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# 4 SRPMIC Members Share Their TALENTS, SKILLS AND HOBBIES Through Social Media



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and interact with one another. More people are utilizing social media as the COVID-19 pandemic drives people to stay indoors and to keep their distance from others. As employers have limited their employees' hours

or have them working from home, this has given many the opportunity to work on their talents, skills and hobbies and share them on their social media platforms, whether Facebook or Instagram.

Here are four Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members who have taken their interests and skills online to share through social media.

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### OAN PODCAST

The O'dham Action News launched a new podcast in which we recap our publication, as well as reach out and talk to Community members. We hope you join us at <https://anchor.fm/oodham-action-news>

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## The COVID-19 Outbreak: How to Maintain Your Mental Wellbeing

BY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

John Godfrey, assistant director of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Health and Human Services, encourages everyone in the Community to take care of their mental wellbeing as well as their physical health during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I know that this is a difficult time for everyone," said Godfrey. "You may be feeling anxious, sad, or even fearful about the future. Your emotions may change rapidly and often. I want you to know that this is normal."

When the future seems uncertain, our minds tend to shift to the worst possible outcome, he explained. You may spend time wondering if things will ever be the same again, if your family is safe, if the economy will recover, and so on.

Although these thoughts are normal, when we think about them all day, every day, we begin to experience increased

anxiety, panic and fear.

"I want you to know that Behavioral Health is here for you during this time," said Godfrey. "We continue to offer professional counseling over the phone or video chat. Our Crisis and Journey to Recovery programs are still open and operating as usual."

He shared a new service Behavioral Health is offering. "If you test positive for the coronavirus in the future and have to isolate at home, we will reach out to you to make sure that you have everything you need to get through this difficult time. Our hope is that we can make the situation more manageable for you and your family."

Here are some tips for dealing with this challenging time:

Take care of your mind. Visit with family and friends over the phone or through video chat. Stimulate your mind with hobbies, games and other mental activities. Finally, give yourself some silent time—TV off, computer off—to recharge.

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## SRPMIC Member Studying Abroad During COVID-19 Outbreak

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When the COVID-19 virus outbreak began, Community member and Arizona State University senior Ciera McAnlis was studying abroad in Europe. As a communications major, minoring in media analysis, she was studying as an international student in a foreign country. McAnlis's host school told the students that they were fine and to go about their business as usual. They would update the students on any changes as more information came in.

"I was still continuing to travel on weekends and visited the Netherlands, Switzerland and then Italy," McAnlis said. "I visited Venice, Italy, one of the hot spots for the virus, in February. That was when the seriousness of it all actually hit me. I visited Italy during Carnevale (Carnival) weekend, and most of the festivities were cancelled because of the virus. The day my friends and I left was actually the same day Venice was shut down by the government. It was extremely



Arizona State University Student Ciera McAnlis was spending her final semester studying abroad, her time in Paris was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo courtesy of Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez

nerve-racking. After we got home, we started to see closures increase and thanked our lucky stars that we didn't get stuck [in Italy]. Then came the fear of possibly having contracted the virus while traveling. I was quite paranoid for the next two weeks."

When President Trump initiated the European travel ban, McAnlis's parents booked her

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## NEW PROMPTS ADDED TO SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE

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## Emergencies and Walk-Ins seen on the same day!

# Community Members Share Progress on Home Gardens

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Early every spring, the Garden Program of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Cultural Resources Department helps Community members with creating their own home gardens. Growing your own vegetables is a great way to save money and rediscover the traditional connection to the land.

Community member Jonathon Curry worked with Community Garden Coordinator Jacob Butler and Community Garden Technicians Amson Collins and Michael Juan to establish a home garden at his house.

"This is my first experience with my own garden," Curry said. "I grew up with my grandpa here; I lived here with my great-grandfather. He used to farm in the same plot that we are farming now. His [garden] was, of course, a lot bigger. I remember growing up, he would have us young kids [help]. He would give us the seeds and tell us to plant [them]. When it came time to harvest, all our family would come. We would harvest different vegetables and fruits."

That experience of being out in the garden with his grandfather and his family was a lot of fun, Curry explained.



Veronica Flores with her son doing her daily routine checking on their garden. Photo submitted by Jonathon Curry



Curry checks on the Glass Gem corn that begins to sprout. Photo submitted by Jonathon Curry

He also wanted to continue his family's history of farming.

"I felt like since the land was left to me, that it was kind of a legacy that I wanted to invest in," said Curry about continuing the garden. "It was the kind of example I wanted to pursue in my own life."

The Garden Program prefers to stick to traditional O'odham crops, or at least crops native to the Southwest. When the time came to figure out what to plant, Curry and Butler chose a variety of corn, O'odham Ha:l (squash), beans, black-eyed peas, watermelon, sugar cane and O'odham 60-day corn.

Curry said he is using a different type of irrigation system than usual.

"Jacob recommended that we do a drip system," Curry explained, "so we invested in one. That has really helped [decrease] the weeds. It was a really good investment that I would recommend to anybody. Not only are you not wasting water, but you're also allowing for that control of irrigation. You're just irrigating what needs to be irrigated, which are your plants."

Community member Gretchen Scott also is trying her hand at gardening for the first time.

"After a professional consultation with Jacob Butler, and with help from a green-thumbed family member, my father-in-law, I started a small vegetable garden," Scott said. "I saw on social media that the Cultural Resources Department was giving out various seeds to the Community, so I thought I would give gardening a shot. My father-in-law had started chile and tomato plants for my husband in the past, and we just watered them and picked the harvest. This is the first time I put in some real work."

Scott selected a location for the garden in her yard, prepared the dirt, mixed in new soil, and planted the seeds. She planted zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, green onions and bell peppers to start.

"The zucchini started to sprout up after a week. I am very excited about it," said Scott. "I'm still waiting on the other vegetable plants to sprout. They take a little more time, but I check on them several times a day and water them in the evening."

Scott explains seeing her hard work pay off as she is amazed at the growth of all of her plants.

"New growth is so fragile yet strong all at the same time. It could easily be overwatered, get too much sun or be eaten by insects, but when it survives these various elements and pushes through the weight of wet dirt and grows to meet its potential, it will feed and nourish those who get to consume it," said Scott. "All of that fascinates me. This all reminds me of a Bible scripture I learned a long time ago: We plant, we water, but it is God who gives the increase. I've faithfully done my part with this garden and He's faithful in doing His."

# Community-Owned Business Provides 'Comfort Food' to the Community



Ernie's Catering owner Ernesto Lopez and his son Ramon Lopez prepare to-go meals for those who may have grown tired of their own home cooking.

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On Thursday, April 16, Ernie's Catering posted a Facebook message saying that it will be selling to-go meals of pulled-pork sandwiches with a side of potato salad, chips and a drink. Ernie's Catering is one of a number of small businesses here in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community that depend on big events, gatherings and parties for their income.

"These to-go meals are helping us. We have money going out of the bank, but we need money going into the bank, and this is helping us bring in income," said Ernie's Catering owner Ernesto Lopez.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, Ernie's Catering has been brought to a halt. Businesses such as Lopez's depend on large events and gatherings, which have been put on hold until at least the end of May.

Lopez started offering to-go meals in the beginning of April, selling items such as chipotle chicken tamales and mesquite-roasted chicken with a side of rice, beans, a corn tortilla and a roasted green chile. Ernie's Catering keeps Taco Tuesday going, offering carne asada tacos and sides of rice and beans.

Lopez hasn't had any trouble finding the ingredients he needs to make food for those who may be getting tired of their own home-cooked meals. He explained that the Restaurant Depot store is fully stocked, although it is short on beans and rice.

Lopez has had help from his son Ramon Lopez, who not only helps him cook but also manages the social media to keep information about food sales flowing out to the public.

"We are going to be selling twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays," said Lopez. "We are also going to start doing three-day meal preps for those who are interested. It will include a breakfast, lunch and dinner for three days, or a total of nine meals."

Ernie's Catering will continue to provide to-go lunch sales for as long as the lockdown continues. Lopez hopes eventually to continue business as normal.

For more information and an update on the next Ernie's Catering food sale, follow Ernie's Catering on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Ernies-catering-16573072578801850](http://www.facebook.com/Ernies-catering-16573072578801850).

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# The Tradition of Harvesting Cholla Buds

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One of the many traditions that the O'odham and Piipaash people observe throughout the year is again upon us: the harvesting of the cholla buds (hanam in the O'odham language). These cactus buds are harvested, prepped and processed in order to have a tasty treat throughout the spring. However, the process can be delicate and depends on the timing of the bud harvest and how they are prepared to eat. The steps for hanam preparation can take a little time, but the payoff is worth it.

To start, you have to determine the proper time in the spring to harvest the hanam. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Jonathon Curry explains his process for harvesting and preparing the hanam.

"Early April, mid-April is usually the best time to pick," Curry said, "because essentially what you are picking is a flower bud, a budding flower. But once the bud actually flowers, it's no good to eat; you can't preserve it. So, when you pick it as a bud, you are allowing it to be stored. But once it flowers, you can't store it away."

Curry mentioned that a good time to know when to pick is by Easter. If there is going to be an early Easter or late Easter, that is when the hanam are ready to be harvested.

To pick the hanam, you need metal-tipped tongs, a bucket and, of course, friends and family to go with you and make the experience more fun.

"I always feel it is best to go as a family because you'll get more of a harvest. You're not just out in the desert by yourself," said Curry.

Once you have picked the hanam, it



Top: The collected cholla harvest sit in the tubs, while waiting for the lava rocks to heat up for the fire. Photo submitted by Jonathon Curry

R: The cholla harvest is placed in the pit and is surrounded by lava rocks. Photo submitted by Jonathon Curry

is time to prepare them. There are multiple ways prepare them. One modern method is boiling them in water.

"[When] boiling, essentially, you're blanching the bud," Curry said. "You [throw the buds in] the water as it's bubbling ... And all of a sudden, the water starts to turn a green color. That's when you know [it's time] to take [the hanam] out of the water." Then you place the boiled buds out on some type of screen or metal grate and use a tool to brush the hanam to remove the spines. "I've seen people use a stick, a cactus rib or a broom head."

A more traditional way to prepare the cholla buds is to roast them in a pit.

"The other form is pit-roasting," Curry explained. "When you pit-roast, you want to dig a conical hole about ... 2 feet deep by 3 feet wide. Fill up the entire hole with wood and let it burn



for a couple of hours until it's coals. Break down the coals and add lava rocks, setting the rocks in the coals. Once you set the lava rocks in the coals, you want to build up a fire again and let it burn down to coals again. The pit will be full of coals; it'll be really hot. After that, you want to fish out the lava rocks with a shovel. Make sure that the coals are leveled and flat. Then throw in the hanam. Then you want to bring the lava rocks back into the pit. You want to be very careful. One of your biggest enemies is the dirt. I use the tongs to pick up the lava rocks and place them back in. I just make sure that all of the hanam are covered by the lava rocks. Then you lay down a burlap sack or some kind of

cloth over the pit."

The pit is then covered carefully with dirt so that the heat can be trapped. Let the hanam cook for 12 hours. Afterward, Curry says that you must let the hanam sun-dry. The drying time can depend on personal preference, from a couple of days up to two weeks. Once they are sun-dried, the hanam are ready to eat.

You can eat cholla buds plain or add them to any of your meals. Once they are dried, you just rehydrate them. "Put them in some water and boil them back up and rehydrate them. Once you rehydrate them, they are nutritious," Curry said.

According to the book From I'toi's Garden: Tohono O'odham Food Traditions by Mary Paganelli Voto and Frances Manuel (2010), "Two tablespoons of dried buckhorn cholla, for example, provides as much calcium as a glass of milk. Yet while a glass of milk may have 100 to 150 calories, the cholla buds only have 28 calories."

Curry encouraged tribal members to talk to the elders or others who have done this process because they have a lot of knowledge to pass on through their trial and error. No two methods are the same.

