the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, who makes opioid safety a priority by increasing access to naloxone throughout the community, monitoring opioid use with a multi-disciplinary committee and educating community

members about overdose prevention during local events. Providers and community employees are working with tribal leadership on many fronts to get naloxone in the hands of community members and to stomp out opioid overdoses."

Narcan is also being distributed at select COVID-19 vaccination Point of Distribution Events during the 15-minute wait time after people take the vaccination. During this time, the "Not One More" Team hands out a card with information and Community resources about Naloxone. On it, there is QR code that can be scanned with a phone. The code brings up a video about how to respond to a possible overdose and how to use Narcan. Since the efforts began, 580 kits have been provided with more to come. According to Mangieri, "The Salt River Integrated Health Clinic Pharmacy is a great resource for NARCAN Distribution and education. The Community outreach events such as the POD COVID19 vaccine events has provided the opportunity for Community families to be educated and receive a Naloxone Kit for their home."

Chapman Ford Participates in Mask Donation

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On February 23, Chapman Ford in Scottsdale distributed more than 12,000 face masks to protect against COVID-19. The event is part of Ford's #FinishStrong initiative and "100 Million Masks" campaign, which is targeting the production and distribution of 120 million medical-grade face masks by mid-2021 to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic in all 50 states.

Ford Motor Company Fund, the company's charitable fund, is focusing on specific locations across the country for the mask donations. One-half of the masks will go to schools, local governments and first responders for distribution, and the other half of the masks will be sent to nonprofits, community groups and Ford dealerships for distribution in their communities.

The effects of Chapman Ford's February 23 event were felt all over the Valley, according to Tiffany Buitrago, Corporate Community Event &

Partnership Coordinator with Chapman Ford. "... [O]ur dealership ended up [with] about 15,000 masks to donate to local nonprofits and the community."

Chapman Ford donated masks to the Child Crisis Center in Phoenix and to Chandler Banking Services "There was a senior center that stopped by to get a few packs of them. And then just the general public came by. Most of them ... stopped by because of the news coverage," Buitrago said. The event took place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; masks were limited to 20 per person.

More masks ultimately equals more people protected from COVID-19. Any measure that takes this step is a step in the right direction. Ford will continue to distribute masks throughout the year. Residents are invited to stop by Mask Distribution Day at a participating Ford dealership or a nonprofit partner distribution site to pick up 20 disposable face masks at no cost while supplies last. For upcoming dates, visit www.fordfund.org/maskdonation.



Team members masked and on site at the vaccine clinic. Photo submitted by SRPMIC Emergency Operations - Command Team.

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Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

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Defining what is wrong and right about relationships can be tricky. There are many different dynamics within many different social circles that can complicate things. It is vital to understand boundaries, both boundaries of others and boundaries for ourselves. February was National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, providing an opportunity to explore aspects of healthy and unhealthy relationships among teens.

Shannon Black-Franklin, LCSW, and Health Educator Vurlene Notsinneh-Bowekaty of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Department of Health and Human Services facilitated a separate Zoom presentation and dialogue with teens to address the many different aspects of relationships.

O'odham Action News interviewed Behavioral Health Services Manager Erin Wilkinson, who helped facilitate the Zoom session.

According to Wilkinson, Black-Franklin and Notsinneh-Bowekaty shared knowledge and skills with the teens on defining types of relationships, identifying characteristics of a healthy relationship, describing and defining boundaries and why they are important, and identifying characteristics of an unhealthy and abusive relationship.

With the older teens, the panel spent some time focusing on four traits of healthy relationship: open communication, healthy boundaries (what they are and why important to have them), individuality (you do not have to give up things you like or value in a relationship,

and it is possible for you to grow separately as well as together in a relationship) and mutual respect.

After reviewing the positive aspects of healthy relationships, the teens were then led into the different forms of abuse in relationships that should be addressed immediately:

Emotional/verbal: Putting you down, threatening you in any way, accusing you of cheating, stalking, spreading rumors about you, threatening suicide, attempting to make you feel guilty for the abuse/violence

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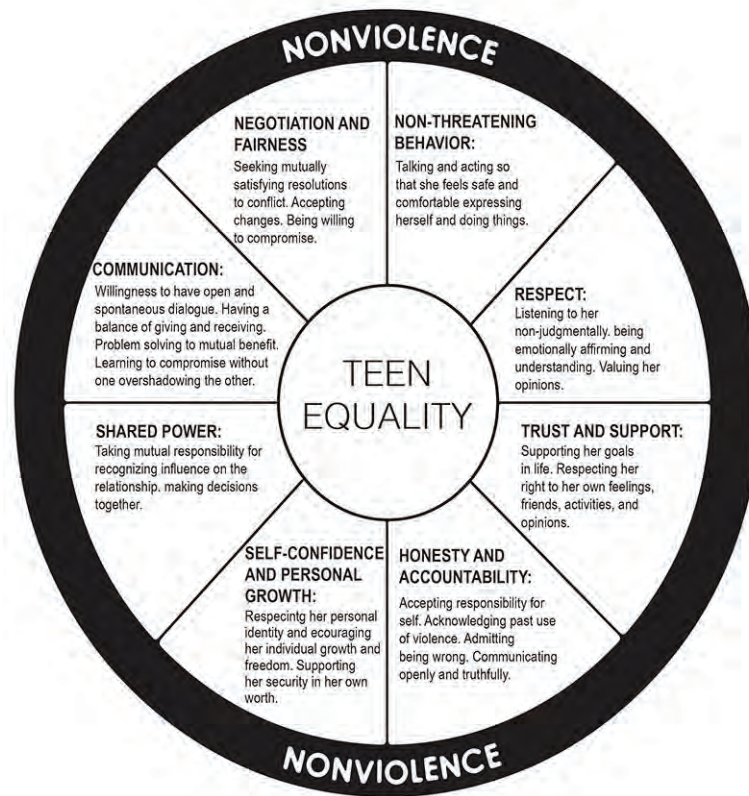
Sexual: Forcing you to do anything sexual you do not consent to do or are not comfortable doing, including sexting, unwanted kissing or touching, and any sexual behavior that is unwanted or interferes with the other person's right to say no to sexual advances

Digital: Sending threats via social media or text, including forcing you to engage in sexting, stalking you on social media, accessing your social media without permission, forcing you to share your passwords, controlling your use of your phone/social media, constantly calling or texting to check up on you, looking through your phone, and monitoring your call/text log

This information is vital for young people so they can understand what is right and wrong with attitudes and actions when it comes to relationships.

