



Northeast Ambulatory Care Center Topping Off Ceremony

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A little over six months ago, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council and staff from the Health and Human Services department gathered on an empty lot adjacent to the Beeline Pit Stop, on the southwest corner of Highway 87 (Beeline Highway) and McDowell Road, to mark the groundbreaking of the Northeast Ambulatory Care Center (NEACC). On Thursday, July 23, the same people gathered for the topping-off ceremony for the NEACC.

Engineering and Construction Services Senior Construction Manager Joshua

Sciacca led a tour of the site. Afterward, he and the visitors, who included SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, Council Representatives Thomas Largo and Deanna Scabby, and Administration staff, made their way to the front of the building to sign the final steel beam before it was lifted up into place.

"The main trades we had on site over the last six to eight months have been our earthwork crews and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing crews doing the underground and infrastructure. Masonry, steel, concrete ... [these crews] continue to finish that up," said Sciacca,

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community government has extended its operation of essential services to August 31, due to COVID-19.

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July 31, 2020 Update From SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Vice-President Ricardo Leonard provided the weekly update, including the SRPMIC COVID-19 testing update. *The update can be found on page 12.*

Vice-President Leonard reported that the SRPMIC Council approved a fourth directive that closes the Verde River/Salt River ("Red Mountain River Area") to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Salt River Fire Department reports that the growth of fire fuels has reached an extreme condition, which would jeopardize the health and safety of anyone within the Red Mountain River Area, including first responders. The area will be closed except for access by Community members to gather natural materials or for traditional religious purposes of the Onk Akimel O'odham and Xalychidom Piipaash. This directive goes into effect on Friday, August 7, at 8 p.m. To read the full directive, see page 16.

Other brief notices:

- Saddleback Communications is extending a 50% discount on all services to Community-member homes for the month of August. This will be the last month Saddleback will provide the discounted rate; non-

discounted rates will resume with the September 1 billing.

- We are still accepting applications for the relief fund. Go to <https://srpmic-nsn.gov/relief-payment>. The first checks will go out on August 7.
- Please fill out the 2020 Census so that Salt River's full population can be counted. Our federal funding is dependent on the number of people living in our Community. Go to www.2020census.gov.

Also, the SRPMIC will remain operating under essential services until the end of August.

I want to say something about Filmore Carlos, our past SRPMIC president, who passed away recently. He was a good man. He barely spoke about himself, never talked about his deeds—his words were always about the Community. Rest in peace, Mr. Carlos.

Finally, I want to remind all of you to stay hydrated. Watch out for your family members, and if you are lucky enough to have grandparents or even great-grandparents, please check on their welfare and be careful around them to prevent spread of COVID-19.

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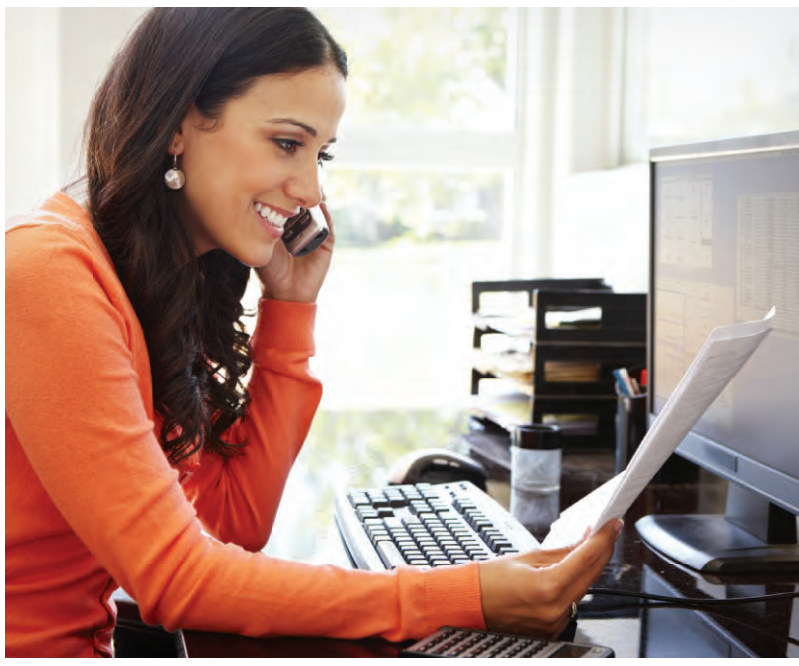
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Deanna Scabby
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Candidate Statements will appear in the August 6, O'odham Action News

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COVID-19: Healthy Communities and Workplaces' Webinar

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Arizona State University's School for the Future of Innovation in Society and Salt River Project have been conducting a series of webinars to keep Arizonans informed about the latest scientific findings on the COVID-19 pandemic and to help connect members of the community to share experiences and lessons learned. The second webinar, titled "COVID-19: Healthy Communities and Workplaces," took place on July 8 via Zoom and focused on the current state of the pandemic and how different organizations are working to keep employees and community members safe. The webinar featured Dr. Timothy Lant, mathematical epidemiologist, ASU Director of Program Development, The Biodesign Institute; Dr. Joshua LaBaer, executive director of The Biodesign Institute; Salt River Pima Maricopa-Indian Community President Martin Harvier; and Casino Arizona CEO Dennis H. Leong.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been an important issue for ASU to address for both how we are going about sustaining education of our students and our research programs," said Gary Dirks, senior director of the ASU Global Futures Laboratory, during the opening remarks. "But [it's also important] for us in supporting the community through advice, medical research, testing and a whole array of different ways we can support the community."

Lant and LaBaer's presentation focused on epidemiology and how the medical profession is approaching COVID-19 testing, antibodies and vaccines. Lant is with a group of scientists in Arizona that are supporting state decision-makers with data and data analysis concerning COVID-19.

He talked about the current statistics regarding COVID-19 in Arizona, what the data are telling us, and the nuances in working with the data. He provided a quick overview of data on COVID-19 positive test results, hospitalizations and deaths.

"We generally think we have a two- to three-week delay in reporting data on hospitalizations, where we try to match them to the date [patients] are admitted to the hospital. But what we are seeing right now is that [hospitalizations are] actually trailing off," said Lant. "This looks like a good sign, but it's actually undetermined if this trend is going to start decreasing. It's unlikely simply because of the rising rate of cases we have, but it gives us a glimpse of what the hospitals are dealing with right now in terms of [bed] availability and resources such as ventilators."

Lant also explained projections that hospital usage will hit capacity, which they were seeing in the first two weeks of July. For example, Tucson hospitals were completely out of room for patients.

Coronavirus Review

Dr. LaBaer and The Biodesign Institute have been extremely active in developing testing protocols for both COVID-19 and COVID antibodies, as well as working on vaccines. LaBaer explained that the name "coronavirus" comes from the virus's structure, which looks like a crown ("corona" means crown). The virus comes from a large family of RNA viruses, which means they contain RNA as their genetic material.

LaBaer explained how a virus works. "Remember, a virus is not really a living thing, but it's kind of like a piece of paper in an office that says 'copy me.' Some person walks up, sees that paper and feels compelled to go make copies.

Now you have multiple copies of papers that say 'copy me,' and more and more machinery of the office gets devoted to making copies. Viruses are more sophisticated than that; they have all kinds of little added benefits that trick cells to do more work for them, and in the end, it can wreak havoc in the system."

The coronavirus family affects a lot of different organisms, primarily birds and mammals. Bats in particular tend to carry many coronaviruses because of the type of immune system they have.

LaBaer explained that "the coronavirus trifecta" includes high morbidity and mortality, being readily transmissible, and peak of infectivity occurring before symptoms. The coronavirus has a high morbidity and mortality rate—10 times worse than the flu. It is readily transmissible by the airborne route through droplets and aerosols, which can survive and linger in the air for hours. The peak of activity occurs when the person is pre-symptomatic or in some case asymptomatic. This means that people can be unwitting carriers of the virus and transmit it to other individuals.

"This is like a fire spreading through the city, but there is no water to put out the fire and no way to stop its spread," said LaBaer. "The only way we can prevent spread is to make sure that no fire comes in contact with anything else it can burn, because once it does it will light that on fire. We're always consistently trying to keep whatever fires we have isolated until they burn out. Our goal is to test people and get them isolated before they spread it to others. The goal is to interrupt transmission and save lives."

LaBaer also touched on the different tests and their potential uses. They have been conducting qPCR testing for viral RNA, which informs an individual of their current infection so they can take the preventive measures to stop

potential transmission. The other test is the antibody test, which can detect past exposure to COVID-19. This take up to 10 to 14 days past the initial infection date to be positive. The antibody test can help with experimental therapy and identify those who are potentially immune to COVID-19.

COVID-19 in Communities and Workplaces

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier provided a brief history and overview of the Community, including its members, employees and enterprises.

