

# GILA RIVER TESTING BLITZ

## COVID-19 TESTING

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** GILA RIVER HEALTH CARE TO PROVIDE COVID-19 TESTING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS / ANYONE RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE 7 DISTRICTS OF THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY BEGINNING TUESDAY MAY 19, 2020.

### WHO SHOULD BE TESTED?

- All Community Members/ Anyone Residing Within the 7 Districts of the Gila River Indian Community.
- We are testing all ages – regardless of health status

**IMPORTANT: Members/Residents will be asked to present a Tribal ID, State ID, or Drivers License to receive testing**

### WHY YOU SHOULD BE TESTED?

- We have learned that many people who have COVID-19 may not have symptoms yet still be contagious and able to infect others.
- Testing everyone will help to reduce exposure to Elders and Community members with underlying medical conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease – who are more likely to have a severe infection if exposed and be at a higher risk of death.
- Native Americans make up 4.5% of the population in Arizona but are nearly 15% of all COVID-19 cases and 20% of COVID-19-associated deaths.
- It is important to join together and fight against COVID-19 and testing is our best weapon

### WHERE/WHEN WILL TESTING BE OFFERED?

- COVID-19 testing will occur at District Service Centers
- Scheduling details for your District will be provided by your District Service Center
- Hours for all District testing are from 6 am to 1 pm
- Testing is planned for the following dates:

District 3	Week of May 19, 2020
District 4	Week of May 26, 2020
District 5	Week of June 1, 2020
District 6	Week of June 8, 2020
District 1	Week of June 15, 2020
Districts 2 & 7	Week of June 22, 2020

NOTE: The schedule is subject to change.

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Testing should take approximately 30 minutes
- Upon arrival, please go to the Testing Check-In area at your District Service Center. You will need to complete medical forms and sign a COVID-19 consent form.
- A GRHC provider will collect a simple nasal swab (this will take a few seconds.)
- After receiving the test, you will be given a handout with follow-up instructions
  - A nurse or a provider will call you with your results within 5-7 business days
  - If your test result is positive, a GRHC nurse or provider will call you with follow-up care and instructions to keep your family safe while you heal.

**NOTE: Your privacy is very important to us. Test results will only be shared with Tribal Health Department and Gila River Health Care to coordinate your care and any additional services you may need.**

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