"I was always told harvesting hanam, or any traditional food, is a way for you to thank it," said Curry. "The Creator put these things on this Earth and gave them to us as O'odham for us to harvest. And this is their gift to us. In order to show our appreciation, we harvest and eat it. It supplies food to us."

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## Tips for Home-Schooling Your Children

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Due to the unpredicted outbreak of the coronavirus COVID-19, schools across the nation have been ordered to close in an effort to stop the spread of the illness. As a result of the closures, many schools have turned to online schooling or the use of learning packets to help students continue their education at home. This fast transition leaves parents and guardians with the unfamiliar task of home-schooling their children. Home-schooling can be difficult, so here are a few tips to make it a bit easier for parents and guardians.

### 1. Make a schedule.

Once parents and guardians have identified the subjects that need to be taught and studied with their child, it's best to schedule a designated time for children to work on school work. Most children are familiar with their school schedules, so recreating a similar schedule at home can ease the transition of in-class learning to at-home learning. Also, having a schedule can help with prioritizing school assignments.

### 2. Have a designated area for school work.



Having a designated area for children to complete their work is a must. A quiet workplace free of distractions can help improve focus and learning.

### 3. Acknowledge that children have different academic needs.

It's good to understand that children have different learning abilities and needs. Even though schools are equipped to help students with various needs and styles of learning, it's important for parents and guardians to be patient with children who require additional time to learn and understand new things.

### 4. Build in time for recess.

Incorporating recess, or a period of free time in a student's home-schooling schedule, can be beneficial to both them and you. Taking a break from academic time can reduce tension and stress caused by constant intake of new information. After the break, students can return to their academic work with a refreshed mind and attitude.

Overall, remember that the transition to home-schooling can be difficult for children too, just as it is for the parent or guardian. Patience and understanding are key to home-schooling.

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# 4 SRPMIC Members Share Their TALENTS, SKILLS AND HOBBIES Through Social Media

## Traditional Singing with Patrick King



SRPMIC member Patrick King took to social media as he went live to sing the O'odham basket dance song after sharing his newly made gourd rattle. King learned how to make a gourd rattle from Ron Carlos, Lester Loring Jr. and Lynnwood Vest.

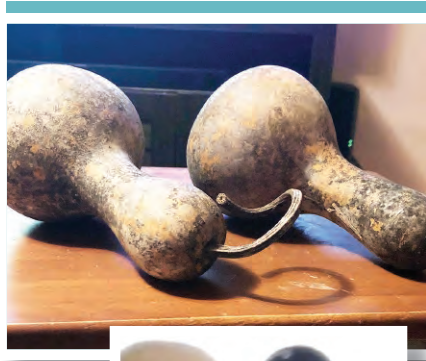
"I was off work for two weeks and I had the materials to make a gourd rattle. As I was building the rattle, I thought I would share it on Facebook Live," said King. "It was the second [rattle] that I had made. I was practicing with it and people wanted me to sing some songs, and so I sang the basket dance."

King, who has been singing

since he was 13 years old, wanted to share because a lot of the young people don't know the traditional songs. He also plans on continuing to make the gourd rattles; Jacob Butler has given him some more gourds.

"A lot of people liked [the video] and thanked me for sharing. I got a lot of positive feedback," said King. "I plan to go out and gather materials to make more gourd rattles during this time."

King says he is not much of a storyteller, but he would like to continue singing and sharing songs, especially during this difficult time.



Friends and family encouraged Lisa Miguel to start a cooking segment on her personal Facebook page, and that has led her to creating a Facebook page and YouTube channel focused on her recipes. Her show is called "What's Cooking Lisa."

"I started because I was home and I love cooking," said Miguel. "When I was growing up my parents taught me to cook, and they always cooked from scratch. I don't measure things; I 'eye it' and know how much to put. If it's a new recipe I am trying, I might need to adjust the next time, but that's how I learn."

Miguel always talked about doing a cooking show on Facebook after watching other people's shows, such as her favorite, Cooking With Aisha.

"Because I always watch other people, I thought, 'I can do that,' so I decided one day when I was making dinner I would go live. I'd never done it before, so I wasn't sure how to go about doing it. I just had my iPhone, so I [thought I would use] that and see how it works. Then I remembered I had a laptop, so I started using that, which was a little bit easier," said Miguel. "It was also a good time to start, because it was when my employer had me stay home from work. I needed something to do to keep myself busy."

When she uploaded the segment to Facebook, she received a lot of responses and people liked it.

"The videos are not that great, and it's not like I am a professional [chef], but I'll learn in time," said Miguel. "I did take a week off due to getting used to my son's online school schedule, but I do have some [finished] videos that I will post and [I will] continue to post content."

For example, Miguel plans to do a "food box" segment. She got the idea from a TV show where cooks go to a supermarket, pick a person coming out with groceries, buy the bag(s) and create a meal out of the items.

"I thought that was the same idea, I want to figure out what we can make from what we get in a food box," said Miguel.

Miguel has made lasagna, green chili chicken enchiladas, Italian beef, stuffed tenderloin wrapped in bacon, salad and more. Watch on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lisa.miguel.5205](http://www.facebook.com/lisa.miguel.5205) or visit What's Cooking Lisa on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCIw51eLuqmj-ybGNMjP-gA-A](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIw51eLuqmj-ybGNMjP-gA-A) to see what she is cooking next.

## Get Fit at Home with Michelle Reina-Long



Michelle Reina-Long, physical fitness specialist with the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department, has been staying connected with her fitness clients and those who follow her on social media.

"When we closed the Fitness Center, I wanted to keep my clients motivated," said Reina-Long. "I posted on my social media accounts that if anyone wants to work out, I will send them some workouts to keep them busy at home. [For many people] that was their outlet, to go work out at the Fitness Center."

She posts her content on her personal Facebook and Instagram pages. She has been creating workout videos showing exercises that anyone can do at home. When she first started doing the online videos, viewers would

ask her questions about what types of workouts they can do at home. Reina-Long would ask if they had any equipment they could use, and if they didn't she would find exercises that they can do without equipment or help them utilize what's around the house, just to get them moving.

"I am trying to find different things to keep me busy at home. I started swimming, and my husband and I started riding our road bikes again," said Reina-Long. "We were both going to a boxing gym, but it closed, so we have been doing our own exercises here at home."

Reina-Long explained that the recommendation for exercise is 150 to 300 minutes of exercise per week, and it doesn't have to be all done at once. For strength training you don't have to use fitness weights, you can use your body weight.

"Moving around will help with your immune system. If you get tired of being indoors, you can go outside and take a walk and get some sun," said Reina-Long. "[Try to] go out early, because there aren't too many people around, and remember to keep social distancing in mind when you are out."

Reina-Long will continue posting videos to help those at home keep up their fitness routines. She plans on making the videos 20 minutes each. She encourages those with children to include them when exercising to her videos or going out for a walk.



## Gardening Tips from Community Gardener Jacob Butler



Cultural Resources Department Community Garden coordinator Jacob Butler has taken his skills and knowledge of traditional gardening to Facebook Live. He has posted a few videos on how to create and maintain a spiral garden, building a garden with raised beds, potting mix bags, planting onions, how to grow a tree from pomegranate cuttings, and more.

Butler and his crew continue to take care of the Community Garden to keep the Community's seed bank going, because they planted the last of their seeds prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Butler continued to field questions from Community members as they feared the outcome of the pandemic.

"A lot of people are worried about where they are going to get food," said

Butler. "I've been at home answering questions every day on [email and social media] about how to build a garden, what's the best way to start gardening, what to do if you don't know how to garden, [and so on]. When [the tribal government] first closed down and I was giving the seeds out, Helema Andrews suggested that I go live on Facebook to answer questions. That was the first time I ever did a live video, and it was weird; but it made even more people contact me and ask me questions, so I put out more videos."

Butler figured that he'd share his knowledge with the people by going live, choosing easy methods for creating gardens. If he were to host a gardening workshop based on these videos, he would only be teaching 10 to 20 people in a group setting. But on these videos, he is reaching hundreds; one of his videos had more than 700 views.

"It broadens our reach; we're able to help the Community and other communities through these live videos," said Butler. "I thought I could share things that I know, things people can pick up



easily and that aren't too hard. It gave me a chance to work with my kids too."

Butler has the knowledge of how to grow things, he sees this time as a great opportunity for him to pass some of that knowledge on to other people who could use it right now.

"For a lot of people, it's a scary thing to go out into public and gather food," said Butler. "People have weakened immunity, and they might be scared of

going out and getting food. If there is a food shortage later, at least [with a home garden] there are things in the ground that you can grow and utilize."

Butler has received a lot of positive feedback on his videos. People send him pictures of their seeds that have sprouted and people tag him in their own spiral gardens after watching Butler's demonstration on how to build and maintain a spiral garden.

"Gardening is therapy. It's a way to not go crazy in the house. You can get out and do something in the yard and spend some time taking care of something and watching it grow. Let your mind focus on that instead of all the things that are going on around you, and give yourself [the chance] to have some clarity," said Butler. "I am offering support to people who are having trouble with their gardens. That's what we do at the office anyway. Just because we can't go to work doesn't mean we can't still help people."

Follow Butler on his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/jacob.butler.54584](http://www.facebook.com/jacob.butler.54584).

# SHOUT OUT to the Health Transportation Drivers



Clockwise, starting upper left corner: Celeste Lomavaya, Cheryl Montano-Lewis, Tina Lewis and Kevin Jose. Esperanza Guerrero not pictured.

**BY MELINDA THOMAS,**  
HHS-TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR  
HHS-Transportation Services

The Health Transportation drivers transport clients that live within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to and from health care facilities and providers within the Phoenix/Mesa metro area, including the Phoenix Indian Medical Center. Appointments include behavioral health, WIC, dental exams and physical therapy. They also deliver medication from the Salt River Clinic to clients who lack transportation to pick up their own medication. The drivers also provide transportation year 'round for the dialysis clients within the Community, Monday through Saturday.

In the past few weeks the drivers have been helping out two to three times a week at the Salt

River Clinic wherever needed, whether it is pre-screening at the front door of the clinic or transporting labs to the state. Although they are short-staffed, they continue to help and take on the challenges of supporting clients' health care needs during this difficult time.

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**To schedule medical transportation, please call (480) 362-5655 at least one day in advance, leave your name, number and brief message and a staff member will get back to you.**

All riders are asked to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines by wearing a mask or bandana.

The program has only a few masks available. As a precautionary measure, the program disinfects the vans after every transport.

## Community Parks CLOSED



Community Parks are closed and wrapped with caution tape to keep people off the playgrounds and basketball courts to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**BY TASHA SILVERHORN**  
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On April 10, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Facebook page announced that all Community parks would be closed until further notice. This was a decision made by the SRPMIC government to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Currently closed are Friendship Park, VAI, VAIL, Red Mountain Vista, Lehi Community Building, Lehi Gathering Area, Salt River Community Building, Dobson Heights Neighborhood Center,

Canalside Neighborhood Center and Evergreen Neighborhood Center. All park amenities including basketball courts, picnic ramadas, playgrounds and restrooms are restricted with yellow caution tape.

For more information on the closure, call the SRPMIC Public Works Department at (480) 632-5600 or email at [PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:PWCustomerService@srpmic-nsn.gov). To keep up to date on new information pertaining to COVID-19 and its effects on the Community, visit the Community's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/srpmic](http://www.facebook.com/srpmic).



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### Notice SALT RIVER CLINIC

The auto call appointment reminder and text message systems have been temporarily suspended for the duration of COVID-19.

Schedulers will revert to manual call reminders.

Salt River Clinic: 480-946-9066

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## O'ODHAM

Dear O'odham Action News Readers:

**Please let us know if you have questions that you would like answered pertaining to COVID-19 coverage. Do you have a story suggestion for OAN? Or do you have a story idea? What's happening in your part of the world? What would you like to see more of?**

**Please contact:**

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### SRPMIC Clinic implements COVID-19 testing

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Clinic has implemented a "drive up" clinic for testing patients for COVID-19 stationed in the SR Clinic parking lot. **It is important that you call-in first.** Without this step, you will be turned away from testing. These steps are in place to make sure we are best utilizing our limited testing kits and supplies while keeping our clinical staff safe.