"Like everything else, it seems like [it all comes down to] communication," Harvier said. "One of the things that was first done here in the Community was creating websites and using social media so that our membership and anyone who wants to can go to these websites and find out what's going on here in the Community," said Harvier. "On March 18, 2020, through a declaration of emergency, we put some information out to our Community on [preventive steps to take]; also, the Community government went to essential services only, which we are still going through now until we feel that needs to be lifted. A phased plan approach has been developed by the executive staff of our government, and we will follow those phased plans in restarting our government."

One of the mandates in the emergency declaration was wearing a face mask within the Community boundaries. Businesses within the Community have been able to reopen as long as they are following the guidelines established by the state of Arizona.

"With the Community being a sovereign nation, we really don't have to follow the state guidelines, but we try to

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White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Visits AZ Tribal Leaders

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On Wednesday, July 1, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier and SRPMIC representatives Joe Remitera, Dr. Nancy Mangieri and Gary Bohnee attended a meeting with Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus response coordinator, to get some perspective on how tribes are dealing with COVID-19 in their respective communities. Also included in the meeting were Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Lewis and Pascua Yaqui Councilwoman Herminia Frias.

The purpose of the meeting was to educate Birx about the uniqueness of tribal health systems, explained SRPMIC Special Assistant on Congressional and Legislative Affairs Gary Bohnee. If they are not fully dependent on the Indian Health Service for care, tribes have different levels of services they provide (self-governance tribes). For example, the SRPMIC clinic is outpatient only, so there continues to be a reliance on external health systems for inpatient care.

"All tribes at the table are self-governance tribes that administer their own health systems," said Bohnee. "The purpose is to be able to address the Community better than the IHS. However, each tribe has their unique challenges with IHS. For the SRPMIC it is critical to be able to access sufficient testing and also get quick results from IHS for those tests that are being processed by their lab."

Harvier and staff provided an overview of what is happening in the Community regarding COVID-19 and how the Community is keeping members aware of up-to-date information on the topic. They discussed the challenges of



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SRPMIC President Martin Harvier gifts White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx with a face mask that featured a shield design with the words "Stay Safe! Stay Strong!"; Birx wore the mask during a White House Coronavirus Disease task force briefing getting national attention. Photo courtesy of SRPMIC Administration

getting COVID-19 test results back in a timely manner, working more seamlessly with the IHS and the need to access a quicker result that can be done with more testing machines, such as the Abbott ID NOW™, which can get COVID-19 test results back within 15

minutes.

SRPMIC Epidemiologist Nancy Mangieri emphasized that the Community is working to establish a strong public-health infrastructure. She asked for resources to support the Community's COVID-19 efforts, such as the rapid testing machines, more access to laboratory services to reduce time spent waiting for test results, and understanding how tribes with independent health services interact with and are supported by the IHS.

At the end of the meeting, SRPMIC President Harvier presented Birx with a face mask that later caught a national spotlight as she wore it in a news briefing a week later. The white mask had an embroidered shield design in black, white and red and the words "Stay Safe! Stay Strong!" During the White House Coronavirus Disease Task Force briefing at the U.S. Education Department in Washington on July 8, alongside United States Vice-President Mike Pence and other senior officials, Birx wore the mask that was given to her by Harvier from her visit with Arizona tribal leaders the week prior.

"I know a lot of people watch what I wear; I am wearing this (points at her

face mask) especially today; this [mask] came from the Salt River tribe," said Birx at the briefing as she started her speech and expressed the importance of wearing a face mask. "Masks can be a fashion statement."

Birx also is known for wearing colorful scarves; in fact, the scarves have their own dedicated Instagram account with more than 40,000 followers.

"The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community supports the use of face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. On June 19, 2020, the SRPMIC initiated its second directive making face coverings mandatory within the Community's jurisdiction under its SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration implemented on March 18, 2020," said Community Relations Department Director Janet Johnson. "The significance of the face covering symbol reflects a warrior's shield; today the shield represents our modern fight against COVID-19 and the importance of the safety and well-being of our 10,800+ enrolled membership, employees and guests through our Stay Strong! Stay Safe! #ShieldUpSaltRiver campaign. The wearing of the face covering gifted to Dr. Birx exhibits her understanding and our efforts to help minimize the spread of COVID-19."

Shield logo masks have been distributed by the "Be a Hero Stay Zero: Help Make Face Masks" campaign, for which people can donate their time by making face masks to give to SRPMIC members and residents who are unable to buy masks or make their own. So far, masks have been distributed to essential workers, Community seniors and people who test positive but do not have face masks. For more information on #ShieldUpSaltRiver, visit the SRPMIC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SRPMIC/.

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No Symptoms
Scheduling out 5 business days (no symptoms, no exposure)

DHHS is working to make more appointments available to better, and more quickly, meet the Community's needs. If you would like to get tested sooner, here are some additional testing options available:

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Scheduling 1-2 days out

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COVID-19 Testing Locations

Check out COVID-19 testing sites, hours of operation, and information about pre-registration are available on this map. Additional sites and dates are constantly being added, please check back often.

Listed are a few locations:

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Welcome to the Council Corner.

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

JUNE 24, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS

Technical Amendment to Proposed Ordinance – This ordinance had a public comment period with no comments received. Council approved an ordinance that amends SRO-516-2020 to clarify that divorce decrees no longer require a Chief Judge’s signature.

Ordinance Amendment for Traffic Dispositions – This ordinance had a public comment period with no comments received. Council approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 16, Section 263(b) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances to allow court staff who are officers of the court to dispose of certain traffic citations upon the presentation of specific documentation.

SRMG-Sidewalk Easement – Council approved a resolution granting to the City of Phoenix a permanent easement for sidewalk purposes at the Lower Buckeye Cement Terminal in Maricopa County, Arizona.

(4) Resolutions - SRMG-Worldpay, LLC Agreement and UTA Agreement – 1. To accept credit cards as a forms of pay from customers, Council approved a resolution authorizing Phoenix Cement Company (PCC) to enter into a credit card processing agreement with Worldpay, LLC, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

2. Council approved a resolution authorizing PCC to enter into a check guarantee provider agreement with United Tranzations, LLC, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

3. Council approved a resolution for Salt River Sand & Rock to enter into a check guarantee provider agreement with United Tranzations, LLC, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

4. Council approved a resolution authorizing Salt River Sand & Rock to enter into a check guarantee provider agreement with United Tranzations, LLC, that includes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

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

Salt River Police Department Update – A summary of operations report of major incidents through June 16-23, 2020 was provided.

Treasury Matter, Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, OGC Items (Executive Session)

JULY 1, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS

Variance Amendment – This was for Council follow-up from a public hearing held on May 27, 2020 for an applicant’s request for a Use Variance Amendment. Council approved a resolution to modify variance resolutions SR-2104-2001 and SR-2317-2004 by adding additional site area to the existing use variances for the Pima Center Project (Case Number 20-UV-01).

Talking Stick Golf Development Agreement – Council approved a resolution to consent to a development agreement, including a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, for a resort hotel among the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Salt River Community Golf Enterprises and Warnick-Derito, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, for the development of approximately 58.8 acres of allotted land located within the lease premises of the amended and restated business lease B-191-1, and within the exterior boundaries of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.”

Northeast Ambulatory Care Center (NEACC) Video – An informational video was shown regarding the NEACC project along Beeline Highway and McDowell Roads.

Community Member Comments – Two Community Member Comments were received.

1. Comments were received regarding river access or closure, concerns on SHRRP/HHS employee mask requirement, testing time period, and gaming employee testing requirements. Staff responded that Council is monitoring the river reports from SRPD. In addition, the COVID-19 situation is monitored and follow-up for mask requirements and clinic testing will be followed up on.

2. Comment received to suggest visuals to be used regarding COVID-19 effects in the Community. Staff agreed and will work on using more visuals.

Administrative Report – The Community Manager reported on river cleanup efforts and recreation area clearing.

Salt River Police Department Update – A summary of operations report of major incidents through June 23-30, 2020 was provided.

SRMG Huntington Capital Investment, Land Management Board Application Review, OGC Items – (Executive Session)

JULY 2, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS

Internal Audit – Internal Audit staff reviewed each enterprises’ organization chart and compensation.

Memorial Services, Journey to Recovery – (Executive Session)

JULY 08, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS

Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand and Rock Company Ordinances – Council approved a 30 day public comment period for the proposed governing ordinances amendments of PCC and SR S&R “to prepare an annual budget of income, expenses

and capital expenditures an capital expenditures in a form approved by the Community’s Treasurer and to adopt an annual budget that is approved by the Community Council”.

Phoenix Cement Company Agreements – Council approved (3) resolutions to enter into agreements with Pacificorp, General Indemnity, and ST Equipment & Technology, that include a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

Enrollment Certification – Council approved the second quarter enrollment figures for calendar year 2020 and for per capita verification numbers.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Salt River Project – Council tabled the MOA agreement for joint funding of area drainage master study north of Arizona canal.

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

Community Member Comments – A comment was received regarding the 401(k) revision. Staff responded that Council reviewed options and staff will respond to the status of the plan.

Salt River Police Department Update – A summary of operations report of major incidents through June 30 – July 7, 2020 was provided.

Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) – An update was provided on the 2020 Census stating 42% of members have returned their information. Information regarding the Arizona Primary and General Election, Legislative Bill update, and BIE Tribal education information was presented.