For more information, here is a list of contacts:

National Teen Dating Violence 24/7: 1-866-331-9474
Text loveis to 22522
Crisis Text Line, text START to: 741-741
The Clinic Crisis Line: (204) 786-8686
Maricopa Teen Lifeline: (602) 248-8336
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Salt River Family Advocacy Center: (480) 362-5425
Salt River Crisis Team: (480) 850-9230
Salt River Crisis Line 24/7: 1-855-331-6432



Equality Wheel for Teens to show understanding in a mutual relationship. Photo submitted by Behavioral Health Services.

SRPD Adds New Police Officer

BY OFF. JOSEPH OROZCO, SALT RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 1, the Salt River Police Department's (SRPD) newest police officer, Brandy Halvorsen, was sworn in by Salt River Community Court Chief Judge Darayne Achin in a ceremony held in the SRPMIC Justice Center.

Off. Halvorsen was hired by the SRPD as a lateral police officer; this means she already carries her certification as a peace officer within the State of Arizona after receiving prior police academy training.

Off. Halvorsen said that she dreamed of becoming a police officer from a young age. She began her journey with the Phoenix Police Department Reserve Division. Halvorsen's pursuit of a career in law enforcement led her to work for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office as a civilian, and she also is a current active member of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Halvorsen's hobbies include running, hiking and traveling, and she currently has set her sights set on working

in specialty units within the SRPD.

"I hope one day to become a detective for child crimes or possibly work undercover," said Off. Halvorsen.

Off. Halvorsen has begun the SRPD's Field Training Officer program. This program requires all newly hired police officers to work alongside several certified field training officers who coach, mentor and evaluate the new officer's readiness to serve the Community as a future solo beat police officer.

"The Community has great reason to be so proud of this newly hired police officer," said SRPD Chief Karl G. Auerbach. "Officer Brandy Halvorsen has considerable experience as a police officer, and military experience; this substantial training and [her] skill sets are valuable. She fully embraces and understands our Community-based policing philosophy. I am positive that Officer Brandy Halvorsen will provide our Community with excellent police services."

Fourth Session of 'Positive Indian Parenting' Focuses on Harmony in Childrearing

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Behavioral Health Services has just wrapped up a series of Positive Indian Parenting online classes open to all Community members to help build stronger children and families. The now-completed eight-week series featured class every Thursday from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Those who participated have learned about parenting topics such as Traditional Behavior Modification, Harmony in Childrearing, Traditional Parenting, Lessons of a Storyteller and more.

The final session's topic was Harmony in Childrearing. Behavioral Health coach Tania Hatathlie focused on the traditional concept of harmony as it relates to family life by recognizing different historical Native American beliefs about harmony and balance. Using these skills can help prevent parenting problems before they even start.

Harmony in childrearing creates balance and strengthens relationships. The

most important part of childrearing is respect—adults teach their children to show respect for other people, and in turn adults show respect for the children. In some tribes, children's choices and decisions were respected at a young age; for example, parents would not interrupt a child's play unnecessarily.

Today in traditional childrearing, children may be asked to observe an event in nature and then answer the question "What did you learn?" This helps them understand that the natural world fits together in patterns of harmony and balance.

Hatathlie said, "Families can structure their homes and lives to keep relationships strong and help grow responsible children. [It's important] for the whole family to work together. To create harmony, give clear direction and detail, avoid problems that might occur, be role models to your children, and be honest and transparent."

For more information on Positive Indian Parenting, email Tania Hatathlie at tania.hatathlie@srpmic-nsn.gov.



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SAGU American Indian College Warrior, Angel Villa.

**Angel Villa
#10
SAGU American Indian College
SAGUAIC Warriors**

Angel Villa is playing his first year at the Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) American Indian College in Phoenix. Villa and the SAGUAIC Warriors played a full schedule this season, with games as far away as Billings, Montana, where he and his team won two games against Yellowstone Christian College. They finished their season at 7-2 against NCCAA opponents.

Villa, who has been playing basketball since he was a child, was raised in Phoenix by his grandma Lena Villa. His grandfather is the late Donald White. In the past he has played with many teams, from school teams to the Arizona Warriors.

His goal is to get a degree in business administration. As far as basketball, he hopes to get better and see what can happen; eventually he would like to play overseas and get paid for playing basketball.

“Thank you to all my coaches, from elementary school to college, including my AIC coach Robb Floco. [I’d like to give a] shout-out to Robert Johnston; he was huge for me in getting to college and helping me out through every step, even now. How he continues to help young Native athletes is awesome,” said Villa.



Westwood High School Junior Tori Smith.

**Tori Smith
#30
Westwood High School
Junior Varsity Girls Warriors**

Westwood High School junior Tori Smith is playing her third year with the Westwood Warriors girls basketball team. This year the team is 6-6 playing other 6A division teams such as Red Mountain, Mesa High School, Dobson High School, Mesa Skyline and others.

“This year there were some girls who moved up to the varsity team and some [under]class students who moved up to the JV team,” said Smith. “It was a bit different because of the COVID-19 regulations; we had to wear masks while we played and there was little crowd to cheer us on.”

Smith mentioned that the teams did cheer for each other during the games and tried to get everyone motivated to win.

For the rest of the year, she is going to be working on her shooting and focus on graduating next year.

**Juan Smith
#23
Westwood High School
Junior Varsity Warriors**

For high school freshman Juan Smith, this is his first year playing high school basketball. He and his siblings have played basketball for as long as they can remember, starting out on teams within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Smith is enjoying his time learning the ropes of high school basketball. He hopes to continue and improve his skills so he can make varsity next year.

The JV Warriors’ record was 9-8 this season. Smith’s skill as post under the basket helped the team.

Now that the school basketball season is ending, Smith will play with the Ba’ag club team after spring break, a team he has been playing with for the last few years. As he continues to learn the game of basketball, he would like to work on his shooting. He thanks his mom and coaches for all their help and support.



Westwood High School Boys Freshman player, Juan Smith.

Student Athletes in the Community

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If you have a SRPMIC student athlete that would like to be featured in the O’odham Action News, please submit a photo and contact information for an interview.

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**Jesse Chavez
#11
Saguaro High School
Freshman Sabercats**

Jesse Chavez is playing his first year of high school basketball with Saguaro High School’s freshman/sophomore team. They have a 9-2 season. Chavez has been playing basketball since he was about 6 years old, playing with teams from Salt River such as Below the Rim and Salt River Ba’ag.

