

### There Are 6 New Cases Confirmed Tonight 75 Positives in County Now Newest: 4 Kingman; 2 Bullhead City Area 3 Deaths Included from Previous

MOHAVE COUNTY, AZ (April 23, 2020) – The Mohave County Health Department MCDPH-Nursing staff was notified tonight of six COVID-19 positive cases in Mohave County. The contact investigations have been initiated with all six cases.

These five of the six cases are currently in isolation and recovering at home: The first new case is in the Bullhead City service area, is in the 45-54 year age range, and is epidemiologically-linked to another case; the second new case is in the Kingman service area and is also in the 45-54 year age range and is epidemiologically linked to another case; case three is from the Bullhead City service area, in the 65+ age range and is epidemiologically-linked to another case; the next case is a 65+ Kingman service area person and not travel-related or epi-linked to another confirmed case; the next case is in the 20-44 year age range, also from Kingman and is not travel-related or epi-linked to another case.

Finally, a 65+ age range person in the Kingman service area is hospitalized and is not travel-related or epi-linked to another confirmed case.

There are now 26 positive confirmed cases in the Lake Havasu City area, including the three deaths, 41 in Kingman, and 8 in Bullhead City. The county total is now 75 people.

Please keep in mind that the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are:

To keep your Social Distancing - At least 6 Feet apart! Stay at home if at all possible.

O Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- O Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- O Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- O Stay home when you are sick, or if you are a not an essential employee.
- O Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- O Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

COVID-19 spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms are thought to appear within two to 14 days after exposure and consist of fever, cough, runny nose, and difficulty breathing. For people with mild illness, individuals are asked to stay home, drink plenty of fluids, and get rest. For people with more severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath, individuals are advised to seek healthcare, using telemedicine where available.

For more information about the COVID-19 response in Arizona, go online to: https://azdhs.gov/

For more detailed information about COVID-19 in Mohave County, please visit https://covid-19-mohave.hub.arcgis.com/

Our priority is the safety and health of the Hualapai Tribe. The Incident Management Team along with all of tribal departments and Indian Health Services are working together to prepare and respond to COVID-19 cases.

# INCIDENT MANAGEMENT



### PRESS RELEASE

Date: April 24, 2020

Time: 10:45 AM From: Incident Commander

Health Officials confirm there are nine (9) positive COVID19 cases among Tribal members residing in the Peach Springs community. Two (2) remain hospitalized and the others remain under selfisolation, along with other community members identified as having contact with them. There are now 75 positive confirmed cases in Mohave County with 26 in the Lake Havasu City area, including the three deaths, 41 in Kingman, and 8 in Bullhead City.

We encourage the community to remain calm, but to take this matter seriously. Be aware these positive cases may be the result of "community spread." This means people have been infected in a given area, but some do not know how or where they became infected. It is important we do not relax but continue to follow all CDC guidelines for personal hygiene, social distancing and sanitizing our homes to prevent further spread of COVID19.

COVID19 spreads through mucus droplets through coughs and sneezes. Symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after exposure and include high fever, dry cough and difficulty breathing.

At this time, the CDC says the best way to prevent the spread of COVID 19 is to:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid people who are sick;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that may have come in contact with the COVID 19 virus;
- Wear face masks if you are or may be sick when around others.

## IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER TELEPHONE: (928) 769-2312 WEBSITE INFORMATION: HTTP://HUALAPAI-NSN.GOV/

To further help prevent the spread of COVID 19 in our community, Hualapai Tribal Council has enacted Resolution 27-2020, which includes a Stay at Home Order and a community-wide curfew. To clarify these for the community members:

**The stay at home order is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. You *must* stay within the boundary of your property and limit direct communication with others. The only exceptions to the stay at home order, during the hours not covered by curfew are:

- Medical care
- Food
- Financial obligations

- Cattle association members and Tribal Contractors displaying authorization Placards from the Tribal Game and Fish Dept.
- Essential employees
- Tribal officials

The stay at home order extends to being in vehicles within the community for reasons other than allowed exceptions.

The curfew is in place from 8:00p.m. until 5:00a.m. During the curfew you **must** stay indoors. The only exceptions to curfew are:

- medical care,
- essential employees.