Exclusion Request, Gaming Regulatory Board Application Review, OGC Items (Executive Session)

JULY 9, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ITEMS

Legal Services office – Proposed amendments to the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances Section 4-4 were presented.

Salt River Materials Group (Executive Session)

JULY 15, 2020 – SKYPE COUNCIL MEETING ITEMS

Memorandum of Agreement with Salt River Project – Council approved a MOA for joint funding of area drainage master study North of Arizona Canal.

Gaming Regulatory Board Appointment – Council tabled to next week’s agenda.

Community Financial Relief Payment for COVID-19 – Council approved a resolution to approve a second general welfare doctrine payment to enrolled members of the SRPMIC, 18 years and older to provide Community members and their families with additional resources to ensure that the core needs of food, shelter, and other necessities can be purchased during the COVID-19 emergency.

Code Amendments* – Council discussed ordinance amendments, statutory and rule changes to current ordinances and statutes to provide clarification and help to ensure equal justice

across those who encounter the criminal justice system within the Community. Council continued discussion at the July 16, 2020 work session.

Fire Department Recommendation – The Salt River Fire Department (SRFD) discussed the wild land fire danger currently at the river and provided their recommendation. The SRFD will develop a plan for Council to consider partial closure of the river.

COVID-19 Update – The Community Manager provided an overview of the Covid-19 information on the Community.

SRPD Operations Report – The SRPD provided a weekly report of serious operations reports through July 8 – July 14, 2020.

Community Member Comment – A comment was received inquiring if businesses operating within the Community boundaries required to report positive COVID cases to SRPMIC Health Department. Response was that privately owned businesses in the corridor are currently not required to report to SRPMIC Health Department; however, going forward this information will be collected. The Community does track enrolled Community members that work for businesses in the Community who test positive.

Gaming Enterprise Monthly Report, Code Amendments, OGC Items - (Executive Session)

July 16, 2020 – Skype Council Work Session Items

Proposed Code Amendments* (Executive Session)

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

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

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
- Drive-Thru Pharmacy
- Senior Meal Distributions
- School Updates
- Student Meal Distributions

Baidaj Harvesting



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Summer is an important season for the O'odham and Piipaash. It marks the beginning of the new year and a time to celebrate a fruitful harvest and the rain that comes in the summer.

The baidaj, or harvesting of saguaro fruit, is an important ritual of the summer. When this fruit is ripe, the O'odham and Piipaash people go out into the desert to harvest it.

There are many cultural reasons why the fruit is harvested; primarily it is a time to come together and to help each other with picking the fruit. It all starts with a tool called the *kuipad*, which is created from long saguaro cactus ribs tied together using wire. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Ron Carlos explained how the tool is used to knock the fruit off the top of the saguaro cactuses.

"We made a couple *kuipad* out of saguaro cactus ribs," Carlos said. "I tied the cactus wood together with baling wire. A small crossbar is put on one end of the pole; that is the part used to knock off the fruit."

For Tohono O'odham Nation member Andrew Pedro, the baidaj starts a little bit before the fruit is ripe.

"To me, the process actually starts earlier," Pedro said. "Watching where the *hasan* starts to bloom and where

the *bahidaj* is growing. Gather *vapai* and *shegoi* to make *kuiput*. Then harvest when [the saguaro fruits] turn red or start opening."

Pedro must scope out where he will get the cactus ribs before he sets out to harvest.

"I look for *vapai* that's already long, so I don't have to tie that many together to get a good size," Pedro said. "Also, [I look for] ones that are thicker in diameter so they're stronger. And don't bend as much as using ones

When picking the *jun*, a lot of harvesters take the meat and leave the pod face up to bring the rain. Some harvesters go out and pick the fruit to have a sweet snack, and others gather it to create jams and syrups to store for a later date, the most common being the *sitol* that can be used to spread on bread or glaze on meat. You can also make fresh juice or make a pastry with the seeds.

Gila River Indian Community member Antonio "Gohk" Davis provided

cause it does make the Creator happy ... [T]he way I look at it, all those *hasan*, they're hundreds of years old. ... [I]f *hasan* could talk, they have seen a lot of development. They've seen the good and the bad that came through our communities. They're our elders; they are living beings. They are like our elders in our communities. They like to have those conversations, they like company. They like to invite you in, give you coffee, have a pastry, eat or just be in great company. Same thing with these *hasan* is to be in good company with them and pick them and let them know that you are still there. You still do care. Pick the *jun*, but leave the pod there. Also give thanks: Sing to them, talk to them, say a prayer for all of them because they are out there."

Davis encourages everyone to try the harvesting process. There will be trial and error, but the only way to learn is to get your hands dirty.

"Do it with the utmost respect in your heart and your mind. Know what you will use [the fruit] for; don't be stingy," Davis said. "Share. It's okay to share, especially with the Community elders who may not get out there to harvest but they know about these things. It brings back food memories and it allows them to connect with the earth again. It's going to engage different stories and life lessons ... [p]ainting a part of their life they can share with you."

"Having it be your own family tradition, something we can carry on. Because it does make the Creator happy ... [T]he way I look at it, all those *hasan*, they're hundreds of years old." - Antonio "Gohk" Davis

that are thin. They are a bit heavier to carry around, but, in my experience, it makes for easier picking."

Once the *kuipad* is created, people head out and gather the baidaj. This season, Pedro went out a few times.

"Well this season I went out, I believe, five times in about two and a half weeks," Pedro said. "Most times from about 5 to 10 a.m., depending on what I plan to do with *jun* afterwards. When the *bahidaj* opens up and the *jun* is exposed, it dries and becomes really sweet. You can find the dried *jun* on the ground or sometimes in trees that grow close to *hasan*; [the fruit] falls [from the saguaro] and gets caught in branches. Or [if they're] picked when the pods still have the *jun* in them, they can be left out to further dry."

some insight on the meaning behind the saguaro fruit harvest and why he goes out.

"Just really having that connection and making it yours," Davis said. "Having it be your own family tradition, something we can carry on. Be-



'COVID-19: Healthy Communities and Workplaces' Webinar

make sure that we do things that keep our members informed so that ... when they leave the Community, the same guidelines are in place," said Harvier.

Harvier also touched on the Community's Emergency Response Team and the different campaigns that have been put in place to help educate SRPMIC members and those who come into the Community. He also talked about the SRPMIC COVID-19 Testing Updates that are provided to the Community through the COVID-19 information page on the Community's website and through social media via Facebook. He touched on the testing that is conducted in the Community and how they have seen an overwhelming response and are looking into outsourcing some testing to get results back sooner.

Casino Arizona CEO Dennis H. Leong discussed how Casino Arizona created new ways to provide a safe environment for employees and patrons as they opened up both properties at Talking Stick Resort and Casino Arizona.

The following safety measures are in effect:

- Employees and guest are required to wear masks.
- Temperature checks are conducted at customer and employee entrances.
- Both Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort are established non-smoking facilities.
- On the blackjack and poker tables, clear acrylic shields separate the dealers from the players, and the players from each other.
- In the slot areas, there are shields between the customers using the machines.
- The casino floor, slot machines, gaming tables and gaming chips are cleaned daily.

"Also, our efforts to maintain social distancing resulted in the temporary suspension of certain guest amenities, such as the closure of our hotel spa, valet services, buffet and fine-dining venues, and cancellation of our entertainment lineup," said Leong. "We view our collective safety measures as a fluid program. As we learn more about the virus and new technology becomes available to enhance the safety of the workplace environment, we'll assess and make the appropriate adjustments to our safety practices."

View the entire webinar on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1dfVb2cJD4.

'Zero Hero' Pledges Make a Difference

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Many Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community families are pledging to be a Zero Hero and help "zap" the COVID-19 pandemic out of the Community. Beginning on April 23, when non-Community and Community members send an email pledge to ZeroHero@srpmic-nsn.gov, participants will receive a form to fill out with their participant information, along with the names and ages of pledges in the household.

Once the form is filled out, participants will receive a thank-you letter in the mail for taking the pledge, along with a sticker and a wristband. The letter encourages participants to send a photo to the Zero Hero email address showcasing their Zero Hero sticker with their face mask on and to share how they're helping the Community to stay safe and healthy.

Zero Hero participants pledge to:

- Stay home except to pick up food, attend to medical needs or provide care for someone,
- Wash hands and surfaces often and thoroughly,
- Stay 6 feet or more apart from others,

- Wear a mask when out in public places, and
- Stay connected by communicating regularly with family and friends through social media, video chats or by phone.

As of July 16, the SRPMIC Community Relations Office reported that a total of 199 pledges have been received, from 72 children and 127 adults. Of the youth pledges, 39 were SRPMIC-enrolled children and 33 were non-SRPMIC-enrolled children. Of the adults, 49 were SRPMIC-enrolled and 78 were non-SRPMIC-enrolled. Use the #IamAZeroHero hashtag on social media to show pride in what you are doing to #ZaptheEpidemicRightOut.