This service is for enrolled SRPMIC members and enrolled American Indians of a federally recognized tribe. The "drive-up" service is SCHEDULED: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### How you can be tested:

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and want to be triaged at the SR clinic this is what you should do:

- Call the COVID-19 Hotline: **480-362-2603**, select option 2 and go through the automated evaluation of symptoms. If you have two or more symptoms, you will be transferred to a Public Health Nurse for further evaluation.
- The Public Health Nurse will determine if testing should be conducted, and will advise on next steps.
- Your information will be sent to the testing team, so that they will be prepared to receive you.



#### PATIENT TESTING SITE AND TRAFFIC FLOW

**It is important that you call-in first.**  
**Without this step, you will be turned away from testing.**

**COVID-19 Hotline: 480-362-2603**

## Public Input Requested on Roads Program

The Community has a Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) showing the road projects planned over the next 5 years. The plan includes new roadway construction, traffic calming, safety improvements, pavement rehabilitation and road maintenance.

A copy of the TTIP can be found on the Community's website at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/public-works/transportation-planning/>.

A hardcopy is also available by visiting the Public Works office at 10124 East Earl Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85256. **Please contact Jennifer Jack, Public Works Department, Roads Section Manager, with any questions at (480) 362-7747 or [jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:jennifer.jack@srpmic-nsn.gov).**

Comments may be submitted to Public Works at the mailing address or email indicated above. **The deadline for comments is June 1, 2020.**

### Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

### HHS Behavioral Health Division

continues to offer professional counseling over the phone or video chat. The Crisis and Journey to Recovery programs are still open and operating as usual.

**If you are experiencing anxiety, panic and fear and need someone to talk to, call Behavioral Health to schedule an appointment or if you have questions. Call (480) 362-5707.**



# Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

## How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

## CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

## Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

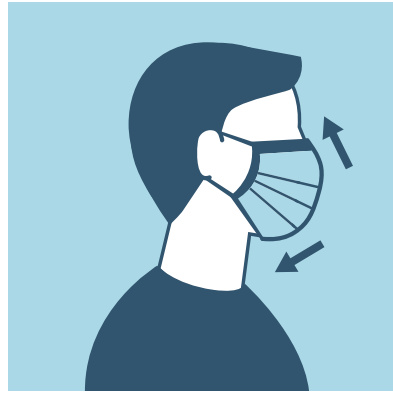
Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

## How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

## How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

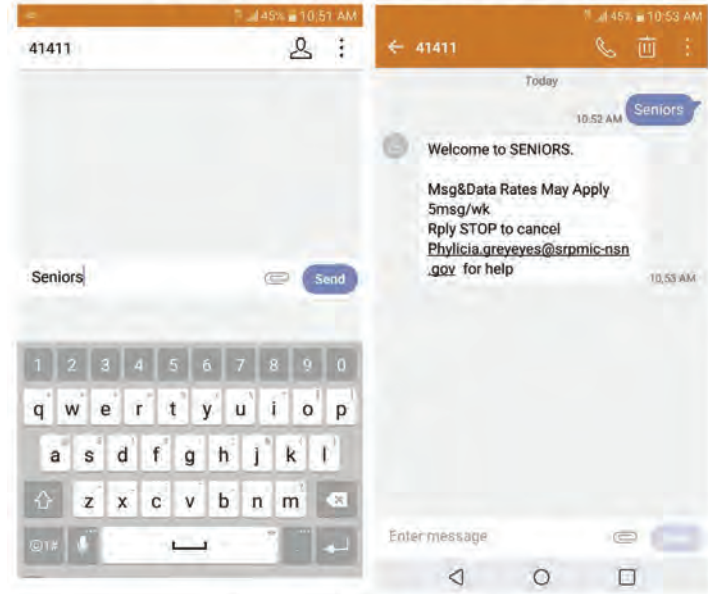


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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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# COUNCIL ACTIONS CORNER

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 or conference calls.

**March 18, 2020** – Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was declared to protect the health and welfare of the Onk Akimel O’Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash residents and visitors of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

**March 18, 2020** – Talking Stick Resort/Casino and Casino Arizona closed due to COVID-19 measures.

## March 18, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting Items:

- \* **Emergency Management Information** – Info provided on COVID-19 and on the proactive efforts of the Emergency Management Office (EMO). Info on the Community Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP), Communication, Supplies, and Testing for COVID-19 at the Salt River Clinic.
- \* **Minor’s Trust Fund Update** – Info provided on the economic impacts of the minor’s trust accounts.
- \* **Local Emergency Declaration-COVID-19** – Council passed a declaration to protect and defend the health and welfare of the Onk Akimel O’Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash residents and visitors of the SRPMIC.
- \* **Resolution** – Council approved a resolution for a general welfare payment to enrolled SRPMIC Community Members over the age of 21 to ensure core needs are met during this emergency.

**March 19, 2020** - President Harvier directed the SRPMIC Government to transition to essential services staff only in support of the Nation-Wide effort to

minimize the spread of the COVID-19.

## March 25, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting Items: (This meeting closed to public.)

- \* **Emergency Management Information** – An overview was presented on the EMO efforts.
- \* **Business lease B-530 (Wahum)** – Council approved a resolution “to approve business lease B-530 between the landowner of Salt River Allotment 47421 and the Wahum, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for the lease and development of 20.1034 acres, more or less, of allotted land located within the exterior boundaries of the SRPMIC”. This was follow-up to the Council public hearing held on March 4, 2020.
- \* **President Harvier** – Encouraged enrolled members to sign-up for the live portal to view future Council meetings. He announced that after this Council meeting the Council will not be holding public meetings until further notice. Encouraged everyone to stay safe and take care of your families.

## April 1, 2020 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- \* **Local Emergency Declaration** – First Directive for Stay Home, No Public Gatherings, and Social Distancing was presented.
- \* **Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County Department of Transportation** – The IGA is to identify and define responsibilities, cost-sharing, design, permitting, environmental, right-of-way, utility relocation, construction, and management. Resolution was tabled for clarification.
- \* **Extension of Community Outreach Period for Zoning Ordinance Amendment** – Council approved an outreach period until the end of the fiscal year

(September 30, 2020) for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment due to the COVID-19.

## April 8, 2020 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- \* **Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County Department of Transportation** – Council approved a resolution to approve an IGA between the SRPMIC and Maricopa County regarding the design and construction of Road and Utility Improvements on McKellips Road (Between State Route 101 and Alma School Road).
- \* **Enrollment Certification** – Council certified the first quarter membership figures.
- \* **Public Health Emergency Ordinance** – Council approved an ordinance “to enact new articles VII and VIII to Chapter 13 to protect the public health from contagious diseases, included during a declared public health emergency”.
- \* **Ordinance for Violation of Emergency Declaration** – This proposed ordinance was tabled for the Office of General Counsel and Tribal Court to review the proposed ordinance for an accelerated process.
- \* **Government Resolution to Apply for COVID-19 Relief Funding** – Council approved a resolution “to authorize application for, and receipt and implementation of, funding in relation to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funding and Economic Security Act (CARES) through various federal, state and other sources as available” (with matching requirement).

## April 15, 2020 – Skype Council Meeting Items:

- \* **SRPMIC Essential Services** – Council extended the Essential Services to May 31, 2020 due to the continued situation

with COVID-19. Executive Administration may modify the Essential Services guidance as needed.

- \* **New Civil Ordinance with Fines in Response to COVID-19** – Council enacted a new civil ordinance to ensure that Local Emergency Declarations and Major Disaster Declaration are enforceable.
- \* **Certification of Council Polls** – Council certified (3) Council polls conducted. The first two Council polls conducted were for Council approval to seek funding from the CARES Act for small businesses loan and grant relief. The third Council poll was for a non-member burial request.
- \* **Saddleback Communications** – Vice-President Leonard reported that Phone and internet bill will be cut by 50% during this stay home period.

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

Information includes, e.g.:

- President’s Weekly Recaps
- Emergency Operations Command (EOC) Updates
- SRPMIC Declarations and Ordinances
- Office Closures and Services Affected
- Finance Pay Cards
- Canceled events
- Food Distributions
- HHS Tips and Information
- Pet Food Distributions
- Veterans Resources
- Flattening the Curve
- Playgrounds Closed
- Drive-Thru Pharmacy
- Senior Meal Distributions
- School Updates
- Student Meal Distributions

# Public Health Emergency Ordinance

## SUMMARY

The Public Health Emergency Ordinance provides for quarantine authority for contagious diseases. The Code previously only contained limited provisions for Tuberculosis.

Here are some of the components of the draft ordinance:

- \* The ordinance is based upon Arizona statutes to provide for consistency with the Community’s regional partners.
- \* The ordinance amends and updates the Community’s Tuberculosis law.
- \* The ordinance provides for a situation when a person needs to be quarantined because they have an infectious/contagious disease.
- \* The ordinance also provides for quarantine authority during times of declared emergencies.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO-517-2020

TO ENACT NEW ARTICLES VII AND VIII TO CHAPTER 13 TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, INCLUDING DURING A DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

An Amendment to Chapter 13 that repeals Article III, Sections 13-73 through 13-77 (Tuberculosis); and provides for new Articles VII and VIII to provide public health measures from contagious diseases, including tuberculosis, and declared public health emergencies.

## Chapter 13, Article VII. Reports of Contagious Diseases in General

### Sec. 13-200. Report of contagious diseases

A person who learns that a contagious, epidemic or infectious disease exists shall immediately make a report of the particulars to the Community’s Health and Human Services Department (“department”). The report shall include names and residences of

persons afflicted with the disease. If the person reporting is the attending physician he/she shall report on the condition of the person afflicted and the status of the disease at least twice each week.

### Sec. 13-201. Report by hotel keepers of contagious diseases

The keeper of a boarding house, lodging house, motel or hotel shall report in writing to the department, each case of contagious, infectious or epidemic disease in the establishment. Such report shall be made within twenty-four hours after existence of the disease is known and shall include the name of persons afflicted and the nature of the disease.

### Sec. 13-202. Report by physician of death from contagious disease

Physicians shall report in writing to the department the death of patients dying from contagious, infectious or epidemic diseases within the Community boundaries. The report shall be made within twenty-four hours or sooner after death, and shall include the specific name and character of the disease.

### Sec. 13-203. Quarantine and sanitary measures to prevent contagion

When the department is apprised that infectious or contagious disease exists within the Community’s

boundaries, it shall immediately conduct an investigation. If the investigation discloses that the disease does exist, the director of the department may adopt quarantine and sanitary measures consistent with this article to prevent the spread of the disease. The department shall immediately notify the president, vice president and the Community Manager of the existence and nature of the disease and measures taken concerning it.

### Sec. 13-204. Disinfection or destruction of contaminated bedding and other articles

- The department may cause the destruction of beds, bedding, clothing, carpets or other articles which have been exposed to contamination from infectious or contagious disease, and allow reasonable compensation for destroyed articles.
- The department may provide a place with necessary apparatus and attendants for disinfection of contaminated articles and cause them to be disinfected, and may provide transportation for the conveyance of such articles or persons afflicted with contagious or infectious disease.

### Sec. 13-205. Temporary hospitals for persons with contagious disease

The department may provide a

temporary hospital or place of reception for persons with infectious or contagious diseases. Hospitals or other places in which infectious or contagious disease exists shall be under the control of the department while such disease exists.

### Sec. 13-206. Provision for care of persons afflicted with contagious disease; expenses

- The department may employ physicians and other persons and provide such necessities for life as they deem necessary for care of persons afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases.
- Reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this article, including care, medical attention or support of a sick person, may be paid for by the department.