Penalties are in place for those who violate the stay at home order and curfew:

- 1st offense: written warning
- **2<sup>nd</sup> offense**: \$300.00 fine to be deducted from payroll or Tribal distributions. Non-Tribal members will be removed from the Reservation for one year
- **3rd** offense: 30 days' imprisonment and an additional \$300.00 fine to be deducted from payroll or Tribal distribution

At this time the Hualapai Tribe is *not* quarantined or isolated. The Tribe is on a Stay at Home Order, with some individual members now being quarantined. It is important to understand the difference between isolation and quarantine. Isolation separates people who are well, from those who are, or who might be sick, in order to keep them well. Quarantine separates those people who are, or who are suspected to be sick, (due to contact with sick people,) to a confined location, *and* restricts their movement to prevent them from getting other people sick.

Those who are under quarantine **will** be punished for violating the quarantine:

- **1<sup>st</sup> offense:** \$300.00 fine to be deducted from payroll or Tribal distribution. Non-tribal members will be removed from the Reservation for a year.
- **2nd** offense: 30 days' imprisonment and an additional \$300.00 fine to be deducted from payroll or Tribal distribution.
- **3rd** offense: 30 days' imprisonment and the loss of one year of Tribal distribution

These penalties are being imposed to ensure COVID 19 is taken seriously and to protect the health of the Hualapai Community.

Also, to protect the community from the spread of the coronavirus, Council has directed the Hualapai Police Department to have three traffic control points throughout the community. This will begin Friday April 17, 2020 at 6:00p.m. and continue until further notice. Security is in place to assist with traffic control.

Remember, we must all work together to keep Peach Springs safe. If you see someone violating the Stay at Home Order or Curfew or suspect someone is violating quarantine, PLEASE say something. Call Dispatch at 769-2205. If you are concerned you may be sick or suspect someone else is suspect or have had contact with a community member positive with COVID19, please say something. Seek care from IHS or EMS if needed!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Tribe's COVID 19 Incident Command team at (928)769-2312.

### Tracing Contacts of Covid-19 patients

When we have a **confirmed positive or suspected Covid-19 patient** we talk to the patient and family about who they have had contact with in the last 14 days and start performing tracers starting with:

- All household members which is anyone with at least one overnight stay +/- 7 days from patient's illness onset, and the patient may have resided in >1 household.
- 2. A **close contact** is anyone who was within 6 feet of the case patient for more than 30 minutes or anyone who had direct contact with infectious secretions of the case patient (e.g., being coughed on). **This includes healthcare staff.**
- 3. A high risk contact is a person who fits one or more of the following: aged 65 years and older, who lives in a nursing home or long-term care facility, who has a chronic condition such as: chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, serious heart condition, immunocompromised including cancer treatment, severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] >40), diabetes, renal failure, liver disease, or pregnant. (Pregnancy should be monitored since they are known to be at risk with severe viral illness, however, to date data on COVID-19 has not shown increased risk.)
- 4. Anyone who has had contact with a positive Covid patient will be put on home isolation for 14 days.
- 5. If you know you have had contact with a positive Covid patient please contact the Peach Springs clinic at 928-769-2900 so we may assist with monitoring of symptoms and give you home isolation guidelines.
- 6. Any person that has been tested for Covid-19 will be put on home isolation as well.

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# A Public Reminder!

If you are traveling to Kingman, Bullhead or Lake Havasu or any hot spot area which is considered to have an increased number of positive COVID19 cases, we ask that you follow these guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID19.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid people who are sick;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces;
- WEAR a face masks when around others and or sick;



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- Medical Care
- Food
- Financial Obligations
- Cattle association members and Tribal Contractors displaying authorization Placards from the Hualapai Game & Fish
- Essential Employees
- Tribal Officials

### Stay Safe Hualapai!

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### Guidance for Large or Extended Families Living in the Same household

#### **Public Information and Awareness**

- 1. Protect the household when you leave for errands
- 2. Protect household members at high risk for severe illness
- 3. Protect children and others from getting sick
- 4. Care for a household member who is sick
- 5. Eat meals together and feed a sick household member