Right: Gardell Johnson holds up his Zero Hero sticker sent to him for filling out the Zero Hero pledge form. Johnson and other participants also received a wristband. Photo courtesy of Gardell Johnson



Below: The Schaaf family gathers around for a family photo, proudly displaying their Zero Hero stickers. Photo courtesy of the Schaaf Family.



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Kids in the Kitchen

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As many adults work from home and stay quarantined, another group of people is stuck at home as well: kids and teenagers. With many institutions trying to keep people busy, schools are doing their best to keep education going through virtual means. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is thinking of the youth as well with Zoom sessions offered by Diabetes Prevention Services. Community Health Educator Tara John provided some information regarding their series of classes for youth ages 5 to 13 called "Kids in the Kitchen."

"The sessions are meant to be very interactive," John said. "All participants seem to enjoy being able to make something and eat what they create. At the start of each class, we discuss how the foods we are incorporating are beneficial for our bodies. For example, we had a lesson that focused on sugary beverages. We started by going over an infographic and discussing how much refined sugar can be in beverages such as soda, sports drinks and sweet tea."

Next, we discussed how we can naturally flavor our water by adding fruits, vegetables and herbs." Another lesson discussed the benefits of green foods. "For this class we made kale chips and discussed how green foods are a good source of vitamins and minerals such as potassium, folic acid and vitamin K."

It is up to the individuals to obtain the materials needed for each class. There is a system in place, which John explained.

"Because I am working with kids, I am very strict about who is able to join the Zoom class," John said. "I limit



the class to about 15 participants. I do encourage parents to email me so I have their name and email address. A week before the class, I send out a recipe card with the list of ingredients for what we are going to make. The day before each class, I send out Zoom invitations to the parents who RSVP'd to the class. For each recipe I always try to make sure that we use very basic materials, such as a cutting board, knife, blender, spoons and forks."

One of the biggest hurdles has been getting the foods needed for each lesson, John explained. "Before, Diabetes Prevention Services would provide all the materials and food for each demo, tasting and lesson. It was nice to have kids try to use our fun supplies, like the dog knives." Another hurdle is lack of adult supervision in the home; kids want to participate in the classes, but there's no adult at home to monitor them while they're working in the kitchen. "We want kids to be safe, so having a parent there to monitor the student is impor-

tant," John said. Limited access to the internet is also a big issue. Because the class is offered via Zoom, it does require that kids have access to a mobile device or computer and have internet access.

Overall, the main goal is to keep Community youth healthy. Diabetes Prevention Services is providing these classes to a group of kids who may not have had much to do since the quarantine.

"Diabetes Prevention Services promotes healthy lifestyles through nutrition education and physical activity," John said. "We want to introduce families to healthy food options by offering these types of classes. The focus is to encourage and demonstrate proper handwashing, help kids get comfortable with being in the kitchen, and encourage kids to try new foods. There is also a sense of boosting their self-esteem. Kids always look so happy after they make something that looks green but tastes delicious."

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

RELIEF PAYMENT WEBSITE

<https://srbmic-nsn.gov/reliefpayment/>

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has funding available to provide federal financial relief to qualifying enrolled Community members who meet certain COVID-19 related criteria.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2020.

Payments to eligible applicants submitting a valid application will be made as applications are received. There is no single payout date. Payments will begin to be made as soon as the July 2020 Per Capita processing has been completed and on a **weekly basis** thereafter, with the exception of October a two-week temporary pause will be in effect during processing of Per Capita.

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Guidance from Maricopa County Public Health

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While it's still true that the risk of being admitted to a hospital, an intensive care unit, or dying of COVID-19 increases with age, it's also true that a younger demographic of people across the United States are getting seriously ill from COVID-19 as well. A recent **CDC study** looking at underlying health conditions and risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19 patients reported the median age for hospitalization was 48 years old, which may be younger than you'd expect.



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A. DAVID ANTONE



Hello, my name is A. David Antone. My parents are the late Myles and Alfretta Antone. I am married and we have five grandchildren in our home. I practice a vakial lifestyle

owning horses and cattle.

My background includes completion of a Council term (2014-2018) and more than 20 years of prior tribal employment. During those years, I earned leadership roles in law enforcement, court advocacy and enterprise board chairmanships. I have a formal education in business management and administration of justice studies. Currently I am a private-practicing advocate licensed in Salt River and other local tribal communities.

During my Council term, I practiced transparency in government. I've advocated for individual rights in employment and the right for tribal members to voice their opinions in private and open forums. I've aided Community members in their personal issues and complaints regarding government services.

In my opinion, first and foremost are the concerns and issues of tribal members. This government's function is to serve your needs. Next comes the creation of revenue streams to fund our government and to create jobs for us.

These two points are critical, and I have the desire and experience to address those matters.

I can't stress enough the following: In our history, the ultimate goal was to have members lead this Community and serve as directors and managers in every government department. Realistically that hasn't happened, not now and not in the past. We're lacking the true nature of self-governance in that we allow implementation of foreign or individual personal standards and practices in government. In my opinion, in the end these standards and practices benefit someone else. From an employee answering a phone call for services to providing that service in an expedient and respectful manner, there needs to be true accountability from our own government through the Tribal Council to you, the true leaders of the Community. I ask you for that responsibility!

We as the O'odham and Piipaash have the ability to govern ourselves and to make the best decisions, relying on our own wisdom, experience, education and history.

My past employment experience, education and personal knowledge of our Council function prepare me for this candidacy. I ask for your vote in the 2020 general election.

WI-BWA GREY



Skeg Tas!

My name is Wi-bwa Grey, and I would like to share with you a little about myself and the reason I would like to be re-elected to serve you as your Council representative.

I am the mother of two children who keep me running in all directions, and I also have a companion who supports me in all I do. I graduated from Westwood High School and attended Scottsdale Community College. I am presently a student with Grand Canyon University, where I have met some of the most intelligent fellow Community members who have shared with me their vision for this Community. Their example has left an impression on me, and I too am committed to overcome any obstacles and "GET THINGS DONE".

In January 2019, I was elected to represent District I and fill the empty Council seat of now SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard. At my first Council meeting, I made a commitment to myself to learn as much as I can, and I have to admit I am still learning. In learning I also saw that some SRPMIC ordinances have surpassed their uses and need to be brought up to date. I have also taken the opportunity to listen to the wisdom and advice given by our

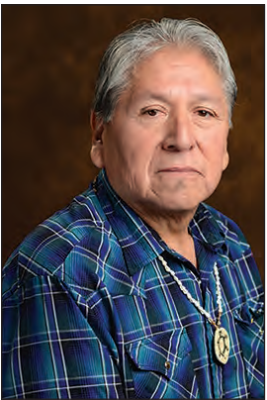
former leaders. Through this political education, the most important thing I have learned is that CHANGE can't be DONE ALONE, that CHANGE can ONLY happen if we all do it TOGETHER.

It is evident that we still have a lot to accomplish as a Community. We hear, we see your needs for more housing and the need for repairing what homes we do have. The need for a rehabilitation center for both children and adults and the need to get control of our drug problem and stop the deaths that occur from overdoses. The need for hiring our own people and the need for improving services for our elders. The need for accountability, and most important, the need to preserve our culture and history. We have and see many needs, but we must remember CHANGE only happens if we ALL do it TOGETHER.

If I'm re-elected, I will ask that we all work together to make the changes that are necessary. I encourage you to voice your opinions and solutions and let your voice be heard through voting both locally and nationally.

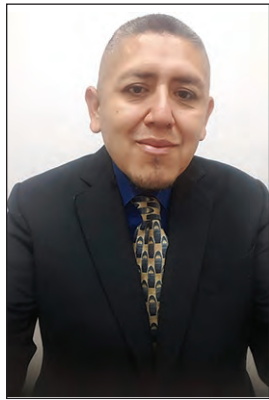
Re-elect WI-BWA GREY District I Council Representative.

ARCHIE KASHOYA



Candidate information unavailable at time of print.

JONATHAN UPSHAW, SR.



My name is Jonathan Upshaw Sr., and I am part Pima (SRPMIC) and San Carlos Apache. I am the son of the late Marceline (Kyyitan) Upshaw and the late Rev. Lawrence Upshaw Sr. My maternal

grandparents are the late Beatrice Mae (Waters) Kyyitan and the late Marcus Kyyitan. My paternal grandparents are the late Irene (Harvey) Upshaw and the late Talbot Upshaw Sr. I am married to Denise (Gregg) Upshaw; we have eight children and one grandchild.

I am a graduate of Westwood High School and attended American Indian College of the Assemblies of God for a degree in theology. I have been a youth pastor in three different churches. I have also served as a sectional youth director with the Arizona Assemblies of God district in two different sections here in Arizona. I worked with our Community from 2005 to 2011 as a truancy officer. I have also worked with the White Mountain Apache Tribe Behavioral Health Services as a BHT life coach. I am currently working with the SRPMIC Department of Transportation here in the Community.

I am running for Tribal Council because I feel that I could do a great job in helping my Community to continue to progress even further as a tribe. I am not here to make any promises, but to help my Community in any way possible.

