

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

"Putting Our People First"

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

AMENDED EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, from March 13, 2020 through the present, I have issued various Executive Orders to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 7 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic, mandating employee testing for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable to expand the scope of the Community's COVID-19 testing program; 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, and in order to achieve continued stability to the Community in the time of an emergency and to prevent the further spread of coronavirus within the Community, as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 1680c(d), hereby amend Executive Order No. 7 as follows:

First, as to Community employee testing, I direct that:

- Executive Order No. 7 shall apply to all employees of the Community, and employees who are currently teleworking, rotating, on COVID-19 child care leave or other leave status shall be required to come into the Community workplace for testing as directed.
- Employees may not return to the Community workplace unless they have been tested for COVID-19.

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- Employees who have already been tested for COVID-19 may be required to submit to a new test or a COVID-19 antibody test, and employees may be required to be tested more than once if deemed necessary.
- Employees who refuse testing or fail to show up for testing as directed will be subject to disciplinary action including immediate termination of employment.

Second, the Community shall include in its COVID-19 testing program employees of wholly-owned Community entities or operated entities, with the consent of those entities, as well as any tribally-controlled schools (Blackwater Community School, Casa Blanca Community School, and Gila Crossing School).

Third, the Community shall expand its COVID-19 testing to include all Community members, including urban members residing in the surrounding communities.

All other provisions of Executive Order No. 7 consistent with this amendment shall continue to remain in effect.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

BY 
GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