#### How to protect the household when you leave the house

- Don't leave the household unless absolutely necessary, if you must leave follow these tips:
- Avoid crowds, including social gatherings of any size
- Keep at least 6 feet away from other people
- Wash your hands often
- Don't touch frequently touched surfaces in public areas, such as elevator buttons and
- Handrails
- Don't use public transportation, such as the train or bus, if possible. If you must us public
- Transportation: maintain 6 feet of distance from other passengers as much as possible, avoid touching surfaces such as handrails, wash your hands or us hand sanitizer after leaving transportation
- Don't ride in a car with members of different households
- Wear a cloth face covering to help slow the spread of COCID-19
- Wash your hands immediately when you return home
- Maintain a physical distance between you and those at higher risk in your household







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# HOW TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE A HIGHER RISK

If your household includes people who are considered higher risk, then all family members should act as if they, themselves, are at higher risk. Here are seven ways to protect your household members.

- 1. Stay home as much as possible
- 2. Wash your hands often
- 3. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if you cant wash with soap and water
- 4. Don't touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- 5. Cover your coughs and sneezes
- 6. Clean and then disinfect your home
- 7. Don't have visitors unless they need to be in your home



# How to protect children and others from getting sick? Follow these five tips to help protect children and others from getting sick.

- 1. Teach children the same things everyone should do to stay healthy
- 2. Don't let children have in person playdates with children from other households
- 3. Teach children who are playing outside to stay 6 feet away from anyone who is not in the their own household

Wet your hands with clean, running water and apply soap Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails

Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds

Rinse your hands well under clean, running water

Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them



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# **INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM (ICT)**

### **Note: Community Members**

### **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

To protect the community from the spread of coronavirus, traffic control points have been set in the community effective Friday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Security is in place to assist and minimize community movement and to keep Hualapai Safe! Please adhere to these check points your cooperation is needed! Help us keep Hualapai Safe.



#### HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL <u>RESOLUTION NO. 31-2020</u> OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE HUALAPAI TRIBE OF THE HUALPAI RESOLUTION

### A Resolution Authorizing the Nation to Add the Aid to Tribal Government Program to the Nation's Master Contract No. A09AV00207 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs under P.L. 93-638

- **WHEREAS:** The Hualapai Tribal Council ("Council") is authorized to represent the Hualapai Nation ("Nation") and act on all matters that concern the health and welfare of the Nation, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe ("Constitution") as provided under Article V of the Constitution; and
- **WHEREAS:** The Council, as the legislative body of the Nation, is authorized to enact laws, ordinances and resolutions incidental to the exercise of its legislative powers as provided under Article V of the Constitution; and
- **WHEREAS:** The Council is authorized to negotiate, enter, and perform contracts and agreements with Federal, State and local governments and to accept grants and donations from any person, organization, state, or the United States as provided under Article V, respectively, of the Constitution; and
- WHEREAS: The Nation currently has a Master Contract No. A09AV00207 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in accordance with the authorizations and requirements of P.L. 93-638, which includes the following programs administered by the Nation: (1) Social Services (including General Assistance), (2) Tribal Court, (3) Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA"), and (4) Roads Maintenance; and
- WHEREAS: In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), P.L. No. 116-136, which authorizes \$453 million in additional direct appropriations resources for COVID-19 response activities through the BIA, of which \$380 million will be distributed to tribes based on enrollment data through the Aid to Tribal Government Program; and
- **WHEREAS:** The CARES Act funding is one-time, non-recurring, non-base funds to be used for the purposes of prevention, preparedness, and response to COVID-19 and must be used within the allowable confines of the program, function, service, or activity (PFSA) in which they are received; and
- **WHEREAS:** The Nation is facing extremely serious and detrimental financial impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency, including ongoing closure of Grand Canyon Resort Corporation, and impacts to the Nation's governmental operations; and

