

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

“Putting Our People First”

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6 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, since March 13, 2020, I have issued various Executive Orders to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including ordering the temporary closure of schools within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the State of Arizona Governor issued Executive Order 2020-18 instituting a statewide directive to “Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected,” which directs individuals to “limit their time away from their place of residence” except for certain essential activities; 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, effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 3rd, 2020, I hereby institute a “Stay at Home” Order for the Gila River Indian Community, which shall remain in effect through April 30, 2020. Individuals within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall limit their time away from their place of residence or property except to conduct certain Essential Activities as described in this Order.

Second, Essential Activities include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Seeking medical care or assisting others to seek medical care;
- Providing care for a family member, friend, or animal in another household;

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- Obtaining food and necessary household supplies and services, including obtaining such items for those in need of assistance such as children, Elders and the disabled;
- Engaging in outdoor physical activities, such as exercise, while maintaining appropriate physical distancing from others;
- Attending work for Essential Functions, which include healthcare services, public safety functions, tribal government functions, businesses that sell groceries or medicine, farms and livestock, gas stations, financial institutions, hardware and supply stores, post offices, businesses that sell food for consumption off-site, home-based care and services, private and commercial transportation, professional and legal services, day care centers for employees fulfilling Essential Functions, funeral services, and other Essential Functions as defined by Arizona Executive Order 2020-18; and
- Travel related to an Essential Activity.

Third, Community government departments exempted from closure according to Executive Order No. 5 shall continue to provide essential services to the Community as directed by the Office of the Community Manager.

Fourth, under the Communicable Disease Ordinance, GRIC Code Title 17, any individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus/COVID-19, have been diagnosed with coronavirus/COVID-19, or have been advised to self-quarantine by a health care professional and who do not submit to a voluntary quarantine may be subject to a written quarantine directive by the Tribal Health Department and court-ordered quarantine by the Community Court and enforced by the Gila River Police Department. I strongly encourage all Community members and residents of the Gila River Indian Reservation to follow the directions of their health care providers in addressing the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Fifth, individuals who are unsafe or become unsafe in their place of residence, such victims of domestic violence or other crime, shall not be prohibited from leaving their place of residence. These individuals are encouraged to contact law enforcement and other available services.

DONE THIS 3rd DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

BY 
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS