



OPERATION STAY AT HOME

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis extended the “Stay at Home” provisions of Executive Order No. 6 to remain in effect through September 7, 2020. Individuals within GRIC Boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation shall limit their time away from their place of residence or property except for essential activities.

Why is this “Stay at Home” executive order necessary?

The Community has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases similar to that of the State overall. We have had 17 members die from this disease. Community must take action to preserve the health and safety of the Gila River Indian Community and its members.

What does this executive order mean?

Unless you are engaged in an “essential activity,” you must stay at home. Staying at home is still the best and easiest way to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What is an “essential activity”?

The executive order lists essential activities. “Back to school” activities, including obtaining homework or instructional packets or meals for school-age children are considered essential activities.

What happens if I violate the Stay at Home executive order?

Citations will be issued by the Police Department and offenders could face up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500. There will be no warnings issued.

What will I be cited for if I violate the Stay at Home Order?

You will be cited under GRIC Code section 5.1003, “Criminal Nuisance,” for conduct which recklessly creates or maintains a condition which endangers the health of others. Juveniles out past curfew will also be charged with “Curfew Violation” under the Children’s Code, GRIC Code section 7.602.

What if a non-member violates this executive order?

Non-members will be cited for “Civil Trespass” under GRIC Code section 8.203 and removed from the Community. There will be no warnings issued.

What about commercial businesses or enterprises and government operations?

This executive order does not apply to these operations.

What should I do if I observe what I believe to be a violation of the Stay at Home executive order?

Call the Police Department non-emergency line at 520-562-4511

Do I need documentation from my employer deeming me essential?

No. Travel to and from any employment is not affected by this executive order. GRPD officers are not asking or looking for any type of special paperwork from your employer at this time.

Will I be pulled over for just driving on the roadways?

No, not for just traveling on the roadways. If, however, you are committing a traffic violation or crime that would be enforced independent of the executive order, you may be stopped, like any other day and subsequently asked about possible executive order violations.

Will there be roadblocks?

No.

Will there be any special GRPD enforcement of this executive order?

Yes. Starting this weekend, and every weekend until further notice, GRPD will be conducting “Operation Stay at Home.” This will consist of a special task force of police officers who will be specifically assigned each weekend night, Friday to Sunday, with enforcing the Stay at Home executive order.

Do I still have to wear a mask?

Yes. Executive Order No. 8, which requires protective face masks to be worn, is still in effect. You can contact your District Service Center to request a face mask