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*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.*



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## INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

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### PRESS RELEASE

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TIME: 4:36 PM

FROM: Incident Commander

**Health Officials Confirm that the number of positive COVID-19 cases are now at (69) among local Tribal members and other community members. This includes; four (4) commuting staff, three (3) Tribal members residing in the Kingman area, one (1) Tribal member residing in the Bullhead City area, nine (9) are still hospitalized, four (4) positive/recovered, and we have three (3) positive/deaths. 200 plus test have been conducted and 131 plus negatives.**

**Family members and other community members** who have been in close contact with the positive cases are in self-quarantined/self-isolated lodging or recovering at home as investigations continue and tests are pending results.

The **LOCKDOWN** is in effect beginning Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM and will end Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 AM, but the **STAY AT HOME ORDER** does apply continually **24 hours / 7 days a week** for all community members to stay within the boundary of their property and limit direct communication with the public to avoid potential contact with COVID-19. Some exceptions are allowed under the Tribal Resolutions 36 & 37; **medical care, tending to livestock, essential employees, and tribal officials** during the day.

The **CURFEW HOURS** are: **8:00 PM to 6:00 AM nightly.**

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There are **244** positive confirmed cases and **27** deaths in Mohave County: with 50 in the Lake Havasu City area including **4** deaths, **168** in the Kingman area including 22 deaths, 7 in “North Country” and **19** in the Bullhead City area including **1** death.

We encourage community members to stay at home, remain calm, and take this matter seriously. Please continue following CDC recommendations as you confine yourselves at home. DO NOT expose the elderly to **“community spread”** through your outside to home activities.

As defined by the CDC, community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

The best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use sanitizer
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid people who are sick.
- Be responsible: stay home if sick, or get checked by a medical professional.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces. COVID-19 spreads through mucus droplets through coughs or sneezes. Symptoms appear within 2 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 at IHS or EMS