### Sec. 13-207. Violation; classification

A person who knowingly hides, misinforms, misleads health and public safety officials about himself/herself or others known to have a contagious or infectious disease; or a public health official or a member of the department who with criminal negligence fails or refuses to perform a duty shall be guilty of a class B offense unless another classification is specifically prescribed in this article.

### Sec. 13-208. Person with contagious or infectious disease exposing himself to public; classification; exception

A person who knowingly exposes himself or another person afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease in a public place or thoroughfare, except in the necessary removal of such person in a manner least dangerous to the public health, is guilty of a class B offense.

### Sec. 13-209. Tuberculosis and other contagious disease control

- The department may petition the court for court ordered

examination, monitoring, treatment, isolation or quarantine of an afflicted person who presents a substantial danger to another person or to the Community and who has failed to comply with a voluntary treatment plan or a written order to cooperate. The petition may be brought in the Salt River Community Court provided the person resides or is physically located within the exterior boundaries of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

- The petition shall include:
  - The afflicted person’s name, address, date of birth and physical location or last known address. The petitioner may refer to the afflicted person by a pseudonym if specifically requested by the afflicted person.
  - A statement containing the grounds and underlying facts demonstrating that the person is an afflicted person.
  - A statement that the afflicted person has failed to comply with a voluntary treatment plan or an order to cooperate or has a history of noncompliance with an appropriate prescribed course of medication or other interventions.
  - A statement containing the grounds and underlying facts demonstrating that the afflicted person presents a substantial danger to another person or to the Community.
  - The least restrictive alternatives to court ordered examination, monitoring, treatment, isolation or quarantine that are appropriate or available.
  - If the petitioner determines that the afflicted person’s health is likely to deteriorate before a court hearing can take place, the petition shall include a statement containing the afflicted person’s current clinical condition and a request for an immediate order from the court authorizing the administration of medically necessary treatment to preserve the afflicted

person’s medical condition before a hearing on the petition.

- The petition shall be accompanied by the affidavits from the person who conducted the investigation, and the petitioner. The affidavits shall detail the evidence that indicates that the person is an afflicted person and that explains why the afflicted person is a substantial danger to another person or to the Community.
- The petition shall request the court to issue an immediate order authorizing the compulsory detention and continued detention of the afflicted person in a designated facility for supervised monitoring, treatment, isolation or quarantine pending a detention hearing on the petition for public health protection. This detention hearing shall be conducted within seven days after a petition for public health protection is filed in the court.
- The petitioner shall inform the court when the afflicted person’s medical condition may require the court to adjust the conditions and circumstances to accommodate the afflicted person’s condition.
- Before the court has an opportunity to rule on the petition’s merits, the court may order the immediate or continued detention of the afflicted person in an institution approved by the department, if the court determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the afflicted person is likely to be a substantial danger to another person or to the community.
- If the court orders that the afflicted person be immediately detained, the court shall issue orders necessary to provide for the apprehension, transportation and detention of the afflicted person pending the outcome of the detention hearing and shall provide notice of detention to the

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# Public Health Emergency Ordinance

afflicted person's physician, or, if the afflicted person is a minor or an incapacitated person, the afflicted person's parent or guardian, or if none, the next of kin. The court shall appoint an attorney for the afflicted person if one has not been appointed.

f. If after reviewing the petition and supporting documents and other evidence the court determines that the petition and supporting documentation and evidence submitted to the court do not support a finding that the person is an afflicted person or is a substantial danger to another person or the community, the court shall issue a written order to release the person as soon as reasonably possible.

g. After a petition has been filed and before the hearing the petitioner or the medical director of the receiving institution, with the advice and consent of the department, determines that the person is not an afflicted person, the petitioner shall withdraw the petition and the petitioner or the medical director of the receiving institution shall discharge the person as soon as reasonably possible.

h. A detention hearing shall be held within seven business days after the petition is filed with the clerk of the court unless:

1. The court determines for good cause shown that a continuance of the detention hearing is necessary in the interests of public health. For the purposes of this paragraph, "good cause" includes the unavailability of necessary witnesses or that additional time is necessary to receive and interpret laboratory test results.

2. The afflicted person or, if a minor or incapacitated person, the afflicted person's parent or guardian, on consultation with an attorney, determines that it would be in the afflicted person's best interest to request a continuance for no longer than 30 days.

i. The purpose of a detention hearing is to determine if the afflicted person has tuberculosis or other highly contagious or infectious disease. The burden of proof is on the petitioner to prove by clear and convincing evidence that detention is necessary because the person is an afflicted person and is a substantial danger to another person or to the Community.

j. At least three days before the court conducts the hearing on the petition or within a reasonable time after the appointment of a court appointed attorney, copies

of the petition, affidavits in support of it, the notice of the hearing, the investigation reports, the afflicted person's medical records and copies of other exhibits shall be made available by the petitioner to the afflicted person or, if a minor or incapacitated person, the afflicted person's parent or guardian or that person's attorney for examination and reproduction.

k. A person has the right to have an evaluation performed by an independent physician. This evaluation shall include a physical examination and laboratory analysis. If the afflicted person is unable to afford an examination the court shall appoint an independent evaluator acceptable to the afflicted person from a list of licensed physicians who are willing to accept court appointed evaluations. The afflicted person may require the independent physician who performed the evaluation to appear as a witness at a hearing conducted pursuant to this section.

## Chapter 13, Article VIII. Declaration of Public Health Emergencies

### Sec. 13-210. Isolation and quarantine during a local emergency declaration or major disaster declaration

a. During a declared local emergency declaration or major disaster declaration, the department must initiate an investigation if that agency has reasonable cause to believe that a highly contagious and fatal disease exists within its jurisdiction. Subject to the provisions of this article, persons who have contracted the disease or who have been exposed to the disease may be subject to isolation and quarantine if the director determines that quarantine is the least restrictive means by which the public can be protected from transmission of the disease, due to the nature of the disease and available preventive measures, or refusal by an individual to accept less restrictive measures to prevent disease transmission.

b. The department may, during the local emergency declaration or major disaster declaration declared by the President or the Council, do the following:

1. Establish and maintain places of isolation and quarantine, which may include the residence of the person quarantined.
2. Require isolation or quarantine of any person by the least restrictive means necessary to protect the

public health. The department shall use all reasonable means to prevent the transmission of disease among the isolated or quarantined persons.

c. The department shall ensure, to the extent possible, that the premises in which a person is isolated or quarantined is maintained in a safe and hygienic manner and is designed to minimize the likelihood of further transmission of disease or other harm to a person subject to isolation or quarantine. Adequate food, clothing, medication and other necessities, competent medical care and means of communicating with those in and outside these settings shall be made available.

d. A person subject to isolation or quarantine shall comply with the department rules and orders, shall not go beyond the isolation or quarantine premises and shall not come in contact with any person not subject to isolation or quarantine other than a physician or other health care provider, department or local health authority or person authorized to enter an isolation or quarantine premises by the department or local health authority.

e. Other than a person authorized by the department, a person shall not enter an isolation or quarantine premises. If, by reason of an unauthorized entry into an isolation or quarantine premises, the person poses a danger to public health, the department, or local health authority may place the person in isolation or quarantine.

f. The department must terminate isolation or quarantine of a person if it determines that the isolation or quarantine is no longer necessary to protect the public health.

### 113-220. Due process for isolation and quarantine during a local emergency declaration or major disaster declaration

a. The department may isolate or quarantine a person or group of persons through a written directive without first obtaining a written order from the court if any delay in the isolation or quarantine of the person would pose an immediate and serious threat to the public health. The directive shall:

1. Specify the identity of the person or persons subject to isolation or quarantine, the premises subject to isolation or quarantine, the date and time at which isolation or quarantine commences, the suspected highly contagious and

fatal disease, if known, and that a local emergency declaration has been declared by the president or vice president.

2. Be given to the person or persons to be isolated or quarantined. If the directive applies to groups of persons and it is impractical to provide individual copies, it may be posted in a conspicuous place in the isolation or quarantine premises.

b. Within ten days after issuing the written directive, or when any delay in the isolation or quarantine of a person or group of persons will not pose an immediate and serious threat to the public health, the department shall file a petition for a court order authorizing the initial or continued isolation or quarantine of a person or group of persons. The petition shall specify the following:

1. The identity of the person or group of persons subject to isolation or quarantine.
2. The premises subject to isolation or quarantine.
3. The date and time at which isolation or quarantine commences.
4. The suspected contagious disease, if known.
5. A statement of compliance with the conditions and principles for isolation and quarantine.
6. A statement of the basis on which isolation or quarantine is justified pursuant to this article.

c. The petition must be accompanied by the sworn affidavit of department attesting to the facts asserted in the petition, together with any further information that may be relevant and material to the court's consideration.

d. Notice to a person or group of persons identified in a petition must be completed within twenty-four hours after filing the petition.

e. A hearing must be held on a petition filed pursuant to this section within five days after filing of the petition. In extraordinary circumstances and for good cause shown, the Community's Health and Human Services Department may apply to continue the hearing date on a petition for not more than ten days. If the court grants a continuance it must give due regard to the rights of the affected persons, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence.

f. The court shall grant the petition if, by a preponderance of the evidence, isolation or quarantine is shown to be reasonably necessary to protect the public health.

g. A court order authorizing isolation

or quarantine may do so for a period not to exceed thirty days. The order must:

1. Identify the isolated or quarantined person or group of persons by name or shared or similar characteristics or circumstances.
2. Specify factual findings warranting isolation or quarantine pursuant to this article, including any conditions necessary to ensure that isolation or quarantine is carried out within the stated purposes and restrictions of this article.
3. Be served on an affected person or group of persons.

h. Before an isolation or quarantine order expires, the department may move to continue the isolation or quarantine for an additional period not to exceed thirty days. The court shall grant the motion if, by a preponderance of the evidence, isolation or quarantine is shown to be reasonably necessary to protect the public health.

i. A person or group of persons isolated or quarantined pursuant to this section may apply to the court for an order to show cause why the person or group of persons should not be released. The court must rule on the application to show cause within forty-eight hours after it is filed. If the court grants the application, the court must schedule a hearing on the order to show cause within twenty-four hours after it issues the order to show cause. The issuance of an order to show cause does not stay or enjoin an isolation or quarantine order.

j. A person isolated or quarantined pursuant to this section may request a court hearing regarding the person's treatment and the conditions of the quarantine or isolation.

k. On receiving a request for a hearing, the court must set a date for a hearing. The hearing must take place within ten days after the court receives the request. The request for a hearing does not alter the order of isolation or quarantine. If the court finds that the isolation or quarantine of the person or group of persons does not comply with the requirements of this section, the court may provide remedies appropriate to the circumstances of the local emergency declaration, the rights of the individual and in keeping with the provisions of this article.

l. A record of the proceedings pursuant to this section shall be made and retained. If, because of a local emergency declaration or major disaster declaration

declared, parties cannot personally appear before the court, the proceedings may be conducted by the authorized representatives of the parties and held by any means that allows all parties to fully participate.

m. The court shall appoint counsel to represent a person or group of person who is subject to isolation or quarantine pursuant to this article and who is not otherwise represented by counsel. Representation by appointed counsel continues throughout the duration of the isolation or quarantine of the person or group of persons. The department or local health authority must provide adequate means of communication between the isolated or quarantined persons and their counsel.

n. In any proceedings brought pursuant to this section, to promote the fair and efficient operation of justice and having given due regard to the rights of the affected persons, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence, the court may order the consolidation of individual claims into groups of claims if:

1. The number of persons involved or to be affected is so large as to render individual participation impractical.
2. There are questions of law or fact common to the individual claims or rights to be determined.
3. The group claims or rights to be determined are typical of the affected person's claims or rights.
4. The entire group will be adequately represented in the consolidation.

## C\_E\_R\_T\_I\_F\_I\_C\_A\_T\_I\_O\_N

This Ordinance is hereby enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ratified by the Tribe, February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 19, 1990, and amended by the Tribe, February 27, 1996, and approved by the Secretary April 23, 1996, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this 8th day of April, 2020, in a duly called meeting held by the Community Council in Salt River, Arizona at which a quorum of 9 members were present by a vote of 7 for; 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 excused.