“This year was different; we didn’t have much of a crowd attending the games,” said Chavez. “Each child can only have two parents at each game, no other students or children allowed, so there is not as much energy. I would like more of an audience. We did get to stay and watch the varsity games, but without all the fans it’s not the same.”

Although Chavez likes basketball, he is ready to try out for the school’s baseball team. He has been playing baseball for the last eight years and hopes to be an outstanding player in that sport.

Chavez acknowledges his dad for getting him into sports, and he would like to thank all of his family, “especially my parents for taking me to all my practices and getting me all the equipment that I needed,” he said.



Saguaro High School Sabercat Jesse Chavez played with the Freshman/Sophomore basketball team this season; he went on to try out for the baseball team to fill his time during the last quarter of the school year.

SRPMIC CERT Training on the Horizon Again



Salt River – Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT) logo.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has been reactivated by the Salt River Fire Department and SRPMIC Emergency Management program.

The CERT team comprises Community members and residents or those who work with the enterprise who are trained in different types of incident command systems. CERT members are currently integrated into the point of dispensing (POD) incident command systems that are used for providing COVID-19 testing and vaccination operations within the Community.

"We recruit for CERT membership on an annual

basis. We hold our classes—it's about 24 hours worth of information—to provide education on various aspects of CERT operations," said SRPMIC Emergency Management Coordinator Terry Nelson.

"One of the areas that we've been improving within Emergency Management is to integrate CERT members into other response areas as ancillary staff within the Community. We [provide staff for] everything from shelters to points of dispensing, and we also do volunteer reception centers for any individual that wants to be trained on participating within CERT. We give them additional training to integrate into those types of operations."

Currently, 22 members in the CERT team have received the training and certification. The training is provided to the Community in terms of information shared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the national CERT program, so the Community is a nationally recognized CERT program.

SRPMIC Emergency Management reapplied within the last two years for state Homeland Security grant funding to revive the team, which allowed them to recruit individuals within the Salt River Fire Department for training as instructors and then utilize additional funding to purchase resources to conduct the training within the Community.

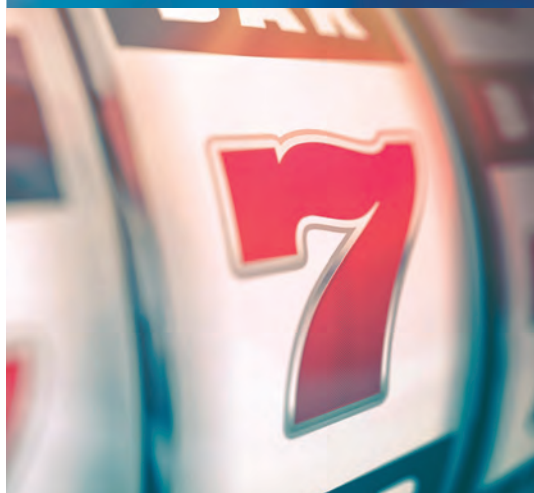
The U.S. National Guard has also been available as a mission-driven force to cooperate with healthcare providers, SRPMIC Health and Human Services staff, the Salt River Fire Department, and Community members to tackle emergencies as a team.

Nelson is currently serving as the CERT program manager and can be reached for CERT training information at (480) 567-4475; or, you can reach out to the Salt River Fire Department as well. Up next for those who are interested in joining the CERT team: in-classroom training this summer between June and July.



Salt River Community Emergency Response Team (SR-CERT) Training from 2019-2020. Photo provided by SR-CERT/Emergency Management.

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SRPMIC Department of Transportation Technician Certification

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

As time progresses, so does the evolution of the automotive industry. As vehicles become more complex, so does costs and the technical requirements to properly service the fleet. To keep up with the demand and to properly service our customers, the SRPMIC Department of Transportation is up to the challenge. Our Community Fleet Technicians are working for and receiving training and certifications to show their competency and proficiency as automotive vehicle technicians. The SRPMIC Department of Transportation knows how important it is to keep the Community's fleet operating safely and properly by providing this training and certification opportunities to our Fleet Team.

Here are some of the certifications that our technicians are actively working to achieve.

EVT (Emergency Vehicles Certification)

The EVT Certification Commission, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to improving the quality of emergency vehicle service and repair throughout the United States and Canada by means of a certification program that will provide technicians recognition for education, training and experience in the service and repair of emergency vehicles. The EVT Certification Program has four emergency vehicle certification tracks and a management track.

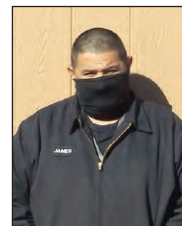
Technicians become certified in the specific test area(s) by taking the EVT exams. Technicians can obtain the highest EVT certifications by combining EVT and ASE exams (see next section) to reach Level I, Level II and Master EVT certification.

The Fire Apparatus Technician Certification track is for technicians who service and maintain fire department pumpers, squads, aerial devices, tankers, wildland apparatus and other fire-related vehicles. This track has three levels of certification. Each level requires specific EVT exams and associated ASE heavy-duty truck exams, with 16 certifications required. The Fire Apparatus exams cover the design and performance standards, specialized systems and equipment, and accepted practices used in the service and maintenance of fire apparatus. Reference materials and learning are outlined to prepare for the EVT exams.

The Ambulance Technician Certification track recognizes technicians who work on ambulances. This certification centers on the requirements of the ASE



The Community Fleet Technicians are working and receiving training and certifications to keep on top of motor vehicle changes. L-R: Thomas Montanez Heavy Equipment Technician, James Yazzie Lead Automotive Technician and Michael Altamirano Heavy Equipment Technician. At right Edward Romero Automotive Technician.



automotive and truck exams. This track has three levels of certification; each level requires specific EVT exams and ASE automotive and/or truck exams. The exams cover design and performance standards, specialized systems and equipment, and accepted practices used in the service and maintenance of ambulances.

The Law Enforcement Technician Certification track recognizes technicians who work on law enforcement vehicles. This track has one level of certification and requires specific EVT exams and ASE automotive exams.

Technicians are required to recertify every five years at all levels.

ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence)

ASE is an independent nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service by testing and certifying automotive professionals.

Auto technicians and other professionals who want to become ASE Certified can take one or more of 52 tests. The exams cover specialties such as automobile, medium/heavy truck, truck equipment, school bus, collision repair and more.