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Authorizing the Nation to Add the Aid to Tribal Government Program to the Nation's Master Contract No. A09AV00202 with the BIA under P.L. 93-638 WHEREAS: The Council has determined it to be in the Nation's best interest to add the Aid to Tribal Government Program to the Nation's Master Contract No. A09AV00207 with the BIA in order to access the \$843,965.00 in CARES Act funding allocated to the Nation through the BIA.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hualapai Tribal Council, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, hereby authorizes the Nation to request BIA to add the Aid to Tribal Government Program to the Nation's Master Contract No. A09AV00207 with the BIA under P.L. 93-638 in order to access the \$843,965.00 in CARES Act funding allocated to the Nation through the BIA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Nation will operate the Aid to Tribal Government Program by utilizing its allocation of the CARES Act funding for the purposes of prevention, preparedness, and response to COVID-19.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council authorizes the Nation to receive and expend the funds in accordance with the funding requirements and the Nation's financial policies.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, or either of them, are hereby authorized to take such further action as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Chairman of the Hualapai Tribal Council hereby certify that the Hualapai Tribal Council of the Hualapai Tribe is composed of nine (9) members of whom <u>six (6)</u> constituting a quorum were present at a <u>Special Council Meeting</u> thereof held on this <u>23<sup>rd</sup> day</u> <u>of April, 2020</u>; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of <u>(6)</u> <u>approve, (0) opposed, (1) not voting, (2) excused</u>, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section (a) of the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe approved March 13, 1991.

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Dr. Damon R. Clarke, Chairman Hualapai Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Shanda Salazar, Admin Assistant Hualapai Tribal Council

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### HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL <u>RESOLUTION 30-2020</u> OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE OF THE HUALAPAI TRIBE OF THE HUALAPAI RESERVATION

#### Hualapai Incident Command Team Differential Pay

- WHEREAS, the Hualapai Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located on the Hualapai Indian Reservation in Northwestern Arizona; and
- WHEREAS, the Hualapai Tribal Council has the power to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe pursuant to Article V(r) of the Hualapai Constitution; and
- WHEREAS, the current Incident Command Team (ICT) and future Hualapai ICT's will be authorized to implement the Incident Command System and includes an organization chart to improve efficiency. Based on the organizational chart a pay band will apply to each position. ICT Differential Pay, as defined in this Resolution is considered a discretionary bonus and is not considered 401(k) Plan compensation, but is part of the regular wage for the purposes of overtime calculations; see attached Appendix A;
- WHEREAS, on activation of the ICT by Council the IC will be designated by Council. Council, in coordination with the IC and HR Director, will fill the ICT positions giving first consideration to current RIF List, maintained by HR. ICT positions and vacancies are not required to be announced. Applications and interviews are also not requirement, but may be viewed as a best practice on a case by case basis;
- WHEREAS, all Hualapai ICT employees will be "Non-Exempt" and differential pay's will apply to all positions within the ICT which are listed below;

<u>Hazard Pay</u>, is authorized for employee risk of exposure to "virulent biologicals," defined as work with or in close proximity to materials of a micro-organic nature which when introduced into the body are likely to cause serious disease or fatality. Other types of hazard environments include floods, hurricanes, drought, communicable disease, or other Tribal Council deemed hazardous emergencies. Hazard Pay is 25% of ICT position hourly rate when performing duties specific to emergencies. Hazard Pay is on a 24-hour day from 0001 to 2400 hours and when authorized shall be paid for all hours within that day. Hazard Pay is in addition to other premium or differential pays.

Sunday Premium, is 25% and only applies if the employee's normal work schedule does not include working Sunday's. Sunday Premium only cover's tour of duty schedule hours and is in addition to other differential pays.

<u>Night Differential</u>, is 25% of hourly rate when an employee is working from 10PM - 6AM. Night differential is in addition to other premium pays.

Holiday Pay, includes "holiday worked" resulting in double pay for employee's scheduled tour of duty.

WHEREAS, effective March 17, 2020 and through the duration of COVID-19 and any extension by the Council

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the ICT designation, differential pay's, and position pay band are accepted to continue the current and future ICT's.

### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Chairman of the Hualapai Tribal Council hereby certify that the Hualapai Tribal Council of the Hualapai Tribe is composed of nine (9) members of whom <u>six (6)</u> constituting a quorum were present at a <u>Special Council Meeting</u> thereof held on this <u>23<sup>nd</sup> day</u> <u>of April, 2020;</u> and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of <u>(6)</u> <u>approve, (0) opposed, (1) not voting, (2) excused,</u> pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section (a) of the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe approved March 13, 1991.

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