

Incident Management Team – COVID 19
Press Release

To: Hualapai Community

From: Incident Commander, *Melvin Hunter Jr.*

Date: March 17, 2020

RE: Coronavirus (COVID 19)

Hualapai Community per Tribal Resolution 18-2020 authorizes the designation of an Incident Management Team to develop a Response Plan to COVID-19 exposure. The team is developed of local members with experience in Incident Command System and Incident Management Team's.

The team's mission is to continue educating the community on COVID-19 and develop a 1-year plan that includes a quarantine plan. Currently, the community "**is not**" quarantined but we are self-isolating to help prevent the spread of this virus.

It's important to understand the difference between Self-Isolation and Quarantine. Self-Isolation is just taking steps to minimize the risk of spreading the virus by isolating yourself and your family in your home whenever possible. A quarantine would mean that individuals or groups who are carriers of COVID-19 could be enforced to stay in their home to prevent them from spreading the virus. The Tribe is just self-isolating as a precaution to our community.

Until April 1st non-essential departments will either be closed, or have minimal staff available. A full list of departments and services effected will be released as soon as possible. This information will be available posted at Tribal Buildings, broadcast on the KWLP, posted to www.hualapai-nsn.gov, and printed in the Gamyu.

The Hualapai Tribal Elderly Program will continue to provide breakfast and lunch for its members, Monday-Thursday. The breakfast delivery will begin by 7:30am, with the lunch delivery beginning at 10:00am. If you are a Tribal Member over the age of 55 who is not currently a member, please call 928-769-2375 to get enrolled.

In addition, on Wednesday March 18th lunch will be provided to children 18 and younger in the Peach Springs Elementary School parking lot, at 11:00am. Breakfast and lunch will be available via delivery Monday-Thursday after that. More information about delivery location and times will be available at the Elementary School tomorrow, as well as the sources listed above.

As a community, we are planning and looking out for the best interests of the Hualapai Tribal Members and their families.

If you have concerns or questions stop by the Incident Command Post located at the former BIA Forestry Office or call W: 928.769.2312.