After passing at least one exam and providing proof of two years of relevant work experience, the test-taker becomes ASE Certified. To remain certified, ASE Certified professionals are re-tested every five years.

Ford STARS Program

The goal of the Ford STARS program is to provide technicians with the knowledge and skills needed to service the latest technologies in all Ford vehicles. Ford Motor Company awards training and technician certifications in the latest diagnostic and repair procedures to properly repair Ford vehicles. Currently, the SRPMIC is actively certifying technicians in Master and Senior Master programs. We currently have two Senior Master Certified Ford STARS technicians on staff.

SRPMIC Department of Transportation, Current Certified Technicians

Emergency Vehicle (EVT) Certifications: 10

ASE Certifications: 39

Ford STARS Senior Master Certifications: 2

Total Technician Certifications: 51

- **Edward Romero**, Automotive Technician: Ford STARS Senior Master
- **James Yazzie**, Lead Automotive Technician: ASE Automotive Master Technician
- **Michael Altamirano**, Heavy Equipment Technician: Ford STARS Senior Master, EVT Certified
- **Thomas Montanez**, Heavy Equipment Technician: ASE and EVT Certified
- **Johnny Koyle**, Parts Supervisor: ASE Master Automotive Certified, ASE Heavy/Truck Certified, ASE Service Consultant Certified, School Bus Technician Certified, ASE Under Car Specialist Certified, ASE Advanced Level Specialist Certified, ASE P1 & P2 Parts Specialist Certified, ASE Exhaust Specialist
- **Dave Crownover**, Department Director: ASE Heavy/Truck Certified, EVT M1 and M2 Management Level Certified

Department of Transportation invites all enrolled community members to submit sealed bid. We ARE OFFERING something new this auction. will include vehicles, AUTOMOTIVE parts (new opened AND UNOPENED), equipment and tools. Rules for Entry to view and place a bids - person(s) must present a Salt River Tribal ID. All bidders are required to wear a mask while viewing auction items at all times.

VIEWING DATES SCHEDULE

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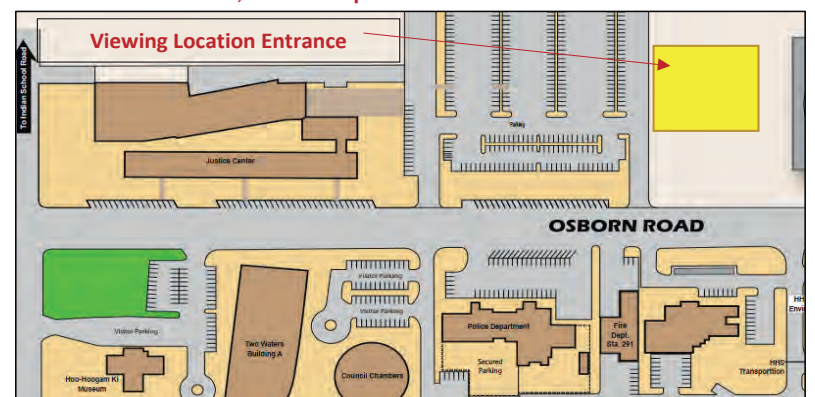
Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 2021 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 17, 2021 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All auction items are sold as is (Running or not) srpmic reserves the right to cancel any sale or issue a refund.

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- You can bid on all auction items, but there will be one winning vehicle bid per household (giving everyone a fair chance for a vehicle). Bidders on parts pallets will also be one winner per bidder can also be a winner of vehicle. Equipment and tools will be one winner.
- Bidders fill out a bid – please use proper address and active phone number (2/contact numbers is recommended)
- All bids placed to be placed in a sealed envelope for all auction items. All auction items; bids must be one bid per envelope for each auction item.
 - For vehicles - write vehicle numbers on the outside of envelopes that you are bidding on.
 - For Part Pallets - write pallet number on envelope that you are bidding on.
 - For Equipment and Tools - write item number on envelope.
- Note: there will be three (3) attempts to contact highest bidder, after (3) unsuccessful attempts, bid will move to next highest bidder and (only 1-winning vehicle as stated per household).
- For Bid Winners – payment must-be-paid in full at SRPMIC Finance.
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**Department of Transportation (480) 362-7315
or Contact Cecelia Nash (480) 362-7606**

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier and Vice-President Ricardo Leonard throw out the (virtual) first pitch of the Spring Training opener on February 28 at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. —Chris Picciolo, O'odham Action News.

SRPMIC Member Plays for Sequoia Charter School

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When it comes to our school careers, everybody has a lot to say about their experience—whether they succeeded by putting a lot of effort into studying and earning high praise for their work, whether they achieved success by volunteering and helping others out, or whether their success came by competing in a sport and understanding the concepts of leadership and what makes a great team.

For Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Wi-Bwa Grey and her son Maceo Sundust, it was the latter. Playing basketball has been a valuable experience for Sundust.

Grey explained how her son got into sports.

“He started playing basketball at age 7 for the Boys and Girls Club Lehi Branch,” Grey said. “His first team was Orange Crush, and they went to the championship for the East Valley Division. He then took a long break at the age of 10 and explored baseball, where he found his passion. He then picked basketball back up at the age of 15 and played for Salt River High School until their doors closed. The team was split up, with three of [the players] following coach Leroy Eswania to Sequoia Charter School.”

As a parent, Grey stands out as her son’s biggest fan and supporter when it comes to his games.

“I am probably the loudest parent in the stands when the parents are allowed in,” Grey said. “Maceo said that he knew I had arrived once he heard my yells from the stands; he would turn to his teammates and say, ‘Yeah, my mom is here.’

“Because of the pandemic, we were only allowed to [attend] home games, with only two spectators [allowed] per player. But as a family we never missed a game, watching on our TV through YouTube channels and livestreams. We would have a watch party with the whole family at grandma Fawny’s house and have game-day food while yelling from the seat of our couch.”

Sundust explained what it was like playing with the Sequoia team and what

think we all learned how to respect each other and each other’s style to have a successful year. ... Playing basketball is an outlet for me. When life challenges get to me, I can take it out on the court. Having a supportive family is what keeps me going.”

The routine for getting ready for a big game differs from person to person. Sundust gave us a little insight into to how he gets ready for a game.

“I put on my AirPods and my music

“I don’t want him to move away, but he needs to experience the outside world other than the ‘rez.’ There is more to see and accomplish, and home will always be here for him,” Grey said.