I know that we have had several great tribal leaders who have sat in this seat, and it would be a great honor to be able to follow and continue their great leadership.

I have worked in different Native communities, doing my best to help their people in every way possible, but I felt it was my time to come home and give back to my Community. Our Community gave me an education to help out our people. I've always heard from my grandma, "Go get your education and come back to your Community and help further your Community and people!" This is what I feel I could do for our Community/tribe.

I look forward to showing you what I can do for this great Community of ours. If I get voted in for Council, I would consider it an honor and privilege and put my best foot forward for our people. If I don't, then I would consider it a great learning experience! I do hope and pray that you all will make a wise decision when you go in and vote. Remember that leadership is not about advancing yourself, leadership is about advancing the people! Thank you and may God bless you!

WHITNEY CHE GREY

Skek tosh ani un ne cegig Whitney Che Grey Jr., the son of Hermena and the late Whitney Grey bot. I was born and raised in our beautiful Community and have been residing in the

Finding alternative enterprises will help us economically and will allow us to put more funding towards education, senior services, cultural resources and social services, along with providing job opportunities for OUR people.

An economic surplus is vital for our Community in case of local and global emergency, such as the ones we are facing in today's world. By having this surplus, we would be able to provide for our whole Community, offering supplies and economic support for the families in need.

If chosen for Lehi District representative, I will make it my duty to be in the field checking on the day-to-day operations and lend a helping hand when needed. I will be a voice for our people and fight to preserve and protect a better future for our O'odham people.



Lehi District going on six years now, with my wife Leah Andrews and five beautiful children.

I have chosen to run for Lehi District representative on the SRPMIC Tribal Council because being involved with our Community has been a passion of mine since serving on the Young River People's Council (2006-2009). I would serve our Community in the most up-right and respectful manner.

My priorities for running for Council are bridging the gap between our youth and elderly, finding alternative enterprises other than gaming to bring revenue, and building an economic surplus to sustain our tribe in case of a local or global emergency, such as the ones we are facing today.

By bridging the gap between our youth and elders, we can preserve our culture and educate our people on language, life skills and family values. This bridge will ultimately preserve our sovereignty.

DEANNA SCABBY



The year 2020 has been a year in which a worldwide pandemic has infiltrated the United States. Even our own Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been hit! Our Community

want the younger generations to forget who they are; Elders want the youth to be proud of their heritage. I have assisted many members from districts I and II during their time of need and will continue to do so. I will work with the education of our children to provide the resources needed to keep our students safe, healthy and educated, academically and culturally. I strive to uphold the dignity and respect of the members, and I appreciate the vote of confidence in representing you. This is why I would like your continued support to represent District II and the Community.

I want to dedicate this special acknowledgement to my late husband, Robert "Bob" L. Scabby Jr., who was instrumental in supporting me and encouraging me to represent the people of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. His support will continue through our 10 children and 15 grandchildren. To my parents, brothers and sisters who are my strength and constant support, thank you.

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, is General Election day. Your vote for me will allow me to continue to be vigilant, hardworking and dedicated in representing District II and the Community in a manner worthy of such an office.

is vulnerable to what the world has subjected us to.

During this time as your elected representative, I am committed to:

- Taking care of the membership during these times of turmoil by supporting relief funds to help our members.
- Making decisions to take care of the membership by providing medical resources for the people during this pandemic.
- Supporting the need for tribal government to bring issues to the members.
- Protecting our Community from the further spread of this COVID-19 virus.

During my terms in office, almost 14 years, I have committed my time and energy to the Community, and this is a duty and responsibility I do not take lightly. Over the years, major economic impacts have hit our Community, and I have been part of the major decision-making that has kept our Community strong. I have listened to and worked with the Elders in District II to continue the cultural Pimpaash Matasheevm for the past six years. Our Elders do not



2020 GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, September 1, 2020 Polls Open: 6:00am – 6:00pm

The terms of Council Members Wi-Bwa Grey, Archie Kashoya, and Deanna Scabby are expiring.

The General Election will be held to fill (2) District I (Salt River) Council Member seats and District II (Lehi) will have 1 Council Member seat to fill.

The Election Board has certified the following candidates to be on the District I (Salt River) ballot:
A. David Antone; Wi-bwa Grey, Archie Kashoya, and Jonathan Upshaw.

The Election Board has certified the following candidates to be on the District II (Lehi) ballot:
Whitney Che Grey, Jr. and Deanna Scabby.

You are able to vote in SRPMIC elections if you are: 1) an enrolled member of the Community, 2) 18 years or older on the day of the election, and 3) a resident of the relevant electoral district for at least one (1) year; or if you are a non-resident, declared a home district. Persons who are in jail or prison on the date of election, or have been declared to be mentally incompetent are not eligible to vote. A SRPMIC tribal ID card is required to vote.

POLLING SITES:

District I (Salt River) voters who live West of North Mesa Drive vote at the SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING.
District II (Lehi) voters who live East of Mesa Drive vote at the LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

To minimize the risk of contracting Covid-19, it is HIGHLY recommended that you vote via absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot please request by phone, email, or fax to Erica Harvier, Ardell Moore, or Dorine Andrews. Phone number (480) 362-7466, 362-7465 or 362-7400. *Email address: Erica.harvier@srpmic-nsn.gov

ABSENTEE REQUESTS (Provide Name, Tribal ID #, Mailing Address)	GENERAL ELECTION DEADLINES
Deadline for Resident <u>AND</u> Non-Resident Voters to request an absentee ballot. (If you live on OR off the Community and would like to mail in your ballot.)	Monday, August 17, 2020
Deadline for Residents who are Elderly, Disabled or in the Hospital. (If you cannot come to the polls and would like to home vote.)	Wednesday, August 26, 2020

PREFERRED VOTING PROCESS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS):

To minimize the risk of contracting Covid-19, it is HIGHLY recommended that you select Option 1 or 2 to cast your vote.

1. **MAIL IN:** Call in to request an absentee ballot. MAIL IN your absentee ballot.
2. **DROP OFF:** Call in to request an absentee ballot. DROP OFF your absentee ballot on Election Day.
3. **In person voting,** at the polls, utilizing Covid-19 social distancing and safety precautions.

QUESTIONS? Contact SRPMIC Administration at (480)362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.

SRPMIC ELECTION BOARD ENCOURAGES MAIL IN OR DROP OFF VOTING FOR UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

10005 East Osborn Road

Scottsdale, Arizona 85256 **ORDINANCE NUMBER: SRO-519-2020**

TO ENACT SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMUNITY'S 2020 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND OTHER MEASURES ARE IN PLACE TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO VOTERS AND THE COMMUNITY OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

To amend and add a new Section 3-66 to the Community's Code of Ordinances:

Sec. 3-66. Special Emergency Procedures for the 2020 Primary and General Elections

(a) Purpose. On March 18, 2020 the Community declared a Local Emergency Declaration and on April 1, 2020, the Community issued Local Emergency Declaration First Directive "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." During this COVID-19 health pandemic the Community has put in place reasonable measures to maintain order and protect lives through social distancing and other measures to minimize, prevent and reduce the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19.

(b) Special Procedures. Notwithstanding any other provisions of Community ordinance or policy, during the 2020 COVID-19 health crisis, it is necessary that the Community's election board make reasonable modifications to the election process to ensure social distancing and appropriate hygiene and sanitization to protect the SRPMIC voters and Community while maintaining the integrity of the election process including the following:

(1) The Election Board shall encourage voters to vote by mail, to limit the number of individuals gathering to vote on Tuesday July 28, 2020 and Tuesday, September 1, 2020 ("election days").

(2) For the 2020 primary and general elections, all absentee ballots shall be treated as non-resident absentee ballots, so there are not two separate procedures for absentee ballot requests and timelines.

(3) Section 3-6(e)(2) shall be suspended for the 2020 primary and general elections and there shall be no designated campaign area and no campaigning will be allowed on Community land or facilities near the polling sites on either election day.

(4) Under Section 3-6(g), the election board may develop special procedures to ensure the identity of the voter without requiring the voter's signature on the signature roster, and also adopt other procedures to ensure social distancing and minimal human contact during the voting and election process.

Note: There was no Primary Election due to the number of candidates nominated and certified.

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The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) would like to report
the following COVID-19 testing information from the
SRPMIC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE
Testing results as of 8/3/20

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	SRPMIC enrolled CM living within the Community boundary	SRPMIC enrolled CM who do not reside within the Community boundary	Non-Member living within the Community boundary	Non-Member associated with SRPMIC who does not reside within the Community boundary	Totals
Completed Tests	2077	655	323	883	3938
Positive	213	74	36	77	400
Negative	1864	581	287	806	3538
Currently Hospitalized	2	0	3	2	7
Recovered	156	61	27	63	307
Active Cases	47	11	8	14	80
Deaths	10	2	1	0	13

**Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment.*

We encourage SRPMIC members experiencing symptoms or those who do not have any symptoms but want to be tested, to utilize the Community's
COVID-19 Hotline at (480) 362-2603.