# Local Emergency Declarations and Major Disaster Declarations are enforceable

On Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the Council enacted a new civil ordinance to ensure that Local Emergency Declarations and Major Disaster Declarations are enforceable. Council enacted this ordinance to help protect the Community, during times of health and safety emergencies.

Council enacted Sec. 1-503. Violation of a Local Emergency Declaration or Major Disaster Declaration which provides a civil penalty for individuals who are found to be in violation of one of an Emergency Declarations. A copy of this ordinance can be found at:

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SRO-518-2020.pdf>

A first violation will result in a \$250 fine. Second and subsequent violations will result

in a fine of \$500. If a person is found responsible for a violation, the fine shall automatically be deducted from the individual's per capita payout.

Again, Council enacted this ordinance to help keep the Community safe and healthy.

As a reminder:

All residents of the Community are to remain at their place of residence unless to seek food and supplies, medical attention, provide direct aid or service for a neighbor or relative, for employment purposes or for other reasonable and necessary needs that follow the Arizona Directives especially daily outdoor exercise for health and well-being.

Within the Community, all persons shall practice social distancing.

Throughout the Community there will

be no public gatherings, in-person meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc. of 10 people or more, including funeral and wake services. Exceptions to this directive:

- Gravesite services only may have a maximum of 20 people; or

- If necessary, to ensure that the functions of public health and safety continue, Community government departments are exempt from this meeting restriction; and

- Each exception shall ensure physical distancing of individuals by a minimum of 6 feet.

Please stay safe, wash your hands and stay at home.

(d) **Initial hearing.** Upon receipt of the complaint or citation, the Court shall set an initial hearing at a time not less than ten (10) calendar days and no more than twenty (20) calendar days. The accused person shall enter a plea of responsible or denial to the allegation(s) in the complaint or citation at the time of the initial hearing.

(e) **Plea of responsible.** If the accused person enters a plea of responsible, the Court shall move to enter judgment and disposition immediately.

(f) **Plea of denial.** If the accused person denies the allegations in the complaint or citation at the initial hearing, the matter shall be heard in an informal hearing before a judge of the Community court. The hearing shall be heard not less than ten (10) calendar days and no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the initial hearing. The hearing shall be informal and without a jury. Witnesses may testify in narrative form. The Community shall have the burden of proof and shall prove the civil violation by a preponderance of the evidence. The rules of evidence do not apply, except for provisions relating to privileged communications. If the accused person is found responsible, the Court shall move to enter judgement and disposition immediately.

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**TO ENACT A NEW CIVIL ORDINANCE TO CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND ENTERPRISES, DIVISIONS AND BOARDS, ARTICLE V, LOCAL EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS, TO MAKE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS AND MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATIONS ENFORCEABLE.**

An Amendment to Chapter 1, Article V that provides for a new civil ordinance under Section 1-503 to provide enforcement mechanisms for Local Emergency Declarations and Major Disaster Declarations.

## CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE V. LOCAL EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS

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

(a) **Civil offense.** Any person who knowingly or intentionally fails or refuses to obey any lawful order or regulation issued from a Local Emergency Declaration or a Major

Disaster Declaration shall be held responsible for a civil offense. A first violation shall result in a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and a second or subsequent offense shall result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). All ordered fines shall be automatically deducted out of the individual's per capita distribution(s) if applicable. If the individual does not receive per capita, the Court shall order the individual to pay the fine by a specified due date determined at the discretion of the Court.

(b) **Commencement of civil proceeding.** A civil allegation under Sec. 1-503(a) shall be commenced by the

filing of a civil complaint by the Office of the General Counsel or a citation by the Salt River Police Department.

(c) **Contents of a civil complaint or citation.** The complaint shall be in writing and contain a brief statement of the essential facts constituting the offense charged, the name of the accused person, the approximate date and time of the offense charged, the place where the offense occurred, and a citation of the provision under which the offense is charged. The complaint shall bear the signature of an advocate or attorney from the Office of General Counsel which can include an electronic signature.

# SRPMIC Member Studying Abroad During COVID-19 Outbreak

on a flight home immediately.

“At that point in time, my host school program was still in session, so I was taking the chance of losing all my credits and failing the classes I was enrolled in. But things in the U.S. were escalating quickly, so we decided it best to just get home as quickly as possible,” McAnlis said. “The flight was very expensive, but we lucked out and found flights to Las Vegas to be much cheaper than flights to Los Angeles, so we went that route. Unfortunately, by the time I got on my plane, flight restrictions were escalating. We were rerouted to San Francisco, deplaned, cleared at customs, then re-boarded on a plane and allowed to go to Vegas. We were delayed there for five hours, which put my travel time at close to 20 hours, but when I got to the airport and saw my mom, I knew it was going to be okay.”

The day McAnlis traveled home to the U.S., her host school announced the transition to online classes. McAnlis was able to continue and complete her studies as originally planned.

“I have since finished my program and I am done for the spring semester, so now I am focusing on the question, What now? All my ideas have come to a halt because the world is at a standstill right now. I am not able to look for a job since no one is hiring

in the middle of a pandemic. So instead I am thinking about attending grad school online. I’m just taking it one day at a time right now,” said McAnlis.

The virus has definitely changed how McAnlis expected and wanted her last semester of college to be.

“I was so excited for this year because I spent my last semester in London I had so much fun learning and living abroad and still had so much planned for my time there and for when I got home. But because of the spread of COVID-19, my program abroad abruptly ended three weeks early. I missed out on three other [scheduled] trips, to Paris, Nice and Dublin,” said McAnlis.

“One of the most hurtful things is that I haven’t been able to see my friends since I got home because of social distancing. My family and I had to self-quarantine for 14 days after I got home, and then everyone went on lockdown. It’s now been five months since I’ve seen my closest friends from Arizona, and being that it’s senior year for many of us, being apart is heart-breaking.” McAnlis had plans to attend spring festivals with her friends, such as Phoenix Lights, Coachella and Electric Daisy Carnival, all of which were postponed.

But perhaps the biggest way COVID has affected McAnlis as a college student was when she got the announcement of the cancellation of her graduation ceremony. Arizona State University an-



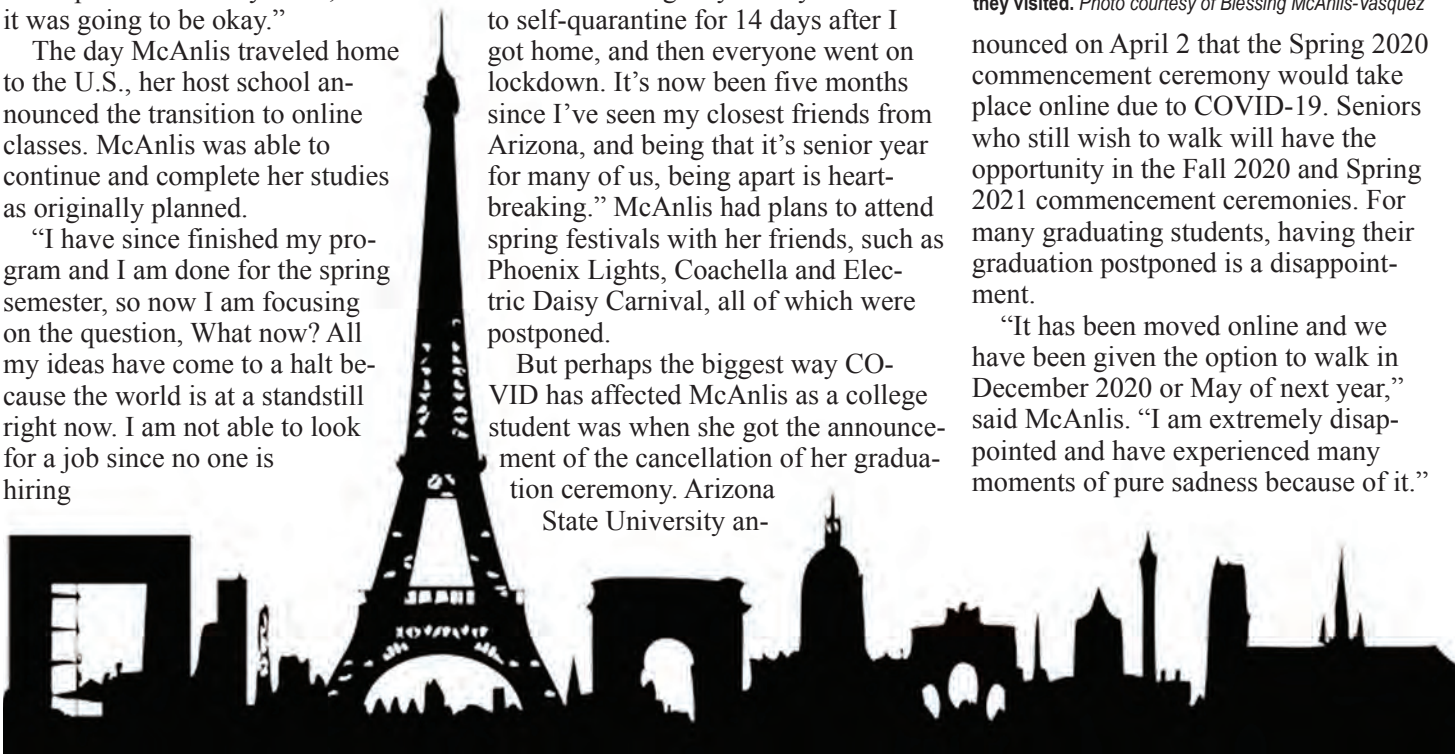
McAnlis gets a visit from her entire family during Christmas break, she was able take her family sightseeing while they visited. Photo courtesy of Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez

nounced on April 2 that the Spring 2020 commencement ceremony would take place online due to COVID-19. Seniors who still wish to walk will have the opportunity in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 commencement ceremonies. For many graduating students, having their graduation postponed is a disappointment.

“It has been moved online and we have been given the option to walk in December 2020 or May of next year,” said McAnlis. “I am extremely disappointed and have experienced many moments of pure sadness because of it.”



McAnlis gets the opportunity to visit parts of Europe. Photo courtesy of Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez.



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## Salt River Schools Are Staying Connected with Students via Social Media

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Since the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 has shut down schools across the country, the Salt River Schools education staff has been dedicated to providing information to students through different social media platforms, such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and the Salt River Schools website and app.

The Salt River Schools YouTube channel has videos on the topics of mindfulness, physical education and occupational therapy, as well as videos of books being read aloud. New videos are uploaded several times a week.

On Facebook and Instagram, education staff share photos and new information regarding resources for students, such as meal distributions for children under age 18 and other resources.

The Salt River Schools website is updated daily with new videos, resources and learning opportunities. There are also important messages for preschool students and higher-education students.

The app provides easy access to new information and announcements, as well as other up-to-date online resources.

Even though the unpredicted closure of schools is a drastic change for the faculty and students, Salt River Schools is doing its best to combat the challenges.

“The situation created by COVID-19 impacts everyone, and Salt River Schools believes we can overcome COVID-19 challenges by working together,” said Salt River Schools Communications and Public Relations Director Taté Walker.

FIND MORE INFORMATION FROM SALT RIVER SCHOOLS AT

- [www.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://www.SaltRiverSchools.org)
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- YouTube at Salt River Schools



Download the Salt River Schools app by searching “Salt River Schools” in the iTunes App Store or Android’s Google Play! Store.

# AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On Thursday, April 9, cars filled with families and their pets up lined up outside the Salt River Clinic to receive free pet food courtesy of the NAGI Foundation. Staff from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Logistics team and the Salt River Fire Department helped distribute the pet food to Community members who were patiently waiting in line. Hannah Lewis, O'odham Action News.