When asked for encouraging words to help youth manage tough situations, Grey gave her advice.

“Keep taking on challenges and never give up. At times [your] days may be rough and you will want to take the easy way out and give up, but through perseverance and believing in yourself you will find gratification and have pride in yourself for not giving up. Life is not easy; it’s what you do with life and how you get through your challenges that counts,” Grey said.

She added that there certainly has been a lot of challenge and change, but through it all she and her son are closer than ever.



(L-R) Stepfather Antonio Cachora, grandmother Fawn Loring, Maceo Sundust and mother Wi-Bwa Grey during Senior Night at Sequoia Charter School.

keeps him going with basketball.

“It was a different style of playing than what we were used to, but [we came] together to form a team,” Sundust said. “I also had to get used to the coaching style. My coach was from Chicago, so you get the picture. Overall, I loved playing with Sequoia and I

and try to relax. Then, right before the game, I turn on music that would hype me up. I also make sure I get a good rest the night before and try to stay hydrated,” Sundust said.

Since the school change, Grey has had to make some adjustments, but she looks at the change as a good thing.



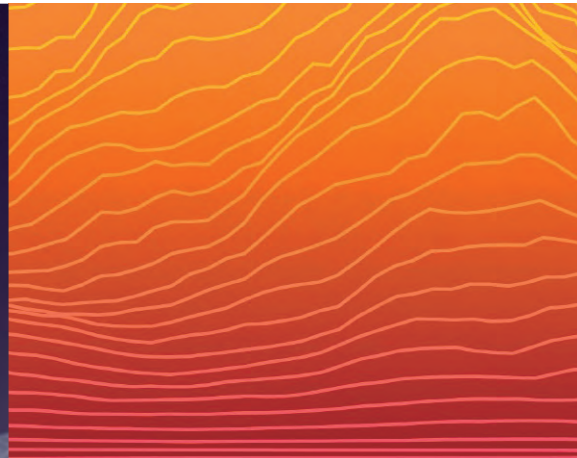
Sundust (center) alongside teammates Diante Anderson and Mark Martinez.

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TALKING STICK RESORT



Welcome to the Council Corner.

Here you will find a recap of the weekly Council Meeting actions and other important information. During the Stay Home, Stay Safe order, the SRPMIC Council is continuing business by holding Council and board/staff meetings via Skype conference calls. Regular Sessions will be available for a delayed viewing at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> click on Tribal Government, Virtual Council Meetings.

Enrolled Community Members are now able to submit comments to: membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov. Reminder, Council should not receive comments about any pending court issues, any Human Resources issues, or issues related to juveniles.

FEBRUARY 10, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

SRMG Conditional Use Permits – Council approved a resolution granting a Conditional Use Permit for mining, extraction, processing, storage and sale of extracted materials.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week.

Administrative Reports: The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided an update on the Federal and State congressional and legislative activities. The Chief of Police provided a weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

Executive Session: Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Staybridge, Talking Stick Golf Club, Council Requests, Westwood High School, OGC Legal Matters.

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Regional Dispatch – The SRFD provided information on Mesa Regional Dispatch; SRFD's request to join the Automatic Aid System and how it will benefit the Community; Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid intergovernmental agreements.

Gaming Board Work Session – The Gaming Board provided input on the proposed Gaming Board ordinance change.

Medical / Recreational Marijuana – Discussion on public feedback on whether medical and/or recreational marijuana should be allowed in the Community.

Executive Session: Gaming Update

FEBRUARY 17, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

Westwood Street and Earll Drive Road & Utility Right-of-Way Easements – Council approved a resolution for rights of-way applications and consent to grants of easements for three roadway and utility easements and one utility easement for the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community to provide public roadway and utility services for the general benefit of the community and residents on tribal and allotted land along N. Westwood Street, E. Earll Drive, N. 106th Way

Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction/ VAWA Code Amendments – Council approved a 30 day comment period on the proposed amendments, which would enable the Community to implement special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction.

First Things First – Council tabled this item to the following week's agenda.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week.

Administrative Reports: The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided an update on the Federal and State congressional and legislative activities. The Chief of Police provided a weekly report on major crimes occurring in the Community.

Executive Session: Information Request, Covid-19 Discussion, Request-Financial Overview, Gaming, OGC Legal Matters.

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Budget Update – Staff reviewed the FY 2020/2021/2022 Budgets, COLA, and Capital Improvement Projects.

Truck Routes – Staff presented information on Community truck routes, issues, and solutions.

Executive Session: Gaming Update.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

First Things First Resolution – A resolution was presented to approve the compilation of the 2022 SRPMIC regional needs and assets report by First Things First. The report is required by AZ statutes with comprehensive

public and tribal data. Council approved the resolution.

River People Health Center Construction Update – A video was shown for the public and Council with the latest construction update.

Land Management Board Ordinance – The proposed amendments to the board ordinance was presented. Highlighted changes were to eliminate duplicative and/or confusing language, added language about Lehi and Salt River residents; and included language regarding tribal and allotted lands. Council approved the amendments to Chapter 17, Article I, Section 17-3 to update language and terms that relate to business and procedures of the Land Management Board, to clarify member qualifications, and to include tribal land as well as allotted land as a covered area within the amended sections.

Saddleback Communications Board Appointments – A recommendation and applications were presented for those interested in serving on the Saddleback Communications Board. Council appointed Anoop Kumar, to fill the expired term of the Professional Representative. Council appointed Sasheen Castaneda to fill the expired term as the Community Member Representative. Each will serve a three-year term beginning 2/24/21 ending 11/24/23.

Covid-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week. He also gave a vaccine update.

Administrative Reports: The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of February 16 – 23, 2021. The Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) provided a weekly report that included federal, state, and tribal updates.

Executive Session: Investment Update, Trademark Matter, OGC Legal Matters.

FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Community Updates – The Community Development Department staff presented a couple of items for discussion, such as a bike path, Northern Boundary, Saddleback Mountain, Power Road area and River area.

SRP Verde Substation / Red Mountain Road – Staff presented SRP's request of approval of the proposed Business Lease B-065 for the Salt River Project Verde Electric Substation. Staff is following on the concerns on the lease from a previous Council meeting regarding Community member access to the river area. Staff proposed an update to the existing preserve, protect, pass program. Follow-up discussion and action will need to be had.