Please call the hotline for information and to schedule an appointment.
Testing is done at the S.R. Clinic.

- Press 1:** Information about COVID-19 and Clinic hours of operation
- Press 2:** Schedule an appointment for testing
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Detective Hernandez Retires from SRPD With Honor

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On Tuesday, July 14, Salt River Police Department Detective Gabriel Hernandez retired from the SRPD after serving with honor for a little more than 15 years, from 2005 to 2020.



Detective Gabriel Hernandez served the Community for over 15 years in various roles at the Salt River Police Department. Congratulations on your Retirement! Photo courtesy of SRPD

Det. Gabe Hernandez (badge number 162) started with the SRPD on March 7, 2005, and attended and graduated from the ALEA Police Academy on July 1, 2005. Det. Hernandez served in numerous capacities for SRPD: patrol officer from March 7, 2005, to June 4, 2007; field training officer (FTO) and school resource officer from June 4, 2007, to May 31, 2015; and detective from May 31, 2015, to July 14, 2020.

Det. Hernandez received several awards over his 15-year career, including Training and Education, Specialty Assignment, Master Marksman and Veteran. Prior to working at the SRPD, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976 to 2005 and retired as a master sergeant. Showing dedication to the Community, Det. Hernandez attended and participated in most every SRPD Community-Based Policing event and many other SRPMIC Community events. Det. Hernandez was also a frequent Shop With a Cop participant and was always looking to lend a hand by brightening a child's day.

Continuing in Det. Hernandez' footsteps, his son serves as a sergeant with the Goodyear Police Department. Det. Hernandez has been married to his wife

Ana for 23 years and has four children and 10 grandchildren.

Det. Joseph Orozco created a retirement video to acknowledge Det. Hernandez's service at SRPD; the video can be found on the SRPD Facebook page. At the end of the video, SRPD Police Chief Karl Auerbach presented Det. Hernandez with a retirement plaque, which reads:

"Detective Gabriel Hernandez, Badge Number 162, retired. On behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the SRPD, we appreciate your dedicated commitment, loyalty, and service to the Community. You proudly served with honor. As a police officer from March 7, 2005, to June 4, 2007. As a school resource officer from June 4, 2007, to May 31, 2015. As a detective from May 31, 2015, to July 14, 2020."

"Det. Hernandez was well known and respected by many Community members, our Community schools, SRPMIC department employees and neighboring police departments. He mentored many SRPD Team Members," said Chief Auerbach. "We thank you, Det. Hernandez, for your 15-plus years of committed, dedicated and loyal service to SRPD and SRPMIC. Wishing you the very best."



Detective Gabriel Hernandez participating in Shop with a Cop, one of the many SRPMIC Community events that he lent his time to. Photo courtesy of SRPD

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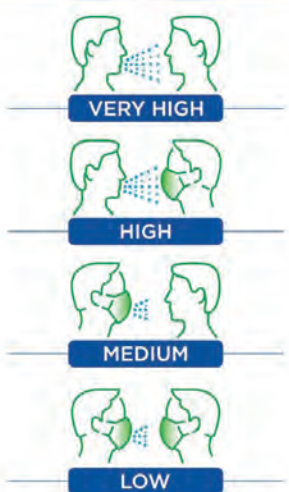
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HOW WEARING A MASK HELPS LIMIT THE CHANCES OF SPREADING COVID-19



SRPMIC COVID-19 INFORMATION Slow the Virus

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

TOGETHER, WE CAN SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



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- Staying home when sick
- Washing hands & using hand sanitizer
- Testing
- Contact tracing

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as he updated the guests on the progress of construction. "Today we took a quick tour of the facility. [Regarding the] interior construction progress, the metal framing and overhead mechanical rough end has started in the first-floor primary care area. [That work] will continue on the first floor, jump up to the second and ultimately finish up on the third."

cated on the second floor, with 27 open operatories and eight closed operatories. In addition, the second-floor services will include radiology (mammography and ultrasound) and specialty services such as podiatry and optometry. Behavioral health services will also be located on the second floor. The third floor will house the Health and Human Services administrative offices and a conference

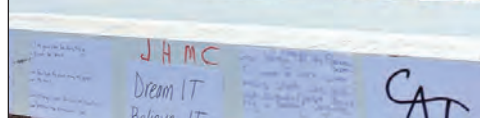
"I want to thank the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for allowing us to build this building for you and thank you for the work that you have provided, not only for us, but for our women and children. We thank you,"

- Navajo Ironworker Jesse Lee Edd

The tour encompassed the first and second floors of the building. The first floor will house the primary-care area, laboratory, pharmacy, pediatrics, diabetes prevention and facilities management. The guests had the opportunity to see where the dental suite will be lo-

cate that will be used for training and classes.

Following the tour, guests signed the steel beam before it was raised into position at the top of the building. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SRPMIC members and a number of HHS staff



members could not be present, but that did not prevent them from taking part in the day. Previously, the HHS staff had asked people to write messages on stickers, and during the ceremony they placed all the stickers on the beam.

"I want to thank the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for allowing us to build this building for you and thank you for the work that you have provided, not only for us, but for our women and children. We thank you," said Navajo ironworker Jesse Lee Edd as he and his crew attached the steel beam to the lifting hook to be lifted up to its final location.

Council Representative Deanna Scabby expressed her happiness at the progression of the project, which will enhance the medical services available to SRPMIC members here in the Community. She explained that the NE-ACC has been a vision for many years and that Health and Human Services, Self-Governance and many other Community departments have worked hard to get to this point.

"I am very impressed with how fast it has gone up. It has been a great effort with all the people who have been involved with the construction and the architects. They really brought it together, and it looks like they are right on schedule," said Health and Human Services Director Joe Remitera. "I think it's going to be a wonderful place for people to come and receive world-class care for themselves and their families. What we really want to have is a one-stop shop, where people can come and get all their care [needs] met [without going to an] outside ... hospital or an emergency department. I wish the Community [members] could have been here today to celebrate this momentous occasion. To the Community: We are here for you, and we believe in providing the best compassionate, quality care for you and your families. We wish you well during this time."

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COVID-19 WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- * Fever or chills
- * Cough
- * Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- * Fatigue
- * Muscle or body aches
- * Headache
- * New loss of taste or smell
- * Sore throat
- * Congestion or runny nose
- * Nausea or vomiting
- * Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

WHEN TO SEEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION

Look for emergency warning signs* for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately

- * Trouble breathing
- * Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- * New confusion
- * Inability to wake or stay awake
- * Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Call 911 or call ahead to your local emergency facility: Notify the operator that you are seeking care for someone who has or may have COVID-19.

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What the Diabetes Prevention Services is doing during Covid-19

BY MARISSA JOHNSON
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Many departments in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community have taken steps to ensure that the services they provide to members continue to be offered, usually online. For Salt River in particular, there has always been a big emphasis on group gatherings. With the COVID-19 virus forcing people to stop group gatherings for the time being, what can one do stay healthy while at home? Elissa Caston, program coordinator for Diabetes Prevention Services, explains what her department's main goal is.

"Diabetes Prevention Services is made up of seven staff members currently," Caston said. "There are five physical fitness staff, one health educator and the services coordinator. We focus on diabetes prevention efforts by offering and promoting physical activity and health education. Our primary [goal is] to prevent people from developing type 2 diabetes for as long as possible. We also support individuals with diabetes in learning how to manage or control their blood glucose through education and physical activity. Throughout the year, we offer various activities and programs for families to learn together. Since COVID-19 hit Arizona, our services have been impacted because the majority of [the services] we offer [are provided in] group gatherings."

Diabetes Prevention Services also collaborates with the Salt River Clinic, the Wellness Center and WIC to support individuals with diabetes, explained Caston. "Clinic providers are able to refer their patients to our services for additional support in managing glucose levels." The Wellness Center staff is composed of public health nurses and community health representatives; they offer the Diabetes 101 group education sessions and have topic experts teaching those sessions. "Our team assists with

the classes that focus on eating healthy and getting active. Currently, the Wellness Center staff continues to support their clients by being available to respond to questions and concerns. The in-person group classes are currently on hold. Clinic providers are doing the same, working with the patients through telehealth sessions and making sure they get their medication."

Because the in-person group classes are on hold for the time being, the times call for a different approach. Caston explained how her department is adapting to the changes.

"In June, because the WOLF was going to remain closed, I decided to try a virtual platform for the team to use," Caston said. "The fitness staff were contacted by their personal training clients requesting workouts and one-on-one sessions. Most of the staff were able to accommodate those requests using their own devices, but we wanted to reach more people. We also wanted to offer some educational sessions virtually. So, the team started planning days and times to offer these.

"At the same time, we had been tasked with helping the clinic as pharmacy runners, front gate check-in, and the clinic waiting room check-in. Most recently, the health educator and I were asked to assist the COVID response team. Since March, the team has been amazing and awesome in responding to what is needed. The sessions have been received well so far, but we'd like to see more people joining. There is a learning curve in using a virtual platform; it's not always perfect, but when we see participants on the sessions, it's worth it."