# Round House Café Distributes Lettuce

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The Round House Café distributed boxes filled with heads of lettuce to Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members and employees on Thursday, April 16. A notice went out on the SRPMIC Facebook page that lettuce would be given to anyone interested from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Round House Café ARAMARK Food Services Manager Caitlin Thibodeaux handed out the lettuce before it was picked up by the Salt River Food Distribution Center (Food Bank) to use in their food boxes. While the Round House Café continues to be closed, it still maintains its regular Sysco orders and donates the food to the Food Bank to help provide food to SRPMIC families.



Round House Café ARAMARK Food Services Manager Caitlin Thibodeaux handed out lettuce to SRPMIC members and employees before it was handed over to the Salt River Food Distribution Center.

“We’re happy that we can provide these items to the people who need it,” said Thibodeaux. “Thankfully were still getting these food orders to help the families stay stocked and be provided

with food.”  
To keep up to date on any food distributions or services provided by the SRPMIC departments, subscribe to the Community’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/srpmic](http://www.facebook.com/srpmic).

# AROUND THE COMMUNITY



On April 3, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Food Bank received a generous donation from the Salvation Army. The donation included about six pallets worth of vegetables, such as assorted lettuce, broccoli and salads. As a result of this food donation, as many as 95 families within the Community benefitted. Hannah Lewis, O'odham Action News.

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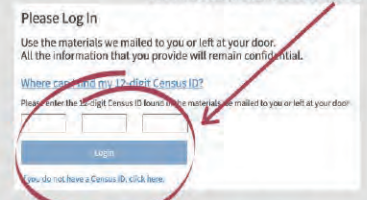
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## SRPMIC TO UTILIZE THE ARIZONA HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (AzHAN) SYSTEM

Receive email and text alerts on COVID-19 information

To ensure important COVID-19 information is relayed to the SRPMIC membership, the Community will utilize the Arizona Health Alert Network (AzHAN) system. AzHAN is a secure service provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services that will allow the SRPMIC Tribal Government a way to provide SRPMIC members important emergency information quickly. SRPMIC members are being asked to sign-up to receive email and text alerts on COVID-19 by filling out an online application.

To sign-up for AzHAN emails and text alerts go to the following link: <https://han.health.azdhs.gov/>

- On the application please mark your network as **SALT RIVER**.
- You may opt out to stop receiving messages at any time.

For further information, contact Administration at 480-362-7400

If you have a story idea, please contact **Tasha Silverhorn** at (480) 362-7731

# Bird Is the Word!

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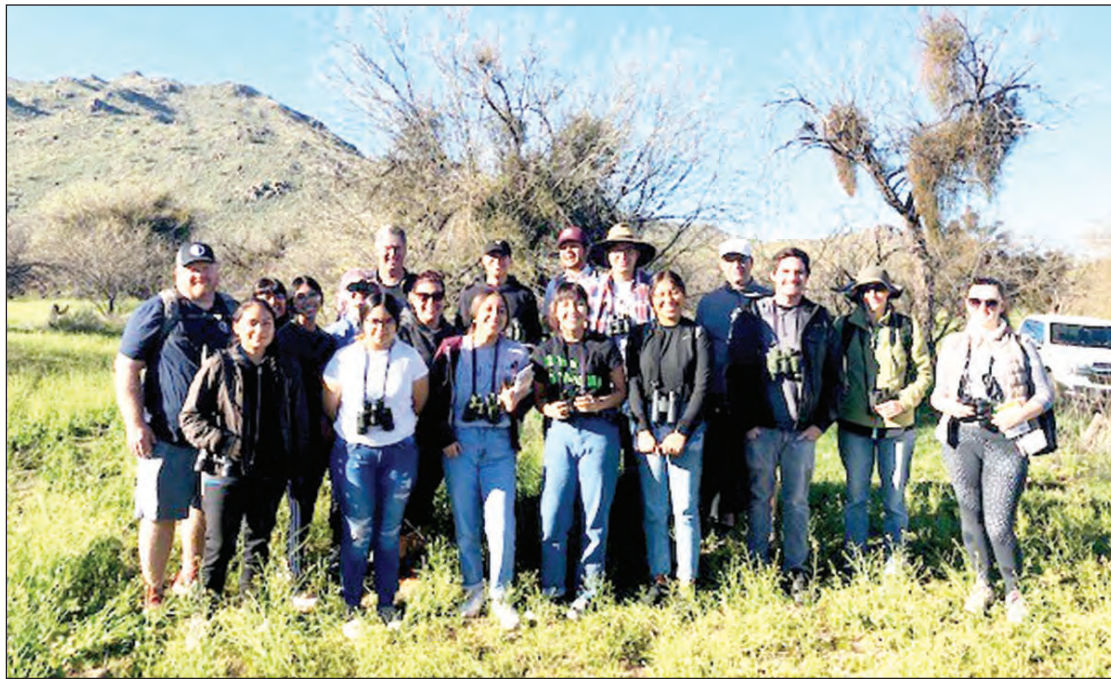
The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is home to diverse species of resident and wintering birds. Community members can enjoy bird-watching right here in their own back yard, at places like the Cottonwood or Lehi wetlands, the Red Mountain Preserve Area, Friendship Park, or even while simply driving past the many agricultural fields within the Community.

Unfortunately, over the past 50 years bird populations have been declining. Declines in North America, due to loss of habitat, toxic pesticide use, climate change and urbanization, amount to about 3 billion birds lost, according to scientists. Although these losses seem staggering, people are monitoring bird populations and working to combat this problem.

Each year, the Audubon Society leads thousands of volunteers in conducting what is known as the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). It takes place all across the Americas from December 14 through January 5. The CBC is an effort to gather valuable population data about birds, which helps scientists to identify which species are in trouble in different parts of the Western Hemisphere so strategies can be developed for conservation of the birds and their habitat.

SRPMIC also participates in this yearly count. In December, CDD-EPNR staff, alongside birding experts from the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Scottsdale Community College, conducted the winter bird count along portions of the Salt and Verde rivers. More than 40 different species were identified, including a rare find, the black-and-white warbler.

In January, CDD-EPNR staff hosted a birding tutorial for the SRPMIC Young River People's Council (YRPC) to prepare them for a bird count activity. Two short weeks later, their new skills were put to the test



The Young River Peoples Council take part in a Bird Count Activity with CDD-EPNR staff and birding experts. Photos courtesy of Gina Leverette-Mason



Black-necked Stilt at Wetlands.



Youth Council members during the Bird Count activity.

when CDD-EPNR staff took the youth to the Red Mountain Preserve area to try their hand at birding. Several birding experts, including SCC biology professor John Weser, accompanied them. The youth were split into three small groups, and each group took a different path along the Verde River and through the highland areas to

see what types of birds were present. Attendees not only had to keep their eyes open, they also had to listen intently to the bird calls in order to spot and identify the species.

Dr. Weser, who has been birding for many years, was crucial in identifying species by sight and sound, which definitely takes a lot of practice. He

had this to say about the experience, "The activity was a great way to connect students to nature using a conspicuous but familiar group of animals that we encounter in our daily lives. [It] ... provided a meaningful opportunity for participants to learn techniques and tools used by conservation biologists and ecologists through firsthand experience ...."

Everyone had a good time and it was a fun learning opportunity for all. YRPC member Lakay Reyes said, "The bird counting activity was a great experience. I'm a new member, and this was my first event with Youth Council. I learned about our environment and the



Anna's (species name) hummingbird at Wetland.

species that surround us. My favorite part was learning about the different types of birds and walking along the river. I am thankful that the CDD-EPNR staff and the birding specialists took the time to teach us about birding."

Dr. Weser was thankful that he and his staff were invited and said the YRPC members were "incredibly polite, talented and enthusiastic people who looked like they were having fun. They asked great questions and were great observers of what was around them."

In March, CDD-EPNR staff conducted bird education lessons for youth and adults as part of the spring break activities held at the WOLF and during an activity with ECEC at the Cottonwood Wetland. Participants learned general information about birds, including some fun characteristics, the names of a few bird species commonly seen around the Community, and how birding is done. Staff hopes to spark an interest in birding amongst young Community members that will help to conserve and protect SRPMIC bird species in the future.

Next winter marks the 121st Christmas Bird Count, and with such a growing number of birding enthusiasts, the Community will be ready! For more information about the Christmas Bird Count, go to [www.audubon.org/](http://www.audubon.org/).

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## The COVID-19 Outbreak: How to Maintain Your Mental Wellbeing

Take care of your body. Feed it good healthy food, give it plenty of water, take it for a 30-minute walk every day and then let it rest for at least eight hours at night.

Take care of your spirit. Limit exposure to the news and social media to two times a day. Fill the rest of that time with restful activities such as listening to music, reading a good book, or engaging in meditation or prayer.

Again, Behavioral Health is here to help. If you would like to schedule an appointment or have any questions, please call us at (480) 362-5707.

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**COVID-19 FOR SRPMIC UPDATES VISIT**

<https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19/>

[www.Facebook.com/SRPMIC](http://www.Facebook.com/SRPMIC)

The <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19/> website not only provides SRPMIC updates pertaining to COVID-19, it includes important links to update your address, or sign up for direct deposit or a pay card.



If you have a story idea, please contact Tasha Silverhorn at (480) 362-7731

# Living Out in the Country

BY DEBORAH STONEBURNER  
O'odham Action News  
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It seems life has changed and many things about our daily lives are beyond our control right now. That's why one Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member made the decision to temporarily relocate to live with family in rural Apache County and adopt their, hard-working self-reliant lifestyle.

The Community member, Gracie,\* now looks at the landscape of dirt and brush as a type of oasis compared to her tiny apartment in Mesa.

There's plenty of space, close to 10 acres, with two mobile homes, one chicken coop, one goat barn and enough space for kids to roam around. During this adjustment period, Gracie said one of the positives is sitting out on the porch with her morning coffee, gazing out at the mesa ridges that run as far as the eye can see.

The family's new life requires plenty of household chores and property upkeep. Some of the daily chores are to feed the chickens and goats as soon as they get up. The animals eat animal feed plus leftover organic food waste from the previous day. Away from the comforts of central heating, they use a wood-burning stove inside the mobile home, so that means attending to the uncut wood pile. It's a group effort by the family to split wood and cut it into smaller sizes to fit the stove inside.

Upkeep includes tasks like filling a



\*Gracie gazing out across the mesa drinking her morning coffee.

hole in the a driveway where a big truck used to sit; they used some of the loose dirt kept by the front gate of the property. They wash clothes every day in an old-fashioned wash barrel. The task is time-consuming, but it's just one of the many things that have to be done.

The long days are also filled with laughter, dusty shoes and smiles inside by the warm stove. As days turn into weeks through this coronavirus crisis, Gracie rests assured that the quarantine lockdown in the rural countryside is keeping her family safe. She hopes for the best for her Community and wishes that everyone throughout the world remains safe, strong and healthy.

\* Community Member preferred to remain anonymous for this interview.



Water is life out in the country.

**Community Relations**  
is keeping you  
updated and informed.

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For SRPMIC updates, please visit the following sites:

Facebook.com/SRPMIC  
Text SRPMIC to 474747  
OAN.srpmic-nsn.gov/

SRPMIC website for COVID-19 and related information

<http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19>

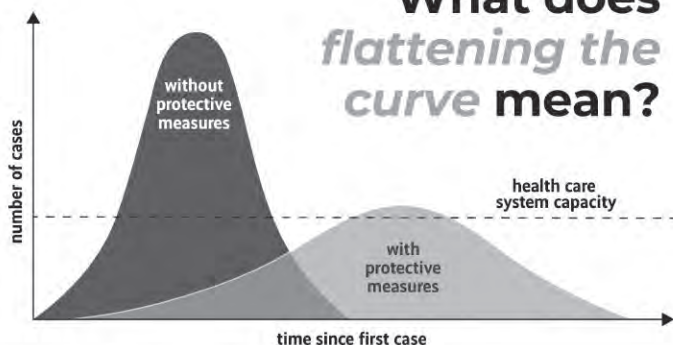
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**WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU!**

## YOU CAN HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE OF COVID-19

### What does flattening the curve mean?



The idea of flattening the curve is to delay the peak of cases so we don't overwhelm the healthcare system.