Regular Minutes – Council approved several sets of recent minutes.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Oak Flat Update, Executive Session Minutes.

MARCH 3, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS:

TGEN Quarterly Report – Dr. Trent provided an update on TGen and SRPMIC COVID-19 response. He reported on the "Mapping the molecular basis of cancer in American Indians of the Southwest". Also included were year 1 successes, project milestones, and future plans.

Grant Application – SRPD Grant from AZGOHS – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Law Enforcement project grants. The grant would provide funding for the SRPD-DUI/Impaired driving program, personnel expenses, overtime, outside professional services, travel/training, materials/supplies and/or capital purchases.

Grant Application – SAFER Grant – Council approved a resolution to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, grant funding through the United States Department of Homeland Security through the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grant program. The grant would be used to hire up to 12 firefighters, mainly focusing on Community members and would follow the preference process thereafter.

Salt River Transit Route Plan – The Transit Manager presented proposed route changes for the Salt River Transit that would add a new Phoenix Indian Medical Center/River Peoples Medical Center route.

Gaming Ordinance – A 60 day comment period was approved on the amendments to the Gaming ordinance sections

1-293 and 1-294.

COVID-19 Update / POD Video – The Community Manager provided an overview of the current Community Covid-19 situation and testing results for the week. He also reported on the vaccine distribution efforts. He stated there is the possibility of moving to Phase 2 for the SRPMIC government, possibly in April 2021.

Administrative Reports: The Chief of Police provided a summary of operations report for the week of February 23 – March 2, 2021.

Executive Session: Gaming Update, Gaming Ordinance, OGC Legal Matters.

MARCH 4, 2021 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs (OCLA) – Voting Legislation – OCLA provided Council information and items to be considered for the State Redistricting which occurs after every decennial census.

Hiring Process – A presentation was provided on workforce overview, policy 2-1 overview, preference, hiring considerations, hiring decisions, job postings, and other human resources areas.

Succession Planning – For planning purposes the succession plan was presented and discussed in regards to the process of identifying and developing new leaders who can replace former leaders should they leave, retire, or pass on.

Welfare Assistance Grant (WAG) / Title I-VE – Social Services Funding, costs, financial history, eligibility, future developments, was presented and discussed in regards to WAG and Title I-VE.

Executive Session – Gaming Update

WEEKLY - President, Vice-President, and Executive Administration hold Skype meetings for various other meetings.

For the most recent updates, check the SRPMIC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/>.

Some of the Information includes, e.g.:

- President's Weekly Recaps
- Emergency Operations Comand (EOC) Updates
- SRPMIC Declarations and Ordinances
- Office Closures and Services Affected
- Finance Pay Cards

SALT RIVER TRANSIT TO RESTART SERVICE MARCH 8TH

Service Hours:

Monday-Friday | 5:30am to 5:30pm

To schedule a ride or ask questions, call:

480-362-7310



NEW PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- ❖ Pre-screening for: Fever, cough, flu like symptoms, currently in isolation, and been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID.
- ❖ Everyone must wear a face mask/face covering while using public transportation.
- ❖ Installation of vinyl barriers in vehicle.
- ❖ Limit on number of passengers transported to ensure proper social distancing.
- ❖ Vehicles will be disinfected between trips throughout the day using driver applied disinfection products.
- ❖ Contactless fare collection.
- ❖ Daily disinfection of the vehicles using a state of the art ionized disinfectant system. That disinfects all surfaces within the vehicle.



March WIC Updates

For the health and wellness of our clients and staff, SRPMIC WIC will be providing Telehealth services for the entire month of March, by appointment only.

For appointments please call: (480) 362-7300

Already a WIC client? People don't forget to check your food benefits for the month.

WIC is an equal opportunity employer and provider

March SRPMIC 2021 Board Vacancies - Deadline to apply March 31, 2021

PLEASE READ UPDATED INSTRUCTIONS.

1. APPLICATIONS CAN BE REQUESTED BY EMAILING: erica.harvier@srbmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srbmic-nsn.gov

2. Fill out the application completely. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will not be considered.

3. APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL, FAX, or MAIL. No in-person submission at this time. EMAIL to: erica.harvier@srbmic-nsn.gov or ardell.moore@srbmic-nsn.gov FAX to: (480) 362-7593 MAIL to: SRPMIC Administration, 10,005 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

4. Submit application by 5 p.m. by the closing date.

5. Any questions, contact the Council Secretary at 480-362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.

GAMING REGULATORY BOARD

(2) Community Member Representative

The Board is primarily responsible for oversight of the SRPMIC gaming operations to assure compliance with rules and regulations. Must be able to commit to a three (3) year term.

*Must be able to attain a gaming license which includes a background check and fingerprinting.

DESIRED QUALITIES:

- Follow procedures according to SR Ordinance 449-2014
(See www.SRPMIC-nsn.gov, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15.5-14)
• Knowledge of SRPMIC Gaming Ordinance and State Compact
• Knowledge of National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Regulations
• Knowledge of the Community's vision
• Background in gaming and/or legal experience
• Be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings if needed.

Board members are compensated a

stipend for regularly scheduled and/or special called meetings.

SRPMIC ELECTION BOARD

(1) District I (Salt River) Board Member

(2) District II (Lehi) Board Members

Must be an enrolled member of SRPMIC and reside or declared in the home district you are applying for.

On November 18, 2020 the SRPMIC Council amended and restated the election ordinance to improve the Community's election process. The ordinance also continues establishment of a standing Election Board to ensure fair, accurate and consistent Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community elections.

Applications are being accepted for individuals who would like to be considered in serving as a member on this board.

Candidates for consideration are required to:

- Must be an enrolled member, 18 yrs. or older.
• Be a resident or non-resident declared in a home district of District I or District II.
• Be willing and able to attend election board meetings.
• Participate with discussion and input at election board meetings.
• Have good reading and writing skills.
• Able to work cooperatively with other board members.
• Be able to commit time and attendance on election-day before, during, and after polls close.
• Be responsible of ensuring an impartial and fair election.

SALT RIVER SCHOOLS - EDUCATION BOARD

(1) Community Member/Professional Representative

Accepting applications from SRPMIC Community Members. The Community Member/Professional Representative must have professional or management experience in the educational area. It is highly preferred the Professional Representative have a Bachelor's Degree. SRPMIC Members of SRPMIC may apply.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There are Special Clearances required if applying for the Education Board. When picking up an application make sure you inform the Administration Secretary that you

need a General Board Application and an Education Supplemental Board Application. Submit both completed applications.