Staying healthy and having questions answered relating to health is important, especially right now. By providing all of these health services through virtual means, Diabetes Prevention Services has made a solid start in helping people find new ways to stick to their health habits.

FACTS ABOUT COVID-19

KNOW HOW IT SPREADS

COVID-19 is thought to mainly be spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby (usually within 6 feet) or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

It's estimated nearly 1 in 5 people are "asymptomatic transmitters" of COVID-19. That means you could be infected with COVID-19 before showing any symptoms and infecting others without even knowing it. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, everyone must do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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.

UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

Since COVID-19 is a new virus with no vaccine, everyone is at risk for being infected. **However, according to CDC, risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age and even moreso for those who are immune-suppressed or have underlying health conditions such as:**

- * Chronic kidney disease
- * COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- * Obesity (BMI of 30 or higher)
- * Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- * Sickle cell disease
- * Type 2 diabetes
- * People who live in congregate settings, such as a nursing home or long-term care facility are also at greater risk.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, dry cough, and shortness of breath. If your symptoms worsen, especially if you experience difficulty breathing,

contact your healthcare provider immediately.

If you are at increased risk for COVID-19 complications due to age or because you have a severe underlying medical condition, it is especially important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of exposure. These actions can slow the spread and reduce the impact of disease back to top

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. These simple actions will lessen your chances of catching COVID-19 and spreading it to others:

- * Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- * Stay home as much as possible, but especially when you are sick.
- * Put distance between yourself and other people, at least 6 feet.
- * Avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more.
- * Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- * Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- * Wear a cloth face covering when in public places. People can spread COVID-19 before they show symptoms, or even if they show no symptoms at all. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others.

Source: MaricopaCounty.gov

SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE (480) 362-2603

PRESS 1: Information about COVID-19 and Clinic operations

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Volkswagen Settlement Helps SRPMIC Get New Trolleys for Salt River Tourism



A picture of one of the two new trolleys. Photos courtesy of CDD

BY CHRIS HORAN
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A 2016 settlement that involved automaker Volkswagen has a connection with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in the form of two new trolleys for tourism efforts.

A summary of the settlement reads as follows: "[Volkswagen] installed software in its 2.0-liter diesel engine vehicles to disable emission controls under normal use and to turn on emission controls only when the vehicle was being tested. This 'defeat device' resulted in better real-world fuel mileage and driving performance, but also resulted in the release of thousands of tons of nitrogen oxide emissions in excess of regulated limits."

Because Volkswagen violated the Clean Air Act, one requirement of the resulting settlement mandates Volkswagen to create an environmental mitigation trust that will fund environmental projects to reduce diesel emissions. Approximately \$50 million of that

trust fund is set aside for Indian communities, so the SRPMIC was eligible to apply for funding. The SRPMIC Community Development Department's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division (CDD-EPNR) filed the required paperwork for the 2019-2020 funding cycle and was awarded \$295,982. These monies were used to purchase two new diesel trolleys with cleaner engines, to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions in the Community, and to replace two older diesel trolleys for use in the Talking Stick Entertainment District.

In all, 46 tribes across the United States were awarded money in this funding cycle. Awards are based on community size and population. The CDD-EPNR will continue to apply each year in the subsequent funding award cycles.

To read more about the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust, visit www.vwenvironmentalmitigationtrust.com.

Sick or Being Tested for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are being evaluated (i.e., waiting for test results) for COVID-19 infection by a health care provider and sent home to recover, you'll be asked to stay home and monitor your symptoms to help prevent the disease from spreading to other people in your home and community. Other people you live with and those you had close contact with during the time you became sick, also will be asked to take specific actions to monitor for symptoms of illness and prevent further spread to others.

AVOIDING CONTACT WITH OTHERS

Staying home and avoiding physical contact with others is an important prevention step you can take to protect others from being infected and spreading further into the community. It can also be difficult, at times, as it may leave you feeling isolated, or alone. Calling up friends and using mobile video chats can be great ways to stay connected even when physically apart.

Please follow these guidelines during your home isolation period.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS AND TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU SHOULD:

Stay home and away from others for 10 days since your symptoms first started AND at least 72 hours (3 days) after your fever has gone away without the use of fever-reducing medications AND your respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and loss of taste/smell) have improved.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS AND TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU SHOULD:

Stay home and away from others until 3 days (72 hours) have passed since your fever has gone away without the use of fever-reducing medications AND your respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, and loss of taste/smell) have improved.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER HAD SYMPTOMS AND TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, YOU SHOULD:

Remain in home isolation until 10 days have passed since the date your first positive COVID-19 test was done, as long as you have not started to have any

symptoms since that test.

If you previously had symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19, do not have symptoms now, and are being retested at the end of the 10-day isolation period and your repeat PCR test is positive, you will have to remain in isolation for 10 more days following your repeat positive test.

IN ADDITION:

- * **Stay away from others.** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- * **Do not go to work, school or any public areas.** Have someone help you with essential tasks like grocery shopping. Public Health Medical Absence Form (En Español).
- * **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.
- * **Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- * **Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick. See COVID-19 and Animals for more information.
- * **Wear a facemask when in the same room with other people and when you visit a healthcare provider.** If you do not have a facemask, you can use a bandana or scarf to cover your mouth and nose as an alternative.
- * **Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow.** Throw used tissues in the trash.
- * **Wash your hands and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- * **Avoid sharing household items** like dishes, cups, eating utensils, and bedding.
- * **Clean and disinfect:** Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs.

Source: MaricopaCounty.gov



Local Emergency Declaration

COVID-19

Third Directive - July 22, 2020

CURFEW TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY BY IMPOSING A CURFEW TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

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; and

individual and the Community. Failure to follow isolation or quarantine directives issued by HHS is a violation of this directive and is a violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, to protect the health and welfare of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (the "Community" or "SRPMIC") on March 18, 2020, a Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was issued followed by the First Directive of April 1, 2020 and the Second Directive of June 19, 2020 (the "SRPMIC Directives") to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Community and its Council, working with its combined strength, unity and commitment, will work to protect the health and welfare of the Community against COVID-19.

5. Community owned enterprises and any other businesses operating within the Community may continue operations during the curfew hours following the terms of the Community's COVID-19 Directives and the Arizona Directives, as each are issued, now or in the future, and in effect, rescinded, paused, repealed, or expired. Business must follow the Arizona Department of Health Services Guidance and best and reasonable practices for health and safety.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and has issued subsequent directives including EO 2020-43 Pausing of Arizona's Reopening issued on June 29, 2020 (the "Arizona Directives"); and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 of March 18, 2020, I, along with the Council, hereby issue a Third Directive for the Community, until further notice:

6. The purpose of these directives is to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 within the Community by protecting the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak continues to be an immediate threat to the life, public health, safety, welfare and economic viability of the Community, the state and the world and the Community shall continue its efforts to further limit potential exposure to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

1. A curfew will be in place for the Community from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. daily beginning on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., and during the hours of curfew, all persons should be at their place of residence, except:

7. Enforcement of the SRPMIC Directives within the Community shall focus first on education and providing guidance issued by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Arizona Department of Health Services, in order to promote the health and safety of Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community as well as to further contain the spread of COVID-19. Individuals shall also be given an opportunity to comply with the SRPMIC Directives before any enforcement action is taken. A continued failure to comply with a SRPMIC Directive is violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, as of July 20, 2020 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 145,183 cases of COVID-19 with 2,784 deaths in the state and within the Community 197 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 5 deaths; and

i) All Community law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics or other medical personnel, as well as any other emergency response personnel authorized by the Community.
ii) Individuals traveling directly to and from work; attending religious services; commercial trucking and delivery services; obtaining food; caring for a family member, friend, or animal; patronizing or operating businesses; seeking medical care or fleeing dangerous circumstances; and travel for any of the above services.

8. Failure of a business to operate or close per the SRPMIC Directives or Arizona Directives shall be subject to further legal action.

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 public health officials are not followed; and

2. The Community requires residents to stop gatherings among non-household members unless to provide food and supplies, medical attention, direct aide or service for a neighbor or relative to prevent the continued spread of COVID-19 in the Community.

July 22, 2020
Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

Martin Harvier
Martin Harvier, President

Attest:

Erica Harvier
Erica Harvier, Secretary

Approved as to Form by the Office of the General Counsel
Jennifer K. Gill
July 20, 2020

WHEREAS, the Community must limit social gatherings to reduce the spread of COVID-19 which is spread most often through direct person-to-person contact; and

3. The Community will continue to impose restrictions on public gatherings, meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc. and wear face coverings to limit the spread of COVID-19 pursuant to the March 18, 2020, Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-1, the First Directive issued on April 1, 2020, and the Second Directive issued on June 19, 2020 (the "Community's COVID-19 Directives").