A more gradual increase in cases means that people will still get infected but those who get severe disease will get the best healthcare when they need it.

### What You Can Do:



#### STAY HOME

Stay home as much as possible and limit trips to essential services such as groceries and medical care.



#### PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Keep a safe distance from others, at least 6 feet, and avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.



#### PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.



#### WEAR A FACE COVERING

Consider wearing a cloth face covering when in public to help prevent spread of the virus to others. This is not a substitute for staying 6 feet away.

Sources:  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Maricopa County Department of Public Health

INFORMATION & UPDATES:  
[MARICOPA.GOV/COVID19](http://MARICOPA.GOV/COVID19)



### RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES DURING COVID-19

#### Attention Community Veterans, friends, and families of Veterans!

Below is a link to an article with information on staying safe during this pandemic as well as resources available to Veterans and their families to help cope with daily battles they may be facing during this trying time.

[www.facebook.com/WeArePREVENTS](https://www.facebook.com/WeArePREVENTS)

Additionally, if you know of a Veteran or are a Veteran that has any questions, concerns, are in need of

assistance, or are just wanting to connect with someone; please feel free to contact Salt River Veteran Representatives:

Troy Truax  
(480) 252-8060 or

Amanda White  
(480) 241-4123

Source: Salt River Veterans Office

## SRPMIC has gone to three ways to obtain a payment due to COVID-19

1. DIRECT DEPOSIT
2. MAIL or
3. PAY CARD

**SIGN-UP FOR A PAY CARD BY CALLING  
( 480) 362-7620**

#### Easy Steps:

1. Get Started, call (480) 362-7620
2. Use Your Card
  - \* Make Purchases
  - \* Get Cash
  - \* Cash Back Rewards
3. Track Spending
  - \* Cardholder Website
  - \* Text and Email Alerts
  - \* Mobile Banking App



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## LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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

**First Directive – April 1, 2020**

**STAY HOME, NO PUBLIC GATHERINGS, SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**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**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, a Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was issued for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (the "Community"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020 Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey announced Arizona schools state-wide are closed through the end of the school year to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020 Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order for the State of Arizona to "Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected" outlining enhanced mitigation measures to combat COVID-19 escalating the directives from the Declaration of Emergency issued on March 11, 2020 (the "Arizona Directives"); and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 1, 2020 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 1,413 cases of COVID-19 with 29 deaths and increasing widespread risk in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat within the Community for infectious disease spread to the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors if proper precautions recommended by emergency management and public health officials are not followed; and

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

Approved: April 1, 2020

**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**, pursuant to the SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 of March 18, 2020, I hereby issue additional directives for the Community in conjunction with the Arizona Directives and the Community Council, until further notice:

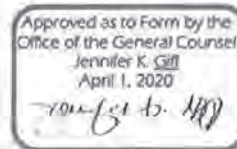
1. All residents of the Community shall remain at their place of residence unless to seek food and supplies, medical attention, provide direct aide or service for a neighbor or relative, for employment purposes or for other reasonable and necessary needs that follow the Arizona Directives especially daily outdoor exercise for health and well-being.
2. Businesses within the Community may continue to operate within the Community that are in compliance with the Arizona Directives and shall implement rules and procedures for physical distancing of individuals by a minimum of 6 feet.
3. Within the Community, all persons shall practice social distancing.
4. Throughout the Community there will be no public gatherings, in-person meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc. of 10 people or more, including funeral and wake services. Exceptions to this directive:
  - a. Gravesite services only may have a maximum of 20 people; or
  - b. If necessary to ensure that the functions of public health and safety continue, Community government departments are exempt from this meeting restriction; and
  - c. Each exception shall ensure physical distancing of individuals by a minimum of 6 feet.
5. The purpose of these directives is to stay home and maintain social distancing practices to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and to protect the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community. The Community shall practice self-monitoring and follow the recommended preemptive measures from health officials to minimize, prevent and reduce risk of exposure to and from COVID-19.
6. These directives shall be implemented by public safety officers of the Community to ensure the health, safety and public welfare of the Community against the COVID-19 pandemic.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA  
 INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martin Harvier, President

Attest:

Erica Harvier, Secretary



Approved: April 1, 2020



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## LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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

**TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020 and furthermore, the World Health Organization official declared a pandemic due to COVID on March 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 20 cases of COVID-19 and have additional patients under investigation linked in the global outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash and visitors of the Community if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

**WHEREAS**, in Arizona, public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, SRPMIC Health and Human Services and Emergency Operations report that the spread of COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, disease, complications and death for members, residents and visitors of the Community, particularly those with underlying medical conditions or the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the local emergency declaration process under Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community's Code of Ordinances, the Community requires the President to declare a local emergency to institute special or

additional procurement and safety procedures to protect the public health, welfare, and safety or lessen the impacts of COVID -19; and

**WHEREAS**, as President of the Community, I recognize that it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents and visitors of the Community remain safe and healthy; 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.

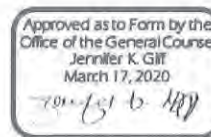
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** I hereby declare a local emergency against the COVID-19 pandemic for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and as President I, or in my absence the Vice President, shall have the authority to put in place reasonable measures to maintain order and protect lives and property under Article V, Section 1-500 of the Community Code, until further notice:

1. To address increased concerns of potential public health impacts due to risk and exposure to the COVID-19, especially for our elders, by encouraging self-monitoring and practicing recommended preemptive measures to minimize, prevent and reduce risk of exposure to and from COVID-19.
2. In declaring the local emergency, all Community departments, programs, enterprise boards will comply and adhere to directives instructions, and/or policies forthcoming for the Community related to COVID-19.
3. In declaring a local emergency, the community manager may make or authorize others to make emergency procurements in response to COVID-19 pursuant to Art. V, Section 1-502 of the Community Code.
4. The Community will continue to impose restrictions on public gatherings, meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc. to limit the spread of COVID-19.
5. Community owned facilities not serving an essential government function including but not limited to the museum, libraries, Boys and Girls Club, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, the Way of Life Facility, etc., shall reduce, limit or cease operations to safeguard staff at such facilities, as well as members of the Community, residents, and visitors.

Martin Harvier, President

Attest:

Erica Harvier, Council Secretary



**Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

**COVID-19 HOTLINE (480) 362-2603**

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**Text SRPMIC to 474747**

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION:**

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court, Address: 10040 East Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**  
 All Juvenile Court Cases report to Courtroom #3 on the 1st Floor.  
**FAILURE TO APPEAR CAN AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS**

**CARLOS, ALYSSA** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0009/J-19-0030 Court Date: June 18, 2020 at 9 A.M.

**FRENCH, CHARLICIA VENEZUELA** - Notice of Filing: Petition for Permanent Guardianship of Minor Case: J-20-0050/0051

**GARCIA SR., OSCAR** - Review Hearing Case: J-15-0043 Court Date: June 3, 2020 at 3 p.m.

**LUCERO-JOHNSON, JOSHUA ERIC** - Notice of Filing: Petition

for Permanent Guardianship of Minor Case: J-20-0050/0051

**MANUEL, MORNING STAR LORENA** - Review/ Permanency Hearing/ Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-19-0042/0043 Court Date: June 16, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**MORATAYA SR., CESILIO** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0180 Court Date: June 9, 2020 at 10 a.m.

**SPEX, DEVEN ARLESSE** - Review Hearing Case: J-16-0234 Court Date: June 16, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**VALLES, NAVA ROBERT** - Review Hearing Case: J-18-0009 Court Date: June 18, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**VEST, IVAN ANTHONY - REVIEW** Hearing Case: J-16-0234 Court Date: June 16, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**VEST, JACOB SEAN** - Review/ Permanency Hearing/

Exceptional Care Hearing Case: J-19-0042/ 0043 Court Date: June 16, 2020 at 11 a.m.

**CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION:**

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court, Address: 10040 East Osborn Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
**CONTACT: (480) 362-6315**  
 Civil Court Cases Report to Courtroom #1/#2 on the 1st Floor.  
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**NO CIVIL NOTICES AT THIS TIME**

**DEFAULT NOTICES**

**SUMMONS J-20-0019**

In the Matter of: B.F.S. (D.O.B.: 2/20/2004) an alleged dependent child

TO: Joseph Richard Sermeno

On November 21, 2019, a Petition was filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a dependent child as defined at S.R.O. § 11-2 Dependent child. You may obtain a copy of the petition by calling (480) 362-6315.

**WARNING:** Failure to attend any hearing without good cause shown may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights to be present and defend against the allegation(s) in the petition. The hearing may go forward without you and may result in a finding of dependency, and the Court could make permanent orders by motion. Further, failure to appear at Court hearings or to participate in services may result in the termination of your parental rights or the establishment of a permanent guardianship.

Failure to appear at any Court hearing after receiving notice of the hearing may result in a bench warrant being issued for parent's/guardian's/custodian's immediate arrest.

**NOTICE, Violation of this Order is Subject to Proceedings for Contempt of Court Pursuant to Salt River Community Code Section 6-42.** The Court May Find the Parent, Guardian or Custodian in Contempt for Failure to Appear at a Court Hearing or For Failure to Follow Court Orders.

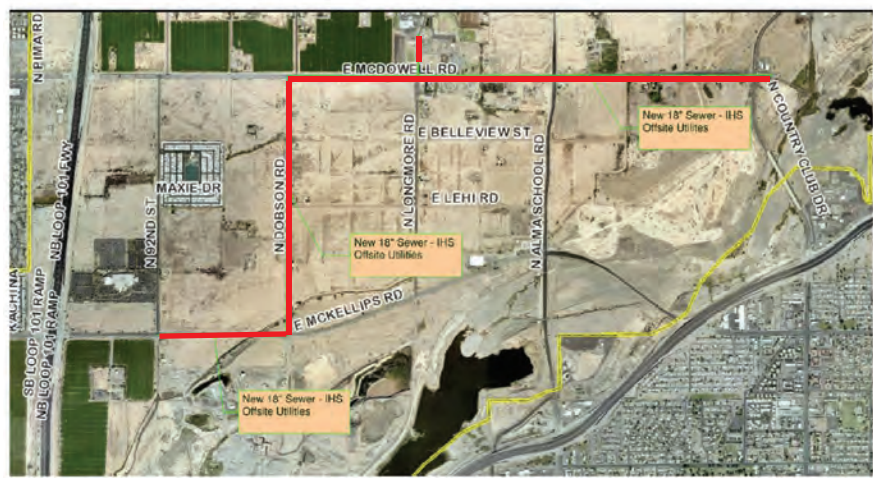
Clerk of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Court

**Public Works Notice**

**NEACC Offsite Water and Sewer Project**  
 Sewer Line Installation and Pavement Replacement  
 Limited Vehicle Access within Project Area

**Start Date: Monday, April 13, 2020**  
**Completion Date: Friday, February 26, 2021**

**PUBLIC WORKS CONTACT**  
**SALVADOR GARCIA (480) 516-9678**  
 Contractor: MayDall Construction, LLC



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NOTICE: AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 25 OF THE SRPMIC CODE OF ORDINANCES**

On December 4, 2019 in general Council session, and in accordance with the SRPMIC Ordinance Development Policy (Policy 1-20), the SRPMIC Council approved a public comment period of one-hundred twenty (120) days for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, Chapter 25 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances. On April 1, 2020, the SRPMIC Council approved an extension of the public comment period to September 2, 2020.

The purpose of the 2019 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance is to improve formatting and clarify language, update certain Articles/Sections of Zoning Ordinance for clarification, simplification, or to reflect development needs, and to update the zoning map for use of tribally owned land for government services.

The Zoning Ordinance establishes laws and regulations that define how property in specific zones can be used, the application processes for reviewing and approving uses and development, and the regulations on building and site improvements, such as size, intensity and setback of buildings, parking, lighting, signage and landscaping. Community Council adopted the current Zoning Ordinance on July 1, 2015.