- Willing to serve a 3-year term.
• Must be a dedicated person committed to the mission of the Community's Education Department.
• Education Department and/or SRPMI Community Schools employees are not eligible to apply.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attendance at regular, special, and educational meetings, work sessions, conferences, workshops, interviews, and special events within and outside of the community and state.
• Members may also be selected for sub-committees.

CLEARANCES

- Members are required to submit to and pass a background and fingerprint check.

MEETINGS

- Regular Board meetings are normally held the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, starting at 5:15 p.m. "Special" meetings and Work Sessions are scheduled as needed, normally at 5:15 p.m., however, daytime (8am-5pm) hours may be necessary.

STIPEND

- Members receive a stipend for Regular and "Special" meetings only.

MISS SALT RIVER COMMITTEE

(3) Board Member Positions Available (All may apply.)

Qualifications:

- 1. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson must be enrolled members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
2. All remaining Committee members must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe.
3. All members of the Miss Salt River Committee must submit to and successfully pass a background check and drug test, including random drug testing as conducted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
4. All members must possess a valid Arizona driver's license and maintain adequate automobile insurance as required by the State of Arizona and must be insurable under the risk management standards of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa

Indian Community.

Duties:

The Miss Salt River Committee shall assist the reigning Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River in participating in events and in representing the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community through various outlets. Such duties shall include:

- 1. Identify and schedule events for participation.
2. Chaperone, when available, Jr. Miss Salt River, Miss Salt River and the court to local and out-of-state events.
3. Prepare and conduct active recruitment for the positions of Jr. Miss Salt River and Miss Salt River.
4. Actively recruit volunteers to participate in meetings and events.
5. Be willing to put in time and effort into sharing the workload of the committee.
6. Open to learn about social media and other computer programs to promote the program and its ambassadors.
7. Other duties necessary as a MSR committee member.

Terms:

The Miss Salt River Committee members serve a 2-year term.

Meetings:

Attend monthly, regular, and special meetings as necessary.

Other:

Must be willing to help during pageant week and throughout the year with various task

Knowledge of the O'odham and Piipaash cultures a plus.

SALT RIVER COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION BOARD

(2) Board Member Representatives

Board Members Needed

Are you creative? Are you resourceful? Are you innovative?

Salt River Community Children's Foundation Board

Apply for a board seat with Children's Foundation for Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community .

The Foundation was created to raise money and disperse the money for the benefit of children of the SRPMIC

Qualifications:

Dedicated towards the purpose of the

foundation.

Offer creative, positive ideas and input to help reach goals of the foundations.

Able to attend regular and special called meetings.

You can obtain an application from Erica Harvier (480) 362- 7466 or pick up an application of Administration. For any questions contact the Board Secretary at (480) 362-7495.

CASINO ARIZONA & TALKING STICK RESORT - GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD VACANCIES

(1) Community Member Representative Must be an enrolled member of SRPMIC to apply.

(1) Professional Representative

Open to members and non-members.

The Gaming Enterprises Board is responsible for adopting policies and procedures, approving budgets, and reviewing the business results of the division of gaming.

Community Members Preferred / Professional is Required to have:

Knowledge of gaming management, restaurant, hotel, convention, resort operations, banking or finance.

Candidates must be willing to:

- Serve a 2-year term.
• Attend regular board meetings held on the last Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
• Attend special board meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. There may also be other special board meetings called as necessary.
• Have knowledge of the Community's vision.
• Members will receive a paid stipend for regular and special meetings.

PLEASE NOTE:

The appointed applicant will be subject to fingerprinting and an extensive background check in order to obtain the required gaming license to be a member of the board.

2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND BULK PAPER SHREDDING
Saturday, April 10, 2021 in the parking lot north of the Two Waters Complex on 10005 East Osborn Road 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Free, no-contact disposal for all Community members and Tribal employees
Free pick-up for SRPMIC seniors and disabled residents. Leave message at CDD/EPNR Hotline (480) 362.7500
What is HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE?
• Paint/spray paint
• Used motor oil
• Old & unused pesticides
• Aerosol cans
• Gasoline/kerosene cans
• Batteries
• Used tires
• Sharps & syringes
• Medications
• Fluorescent and CFL bulbs
• Cleaners
• Electronics
• Unknown & unlabeled items
Questions?? Leave a message on the CDD/EPNR hotline 480.362.7500

Earth Day Hybrid Celebration! April 10, 2021
Join CDD-EPNR and Take the Green Pledge
Clean and Rake Your Yard
Create a Bird House
For more At Home Activities go to https://www.srbmic-nsn.gov/government/epnr/earthday/#earthdayposter
Share your Earth Day Experiences, E-mail photos to EPNR@SRPMIC-nsn.gov
To register for socially distant, no-contact service projects, e-mail earthday@srbmic-nsn.gov

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS DEADLINES
ISSUE DEADLINE AT NOON
APRIL 1 MAR. 19
APRIL 15 APRIL 2
MAY 6 APRIL 16
MAY 20 MAY 7
SEND INFORMATION TO DODIE MANUEL at dodie.manuel@srbmic-nsn.gov
For more information please call (480) 362-7750.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS CLOSING DATE
Civil Engineer (Roads) 4/04/2021
Senior Environmental Specialist (Enforcement & Compliance) 4/04/2021
Civil Engineering Inspector 4/04/2021
Youth Care Worker (Overnight) 3/19/21
Lead Custodian 3/19/21
School Teacher - Gifted Continuous
Community Relations Manager (Multimedia) Continuous

O'ODHAM ACTION NEWS
If you have a story idea, please OAN at (480) 362-7750
Leave your name, number and brief message and we will return your call

For more information contact the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community - Human Resources Department
Address: 10005 E Osborn Road Scottsdale, Arizona, 85256
Phone : (480) 362-7925 Website: http://www.srbmic-nsn.gov/employment



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Cement Plant Road Rehab

Rob Prouty | SRMG Engineering Manager

The last time Cement Plant Road, the only access for vehicular traffic to the Plant in Clarkdale, saw significant repair was in the year 2000. For those of us who travel the road on a regular basis, and I would venture to guess for those who do not, it is easy to recognize that it is time for some major rehab. For the past few years plant personnel have made repairs to the road to ensure it is safe for travel and to delay the inevitable need for major repairs, but those efforts have been largely in vain and have been exhausted. Areas along the side of the road where the banks have eroded away have been filled in only to have them wash away during the next big rainfalls. Guardrails that are damaged or undercut are repaired but the guardrail posts are soon hanging in the air yet again.

