

ATTENTION DISTRICT FIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

In Relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

To protect the health and safety of the Community Governor Stephen R. Lewis issued Executive Order #1 on March 13, 2020, which was amended at a Special Community Meeting on March 18, 2002 suspending all public Community gatherings of more than 10 people in compliance with Federal COVID-19 guidelines. Per this order there will be NO Community or Committee meetings held until further notice.

NOTICE WILL BE POSTED ONCE RESUMED

Any questions please call the Multipurpose Building at (520) 315-3441 and leave a message for the Community Chairman or Committee Chairperson(s)

*Please see attached Executive Order and
Amendments for your information/clarification*

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

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Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to address the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, State of Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey issued a declaration of a public health emergency in the State of Arizona due to the need to address, prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, other western states and the Navajo Nation has declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has officially declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is contagious and can be fatal; and

WHEREAS, elderly persons and those with chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes, are at a higher risk of complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Community must take direct measures to address the COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

First, I hereby declare a public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community until further notice regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Second, the Community is immediately suspending all travel for Community employees for the next 30 days unless deemed necessary and approved by the Executive Office. This suspension applies to all travel that normally requires authorization under the Community's Travel Policy, adopted by Resolution GR-125-12, as amended.

Departments and programs are directed to seek alternatives to travel, including teleconferences, online videoconferencing, livestream, or other alternatives for attending meetings, conferences or trainings. Travel requests that may still be approved are those in which the Community's interests would be seriously affected or jeopardized by non-attendance such as legal proceedings (e.g., court hearings), law enforcement matters (e.g., prisoner transports), or similar matters. Travel requests will be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Third, I am suspending all Community-sponsored gatherings of more than 100 people, excluding Community commercial entities. I am requesting that the Human Resources Department postpone the Employee Picnic currently scheduled for March 27, 2020. This is consistent with the CDC guidance regarding the avoidance of large gatherings, particularly for individuals who are at a higher risk of developing complications from COVID-19. At this time, our top priority is protecting the health of the Community, including its employees.

Fourth, I am directing all Community school boards and administrations to meet as soon as possible to determine what measures should be taken to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including consideration of possible short-term closures.

Fifth, I am also directing all Community enterprise boards and executive leadership to meet as soon as possible to determine what measures should be taken, in addition to any measures already taken or implemented, to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

BY 
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

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AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1 **REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order, which is now referred to as Executive Order No. 1, regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and measures to be taken in the Gila River Indian Community to address the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, changes have been made to recommendations issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the size of public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order No. 1 to limit the size of gatherings in the Community and to protect health and safety of the Community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

I hereby amend Executive Order No. 1 and suspend all public Community gatherings of more than 10 people, consistent with current CDC recommendations. This does not apply to funeral services, wakes or cremations and to meetings of elected and appointed officials. Further, there will be no public meals provided or served at the District Service Centers.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

BY 
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic) regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and measures to be taken in the Gila River Indian Community to address the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the State of Arizona Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction announced that Arizona schools would close from March 16, 2020 through March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Community must continue diligence in its efforts and direct measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

First, I hereby direct that all schools within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall close from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020.

Second, each school within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall develop and implement a plan for providing meals for students and other school-aged children using existing resources that each such school has available to it, and to the extent such meal programs exceed the resources available to these schools, the schools may request such funding as may be necessary from the Community Treasurer.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

BY 
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

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