A copy of the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance can be picked-up at the Office of General Counsel or Community Development Department offices. An electronic copy can also be found on the SRPMIC Intranet website by clicking the link heading: "Ordinance Public Comments"

**TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:**

MAIL: Attn: Niccole King Office of the General Counsel Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community 10005 East Osborn Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85256	EMAIL: Niccole.King@srpmic-nsn.gov	INTRANET SRPMIC HOME PAGE:  Click on link (under Connections Resources): 'Ordinance Public Comments'	DROP OFF: Attn: Niccole King Office of the General Counsel, SRPMIC 10061 East Osborn Road (Two Waters, Building A, 3rd Floor)
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THE DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS IS: SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 AT MIDNIGHT

For questions, please contact Rick McAllister, Janice See or Suzanne Colver, (480) 362-7600.

**HOW COVID-19 SPREADS**

**PERSON-TO-PERSON SPREAD**

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms. Maintaining good social distance (about 6 feet) is very important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

**SPREAD FROM CONTACT WITH CONTAMINATED SURFACES OR OBJECTS**

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main

way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus. CDC recommends people practice frequent "hand hygiene," which is either washing hands with soap or water or using an alcohol-based hand rub. CDC also recommends routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

**HOW EASILY THE VIRUS SPREADS**

How easily a virus spreads from person-to-person can vary. Some viruses are highly contagious, like measles, while other viruses do not spread as easily. Another factor is whether the spread is sustained, which means it goes from person-to-person without stopping.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading very easily and sustainably between people. Information from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic suggest that this virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza, but not as efficiently as measles, which is highly contagious.

**WASH YOUR HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS & KEEP THEM AWAY FROM YOUR FACE.**

**SRPMIC WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE**

The 2019 Salt River Water Quality Report, which contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water, is available to view online at <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/SaltRiverWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in Lehi can see their report at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/LehiWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in North Mesa can see their report at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/NMesaWQR/>

Customers who receive tap water in Landfill can see their report at: <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/LandfillWQR/>

To request a printed copy of this report, please contact the Public Works Department at 480-362-5600 or email at [PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov). For a translation of the water quality report or to speak with someone about the report please call 480-362-5600 or email at [PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov](mailto:PWWaterResources@SRPMIC-nsn.gov).



**PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE**

FROM MEMORIAL SERVICES

**As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions related to memorials and funeral services are in effect IMMEDIATELY.**

- **Services will be limited to graveside ONLY** (With a maximum allowed attendance of 20 individuals and a maximum of 2 hours)
- **NO wakes, memorials, funeral services, family meetings, or meals of any kind will be held in the Memorial Hall, Xalychidom Piipaash Nyvaash, or any other Community facilities**
- **The Community will NOT provide any type of equipment** (tents, tables, chairs, wood, etc.) **to individual homes**
- **Everyone is reminded to limit gatherings, to practice social distancing and practice good hygiene to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus**

After this pandemic has passed, our dedicated Memorial Services team will assist all families in planning and conducting memorial services for our members who have passed during this difficult time.

If you have questions or need assistance with burial arrangements, please contact our Memorial Services team at (480) 278-7050.

## SALT RIVER BUSINESS LISTINGS

**AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING- RMG MECHANICAL**  
Comm. member own business. One job done right the first time! We service all makes and models. License #ROC310871 Bonded & Insured. Rebecca Gonzales, (480) 334-1257 Rmgmechanical@gmail.com

**ART & MAX'S LANDSCAPING**  
Free estimates mowing, service, sprinkler, repair, trimming tree clean up, maintenance. Max, (480) 667-9403 Art.maxlandscaping@gmail.com

**7/ ANTONE LEGAL SERVICE**  
David Antone (480) 200-6555

**ANTHONY'S ELECTRIC**  
Reasonable prices, Comm. Member, Electrician for 19 years, Honesty & Respect is priority. Anthony, (480) 825-8606 anthonycarlos9910@gmail.com

**AU-AUTHUM KI, INC.**  
Commercial construction. Margaret Rodriguez, (480) 250-7566

**AW-THUM CRAFTS & EDUCATION**  
Reconstructing the "Tools of Yesterday." history and cultural presentations. Royce Manuel, (480) 694-6045 royce.manuel.awthum@gmail.com

**BOXING BEARS PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Boxing Bears Photography is a photography business based in Scottsdale, Arizona. We specialize in portrait photography and photobooths. Cody Wood, (480) 272-4035 boxingbearsphotography.com cody@boxingbearsphotography.com

**BUTLER BUILDERS**  
New construction and Remodel. Rudy Butler, (602) 510-7086

**DALIA'S LANDSCAPING**  
Yard maintenance / tree trimming, sprinkler repairs and service. Sherry Harris, (480) 580-0501/ (480) 868-5452 daliarendiz0815@icloud.com

**DALLAS PROFESSIONAL PAINTING**  
Commercial Painting Company, Licensed, Bonded, Insured, ROC#250102 David Dallas, (623) 337-4070 david@dallaspropainting.com

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Reasonably priced brake jobs. Minor vehicle repair. Free estimates. Onsite or Mobile repairs possible. After hour available. Delton Barrera, (480) 362-1374

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**ESSENTIAL NUTRITION**  
Herbalife Nutrition Supplements and SKIN products. L. Michelle Tenorio, (480) 421-8747

**FREE SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Portraits, family photos, graduation, small weddings, nature, kids' portraits, infant, Native American apparel, small events. Heather Williams, (480) 643-0515 Hawm73@gmail.com Hawm73.wixsite.com/freespiritphotogra-1

**JOE'S COMMUNITY LANDSCAPING**  
Jose Gloria, Jr. (480) 823-4473

**MOQUINO'S BODY & PAINT LLC. Auto Body Work and Paint LLC.**  
Comm. member 15 percent discount. Pete Moquino, (480) 236-3033/ 829-9227 moquinoscustompaint@yahoo.com

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For all your hair needs, 30 plus year experiences specializing in trending haircuts, color, highlighting, perms, blow dry's, also manicure, pedicure and facial waxing. Linda Baptisto, (602) 525-9142 hairbylindab@yahoo.com

**NATIVE CREATIVE APPAREL, LLC**  
Native American themed clothing for babies, kids and adults. Design your own custom shirts Isaac Lopez, (480) 410-8685 / (562) 761-9341 nativecreativeapparel@gmail.com

**NATURES DEFENSE**  
Do it yourself pest control. All organic, non-toxic, chemical free. Safe/effective against roaches, scorpions, fleas/ticks, beetles, bed bugs and more! JB Cortez, (480) 453-9371 www.saltriverjb@gmail.com

**PIMA AWARDS PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS, INC**  
Promotional products, silkscreened and embroidered apparel, custom made awards and printing services. Anna Lee, (623) 271-8311

**PIMARA CONSTRUCTION**  
Civil & structural engineering. Virginia Loring, (480) 251-6849 vlpimara@cox.net

**PIIPASH SHELL**  
4001. N. Pima Scottsdale, AZ Michael Smith- Owner Piipash LLC

(602) 524-2955 (cell) (480) 947-6400 (store) piipash@hotmail.com

**RED MOUNTAIN ENGINEERING, LLC**  
Full service civil engineering, surveying and consulting firm. Patrick D. Dallas, (480) 237-2708 www.redmtengineering.com

**REZHAWK TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC**  
Please call for appointment. Lock out available. Eric Schurz, (480) 735-9730

**ROYAL SUN COUNT CAMERA ARTE**  
Photography incl. calendars, portfolios, photo, and business cards. Royal Schurz, (480) 289-0119

**RUBEN'S CUSTOMS Electrical / Residential/ Commercial**  
Complete customs home, remodels and repairs. Ruben Martinez, (480) 238-4418

**RUBEN'S TOWING**  
Auto repairs/ suspension / auto body & paint/ audio. Ruben Martinez, (480) 238-4418

**SALT RIVER HOSPITALITY**  
Food service, bar, janitorial equipment and supplies. J.B. Cortez, (480) 945-0062 srh@srpmic.com

**7 STARS OF ARIZONA, LLC**  
Concrete & Masonry construction, General contraction ROC#26357. Angela Willeford, (602) 889-7290 angelawilleford@sevenstarscompany.com

**STAYSHONS CHEVRON**  
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## CHURCH LISTING

### LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak, Mesa, AZ 85203  
Mailing Address: PO Box 4628 Mesa, AZ 85211  
Pastor Merrill Jones (480) 234-6091  
**SERVICES**  
-For Sunday Services check out Facebook Live stream for times below at Lehi Church of the Nazarene  
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
-Wed. Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.  
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month.

### FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi) Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Neil Price (480) 278-0750  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday School, 9 a.m.  
-Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
-Wed. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.  
-Sunday night Women's Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Limited to 10 people at a time and planning to go digital.

### LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak Mesa, AZ 85203  
Pastor Annette Lewis annette.f.Lewis@gmail.com (480) 404-3284

### SERVICES

-Sunday service suspended until further notice

### PAPAGO WARD THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER DAY SAINTS

Extension/ Oak St., Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday service suspended until further notice

### PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Pastor Marty Thomas (480) 874-3016/ Home: (480) 990-7450  
**SERVICES**  
-Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
-Tues. Bible Study 6 p.m.

### SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Rev. Chris Sampson (480) 947-5278  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.  
-Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
-Sunday Evening Services, 6 p.m.  
-Wed. Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
-Check out our Facebook page for updates

### SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201 (720) 626-2171

### SERVICES

-Small Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
-No Bible Classes until further notice.

### SALT RIVER INDEPENDENT CHAPEL

10501 E. Palm Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
Rev. Melvin C. Anton

### SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125, Scottsdale, AZ 85271  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

### ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(480) 994-0952  
(602) 292-4466 (cell)  
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant  
Parish President: Cindy Thomas  
Father Alcuin Hurl and Father Anthony Ticker  
**SERVICES**  
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m. Closed till further notice.  
-Church will be open on Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. limited people  
-Private prayer, with 10 people or less.

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*This is subject to change. Look for updated information on the SRPMIC website and Facebook*

SRPMIC Coronavirus (COVID-19) 24 Hour Hotline: 480-362-2603

#### DHHS ESSENTIAL SERVICES

##### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Public Health Nursing (480) 362-5555  
Centralized Scheduling (Medical/Dental) (480) 946-9066  
Behavioral Health (Outpatient) (480) 362-5707  
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Pharmacy Refill Line (602) 200-5384  
Financial Assistance (480) 362-7350  
WIC (480) 362-7300  
HHS Transportation (480) 362-5655

The following services are open to ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS:  
**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.
- Nonessential wellness visits will be rescheduled to after April 12th.
- Essential acute symptom visits will be seen in clinic.

- Labs will only be drawn if necessary.
- 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 FIDUCIARY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

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.

On April 7, 2020 we established a drive-up pick up pharmacy area which is open 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.

- 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.

#### SRPMIC CLINIC IMPLEMENTS COVID-19 TESTING

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Clinic has implemented a "drive up" clinic for testing patients for COVID-19 stationed in the SR Clinic parking lot.

It is important that you call in first. Without this step, you will be turned away from testing. These steps are in place to make sure we are best utilizing our limited testing kits and supplies while keeping our clinical staff safe.

This service is for enrolled SRPMIC members and enrolled American Indians of a federally recognized tribe.

**THE 'DRIVE-UP' SERVICE IS SCHEDULED:**  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How you can be tested:  
If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and want to be triaged at the SR clinic this is what you should do:

- Call the COVID-19 Hotline: 480-362-2603, select option 2 and go through the automated evaluation of symptoms. If you have two or more symptoms, you will be transferred to a Public Health Nurse for further evaluation.
- The Public Health Nurse will determine if testing should be conducted, and will advise on next steps. Your information will be sent to the

testing team, so that they will be prepared to receive you.

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SRPMIC website for COVID-19 and related information  
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