4. SRPMIC Health and Human Services ("HHS") can issue directives for persons to isolate pending COVID-19 test results or quarantine persons that have tested positive with COVID-19. All persons are required to follow the directives of HHS for the health and safety of the

Attest:

Erica Harvier
Erica Harvier, Secretary

Approved as to Form by the Office of the General Counsel
Jennifer K. Gill
July 20, 2020



Local Emergency Declaration

COVID-19

Fourth Directive - July 29, 2020

CLOSING OF THE VERDE RIVER/SALT RIVER ("RED MOUNTAIN RIVER AREA") TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE ONK AKIMEL O'ODHAM AND XALYCHIDOM PIIPAASH, RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY EMPLOYEES, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS OF THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY BY CLOSING OF THE VERDE RIVER/SALT RIVER ("RED MOUNTAIN RIVER AREA") TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

employees, businesses and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health officials are not followed; and

and prevent the continued spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Community and to reduce the risk of fires.

WHEREAS, to protect the health and welfare of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (the "Community" or "SRPMIC") on March 18, 2020, a Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 was issued followed by the First Directive of April 1, 2020 and the Second Directive of June 19, 2020 (the "SRPMIC Directives") to lessen the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the summer months are usually a time of family and public gatherings and celebrations in the Red Mountain River Area, but at this time the Community must limit such usual practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19 which is spread most often through direct person-to-person contact; and

2. The Community will continue to impose restrictions on public gatherings, meetings of any kind, services, programs, etc., require persons to wear face coverings, and impose a curfew to limit the spread of COVID-19 pursuant to the March 18, 2020, Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-1, the First Directive issued on April 1, 2020, the Second Directive issued on June 19, 2020, and the Third Directive issued on July 22, 2020 (the "Community's COVID-19 Directives").

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020 and has issued subsequent directives including EO 2020-43 Pausing of Arizona's Reopening issued on June 29, 2020 and the EO 2020-52 the Continuation of EO 2020-43 on July 23, 2020 (the "Arizona Directives"); and

WHEREAS, the Salt River Fire Department reports that the growth of fire fuels has reached an extreme condition, which would jeopardize the health and safety of anyone within the Red Mountain River Area, including First Responders. The forecast reveals no meaningful precipitation for an extended time frame.

3. Enforcement of the SRPMIC Directives within the Community shall focus first on education and providing guidance issued by the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or the Arizona Department of Health Services, in order to promote the health and safety of Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash, residents, Community employees, businesses and visitors of this Community as well as to further contain the spread of COVID-19. Individuals shall also be given an opportunity to comply with the SRPMIC Directives before any enforcement action is taken. A continued failure to comply with a SRPMIC Directive is violation under Section 1-503 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak continues to be an immediate threat to the life, public health, safety, welfare and economic viability of the Community, the state and the world and the Community shall continue its efforts to further limit potential exposure to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; 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.

4. This directive shall remain in place until further notice of repeal or revision.

WHEREAS, as of July 27, 2020 the Arizona Department of Health Services and local public health departments have identified 163,827 cases of COVID-19 with 3,304 deaths in the state and within the Community 229 cases of COVID-19 have been identified and 9 deaths; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the SRPMIC Local Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 of March 18, 2020, I, along with the Council, hereby issue a Fourth Directive for the Community, until further notice:

July 28, 2020
Date

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ricardo Leonard
Ricardo Leonard, Vice-President

Attest:

Erica Harvier
Erica Harvier, Secretary

Approved as to Form by the Office of the General Counsel
Jennifer K. Gill
July 27, 2020

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

1. Effective Friday, August 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., the Red Mountain River Area is closed except for access by Community members to gather natural materials or for traditional religious purposes of the Onk Akimel O'Odham and Xalychidom Piipaash. The Community adopts this directive to prohibit Community members, guests or trespassers from entering, loitering, swimming, or meeting at the Community's Red Mountain River Area, and to help mitigate, slow

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SRMG'S NEW BLEND OF FLY ASH AND NATURAL POZZOLAN SOLVES TUCSON'S SUPPLY DEMAND

Large Capital Investment at Tucson Electric Power Site Includes Blending Equipment and Expanded Rail Capacity

In recent years securing a consistent supply of high-quality fly ash has been a challenge for some of the United States construction markets. Salt River Materials Group (SRMG), a fly ash and pozzolan marketer in the Southwest U.S. since 1973, understands the challenges of maintaining sufficient availability of quality products. For the past four decades, SRMG focused investment on innovative projects, such as beneficiation of otherwise unusable fly ashes, and now blending various sources of fly ashes and other pozzolanic materials to extend the supply of high-quality fly ash, typically used in ready-mix concrete production.

On July 16, 2020 at its Tucson Terminal, SRMG commissioned its second blending facility. SRMG's Tucson Terminal is located within the Sundt Generating Station owned and operated by Tucson Electric Power (TEP.) Using the new precision blending equipment, SRMG incorporates ASTM C618 Class F fly ash from SRMG's supply network with a regionally available ASTM C618 Class N natural pozzolan to create the resulting ASTM C1697 blended product. Marketed as "Tucson Pozzolan" the consistent, high-quality blend expands

the availability of this critical material beyond previously available quantities in the market.

To prepare for importation of fly ash and natural pozzolan by truck or rail into the Tucson Terminal for blending, SRMG rehabilitated and expanded the existing infrastructure. SRMG realigned and extended the existing rail tracks and installed a bottom dump rail car unloading system, along with conveying lines to the storage silos. In addition to the rail project, SRMG purchased and installed precision blending equipment and retro-fitted silos, providing safe and dust-free customer truck loading capability for Tucson Pozzolan.

Located in the heart of Tucson, SRMG's Tucson Terminal provides a strategic and convenient source of blended fly ash product ready to serve the growing Southern Arizona construction industry.

At a time when coal-burning power plants are shutting down, potentially reducing fly ash availability, SRMG is focused on innovation. With another stable source of quality product added to the extensive supply network, Tucson Pozzolan will al-

low SRMG to maintain its reputation as a dependable and major fly ash marketer in the southwestern U.S. that can be trusted to deliver for years to come.

About Salt River Materials Group

Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) is the commercial trade name for marketing activities of Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand and Rock. SRMG, headquartered at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Chaparral Business Park near Scottsdale, Arizona, is the only Native American-owned producer of portland cement in the U.S., and is also a major manufacturer and marketer of sand and gravel and recycled coal combustion products (fly ash) and pozzolans throughout Arizona and the southwestern United States. More information about Salt River Materials Group can be found at www.srmaterials.com

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TEP offers comprehensive energy services through reliable, traditional resources and a growing renewable power portfolio. We also offer many ways to help our customers use energy more efficiently. TEP's community service efforts have earned nationwide acclaim. We provide direct contributions and other support for our employees' volunteerism, encouraging a spirit of giving that is shared among the Fortis family of utilities.

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COVID-19 Essential Services
Continues Within the
SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)
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
Journey to Recovery (480) 362-5640
Pharmacy Main (480) 946-9 227
Pharmacy Refill Line (602) 200-5384
Financial Assistance (480) 362-7350
WIC (480) 362-7300
HHS Transportation (480) 362-5655
BHS Crisis Team (480) 850-9230

The following services are open to ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS and TRIBAL ENROLLEES SALT RIVER INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE (SR Clinic) Patient Services
Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

Patient Visit Services:
• Routine follow-up appointments and diabetes check-ups will be managed via phone.
• Nonessential wellness visits will be rescheduled to after April 12th.
• Essential acute symptom visits will be seen in clinic.
• Pre-natal visits
• Same day sick visits
• Labs will only be drawn if necessary.
• Dental Emergencies.
• Patients will be screened by a medical assistant at the front door and/or outside the clinic. If

patient has temperature > 100.4° the patient will be asked to wait in their car – medical assistant will get a nurse or provider to help triage and get a disposition for the patient.

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

Journey to Recovery
Hours of Operation: 24/7

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

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

During the COVID-19 pandemic we are making every effort to serve you while limiting your risk of exposure. 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.
- Patients will be notified by call/text when medications are ready for pickup
- Please try not to order anything else while in the

drive-up pick up area as this causes delays and backup for fellow patients.

- Please be patient and remain in the parking space assigned to you to avoid delivery confusion.
- The staff is moving as quickly as safety allows.
- Please use caution in the parking lot.

S.R. CLINIC EXPANDED ACCESS FOR COVID-19 TESTING, CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR AVAILABLE TESTING

Patients identified by Contact Tracing and Public Health

- Scheduled Same Day or Next Day (highest risk w/ confirmed contact with a COVID positive patient)

Experiencing Symptoms

- Scheduling out 1-2 business day for small groups, 6+ individuals 1-2 business days depending on availability

No Symptoms

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

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

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

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

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

DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND TEST RESULTS ARE TAKING 5-7 DAYS

SRPMIC COVID-19 TEST SITE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION NORTHEAST OF THE CLINIC
SRPMIC COVID-19 test site moved to a new location just northeast of the clinic in front of the Veterans Office. The process will have vehicles enter from the east and exit to the west. Vehicles asked to enter from the driveways east of Cultural

Resources or the Dialysis Center and proceed south around the HHS parking lot. The new site provides a streamlined approach for the increased number of testing being requested. To schedule a COVID-19 Test, call (480) 362-2603.



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SRPMIC website for COVID-19 related info. <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19>
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