

# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

*Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor*

“Putting Our People First”

*Stephen Roe Lewis*  
Governor



*Robert Stone*  
Lieutenant Governor

## **AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, from March 13, 2020 through today, I have issued eight separate Executive Orders addressing various aspects of the coronavirus pandemic, ranging from a declaration of a public emergency to a requirement that all persons wear a mask while on the Gila River Indian Community Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, I have amended these separate Executive Orders on numerous occasions to extend and clarify them as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2020, I issued Comprehensive Executive Order No. 9 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has resurged in the United States and, specifically, the western United States is experiencing a dramatic increase in cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community must continue to be diligent in its efforts to address the coronavirus pandemic and take aggressive measures to continue to protect our Members and the public at large from this disease.

**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 amend Comprehensive Executive Order No. 9 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic and order as follows:

**First**, this Amended Executive Order No. 9 includes all requirements and measures that are to remain in effect from this date until the date ascribed herein for expiration, or until this Amended Executive Order No. 9 is otherwise amended or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.

**Second**, for purposes of this Amended Executive Order No. 9, the following terms shall have the definitions set forth below:

- a. "Community COVID-19 State of Emergency" means the ongoing public health State of Emergency in the Gila River Indian Community regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic recognized and declared in the Third Clause of this Amended Executive Order No. 9.
- b. "Community Public Safety Departments" means the Gila River Police Department, the Gila River Fire Department, the Department of Rehabilitation & Supervision, the Tribal Health Department, and the Office of Emergency Management.
- c. "COVID-19 Pandemic" means the ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
- d. "Essential Activities" include 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;
  - 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;
  - Farming or ranching activities, including tending to crops or livestock, or related activities;
  - Travel to and from a place of employment;
  - Travel to or from a school located on the Reservation for the purposes of delivering or receiving instructional packets or meals for school-age children, or for transporting special needs children to and from school;
  - Travel to and from off-Reservation schools by Community students to attend school or school activities off-Reservation;
  - Special needs children attendance at schools located on the Reservation;
  - Engaging in outdoor physical activities, such as exercise, in groups of less than ten people, subject to maintaining physical distancing and wearing a facial mask;
  - Travel related to an Essential Activity; and
  - Any other activity determined by the Executive Office in writing to be an Essential Activity for purposes of this Executive Order.
- e. "Essential Functions" includes the following functions, among others:
  - Healthcare services;
  - Public safety functions;
  - Tribal government functions;
  - Businesses that sell groceries or medicine;
  - Farms and livestock production;
  - Employment at a business enterprise located on the Reservation;
  - Gas stations;
  - Financial institutions;