Preliminary engineering to determine how best to repair the road and to implement methods to avoid damage from happening in the future was undertaken during the first half of this year. Kimley-Horn, an engineering consulting firm who have offices in Prescott, was hired to perform

this study to arrive at a potential fix and to provide a related cost estimate. This resulted in a capital project request for the necessary funds to repair the road. The request was submitted as a part of the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget and was approved by the Company's Financial Advisory Committee and Board of Directors.

The project is scheduled to begin in April and will initially consist of finalizing the necessary engineering, followed by construction. Some of the features of the road repair include the following:

Installing a new road surface consisting of a 7 inch thick

concrete overlay on top of the existing surface from the Guard Shack to just short of the intersection with Hawk Hollow Way.

Curbing and spillways for controlling and channeling water drainage for the purpose of eliminating erosion of the road banks and the undercutting of the guardrail.

Installation of new guardrail that will meet applicable standards to protect against vehicles leaving the roadway.

Signage and striping meant to control traffic and protect pedestrians.

Materials and construction services for the road repair will be supplied by customers of Salt River Materials Group to the extent that is possible.

Implementation of the road repairs will have to be managed properly and in coordination with the Cement Plant and our neighbors. Lane closures and detouring will be required during construction, but traffic must continue to flow. Employees need to be able to get to and from work and materials, services and supplies provided by, and needed by, the Plant and our neighbors must get through. Safety will be of the utmost importance. The use of barricades, signs and flagging as well as other methods of traffic control will be utilized to ensure a safe and orderly installation.

If all goes to plan and schedule the project will be complete by the Fall of 2021 and Cement Plant Road will continue to provide safe and reliable passage for years to come.



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www.srmaterials.com



Exceptional People...Exceptional Benefits...Exceptional Company
Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand & Rock,
dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Tribal government service operations is in **Phase One – Return Strong - Beginning March 1, 2021**. The SRPMIC Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will continue providing services in a manner that is safe for the employees, safe for Community Members, and safe for clients who receive health services within HHS.

SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)

For health services, please call departments to verify service options. This is subject to change. Look for updated information on the SRPMIC website and Facebook

SRPMIC Coronavirus information (COVID-19) 24 Hour

Hotline: (480) 362-2603

Press 1 – COVID-19 Testing

Press 2 – To schedule a vaccine appointment
Press 3 – Homebound Services

DHHS ESSENTIAL SERVICES IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Public Health Nursing (480) 362-5555
Centralized Scheduling (Medical/Dental) (480) 946-9066
Behavioral Health (Outpatient) (480) 362-5707
Journey to Recovery (480) 362-5640
Pharmacy Main (480) 946-9 227
Pharmacy Refill Line (602) 200-5384
Financial Assistance (480) 362-7350
WIC (480) 362-7300
HHS Transportation (480) 362-5655
BHS Crisis Team (480) 850-9230

The following services are open to ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS and TRIBAL ENROLLEES SALT RIVER INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE (SR Clinic)

Patient Services

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

Patient Visit Services:

- Routine follow-up appointments and diabetes check-ups will be managed via phone when possible. Face-to-face visits are available.
- Nonessential wellness visits will be rescheduled to after April 12th.
- Essential acute symptom visits will be seen in clinic.
- Pre-natal visits
- Same day sick visits
- Labs services
- Dental Emergencies.
- Patients will be screened by a medical assistant at the front door and/or outside the clinic. If patient has temperature > 100.4° the patient will be asked to wait in their car – medical assistant will get a nurse or provider to help triage and get a disposition for the patient.

HHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES Outpatient Counseling

Hours of Operation: By appointment only, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday
Emergencies are handled by calling our Crisis Team number.

Journey to Recovery
Hours of Operation: 24/7

HHS FIDUCIARY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM (480) 362-5500
Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday
Emergencies are handled on a case by case basis.

NOTIFICATION TO OUR PATIENTS FROM THE SALT RIVER PHARMACY New Drive-up Pick-up Pharmacy Service

During the COVID-19 pandemic we are making every effort to serve you while limiting your risk of exposure. A drive-up pick up pharmacy area is available during our normal pharmacy hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Please continue to order your refills using the AudioCare process.
- If you don't have the prescription numbers needed you can still phone the pharmacy to get those numbers.
- Refillable prescriptions should be ready the next business day by 2 p.m.
- Prescriptions that require renewal by your provider may take up to 2 days.
- Patients will be notified by call/text when medications are ready for pickup
- Please try not to order anything else while in the drive-up pick up area as this causes delays and backup for fellow patients.
- Please be patient and remain in the parking space assigned to you to avoid delivery confusion.
- The staff is moving as quickly as safety allows.
- Please use caution in the parking lot.

S.R. CLINIC COVID-19 TESTING. LOCATIONS & SCHEDULE OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR TESTING Patients identified by Contact Tracing and Public Health

- Scheduled Same Day or Next Day (highest risk w/ confirmed contact with a COVID positive patient)
- Experiencing Symptoms
- Scheduling out 1-2 business day for small groups, 6+ individuals 1-2 business days depending on availability

No Symptoms

- Scheduling out 1-2 business days (no symptoms, no exposure)

NATIVE HEALTH - 777 W Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ (480) 550-4048

- Symptomatic only or exposure to
- COVID-19 AHCCCS AND TRIBAL ENROLLED ONLY
- Limited test kits available
- Scheduling 1-2 days out

NATIVE HEALTH - 4041 N Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ (602) 279-5262

- Symptomatic and Asymptomatic
- Seeing anyone-native, non-native, no insurance
- Scheduling 2-3 days out

DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND TEST RESULTS ARE TAKING 3-5 DAYS

SRPMIC COVID-19 TEST SITE LOCATION - NORTHEAST OF THE CLINIC

SRPMIC COVID-19 test site is located just northeast of the clinic in front of the Veterans Office. The process will have vehicles enter from the east and exit to the west. Vehicles asked to enter from the driveways east of Cultural Resources or the Dialysis Center and proceed south around the HHS parking lot. The new site provides a streamlined approach to better service those in need of COVID-19 testing. To schedule a COVID-19 Test, call (480) 362-2603. Press 2. Please leave your name and number for a call back from HHS Staff.