



Akimel O'Otham Loditha Kud Ki
GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT

Chief Judge

Joseph Manuel Sr.

Associate Judges

Janice F. Breckenridge

Sheri L. Cassa

Dallas De Lowe

Anthony J. Hill

Pro Tempore Judge

Anthony F. Little

Lucinda Nez

Children's Judges

Jay Pedro

Kami D. Hart

TO: Stephen R. Lewis, Governor
Robert Stone, Lieutenant Governor
Community Council Members
Frank Pablo, Community Manager
Kathyleen Curley, Acting Assistant Community Manager

FROM: Joseph Manuel, Chief Judge *jm*

DATE: July 31, 2020

RE: Court Schedule Partial Closure

There has been about 2,000 COVID-19 deaths in the state of Arizona since July 1, 2020 for a total of about 3, 798 deaths to date. The Courts are currently open **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, and on Tuesday's from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.** In an effort to protect the health and well-being of the Community and the employees of the Judicial Branch, the Court is continuing with these reduced hours through the month of September.

All hearings have been rescheduled to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's. **All jury trials have been suspended indefinitely.** Those Judge's and employees that have the ability to work from home, will do so unless required to appear for Court. Employees that cannot work from home will be placed into a rotation that will allow the minimum amount of employees to be present in the Court buildings during business hours to handle all essential functions. We will evaluate the need to stay partially closed and create a transition plan to effectively open up to normal business operations when it is safe to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact me at **520-562-9860.**