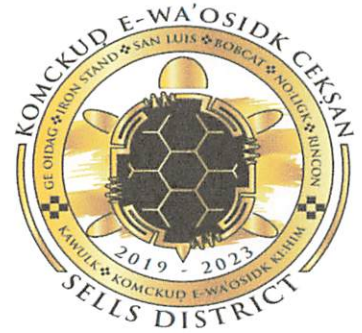




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Public Service Announcement

On April 17, 2020 the Tohono O'odham Nation's Chairman issued Executive Order 2020-04, further enforcing the need for the general public to stay home and extend further guidance on the partial shutdown and essential personnel policy.

The Sells District is uniquely susceptible to the possibility of an imminent outbreak due to the larger population and additional presence of essential personnel and necessary travel of the Nation's employees and members outside of the District for basic needs and essential business in the District.

The Sells District strongly urges a further focused approach by the Nation to mitigate the risk of spread, and encourages all members in the District and those visiting to stay home and if you must be in public you should use face coverings or masks, practice social distancing and good hygienic practices while in the community/district.

The Sells District Administration has implemented shorter hours and as a precautionary measure closed our office to the public. All doors will remain locked, staff that is able to will be assigned to telecommute; we will operate physically with limited hours to maintain minimal presence and limit our staff being away from home but be available as needed to see to services to the membership.

Each community in the Sells District; Ge Oidag, Kawulk, North Communities and Sells Community are able to process and accept District members request for essential needs, and have authorized the representatives to initiate emergency assistance when necessary, if you need assistance you may call the office 520.383.2281 calls will continue to be answered addressed as they come in.

1. The office will be closed to the public until June 4, 2020, staff will be in office only to finalize processing of payments also for planned and/or immediate necessary outreach and support to the communities elders and youth. Members may reach our elder/youth coordinator at 520.396.0674 or our community liaison at 520.993.0633 for any needs you may have. Limited assistance and services are available from the District level.

2. **Transportation request will be limited to essential grocery shopping in the Sells area only, if you are sick you will not be allowed to be transported in the district vans, there will be a limit of 4 passengers in the van, no one will be allowed to ride if you are coughing, sneezing and have a fever. You may call 520.383.2281 or 520.993.6641 to schedule. Transportation will be conducted on Wednesday mornings for elders only and Saturday morning for any member. You need to call at least two days before the planned transportation date to schedule.**
3. **Project request continue to be addressed and will only be fulfilled by the laborers on an emergency basis; they will be assigned for duty if the request is crucial to the safety and livelihood of a member. All other request will be filed and kept for future planning and on days scheduled by the administration.**
 - a. **Laborers will only be assigned to pick up items in Tucson deemed essential to the safety and livelihood of the household only, minimizing the outside travel exposure of our staff.**
 - b. **Home inspections, walkthroughs will be conducted following the same protocol to protect our staff that do enter and visit homes in the community generally to conduct business.**

This is a special time a time we all must understand that it's for all of us that we stay home that we NOT go and visit our extended families and friends and stay with our immediate family household. It's on all of us to be responsible for our elders, our youth and ourselves to keep our hands clean, cover our coughs and sneezes and keep distance between us, yet still stay in touch via any means that you can without physically touching.

That we take extra care to be mindful of the curfew, no one should be outdoors between the hours of 9:00pm and 6:00am. Know where our children are and keep them indoors do not let them roam about the community unsafe and we all need to adhere to the executive order of the Nation's Chairman.

The Tohono O'odham Police Department will be advised of any unknown travelers in the District and of any large gatherings or loud ruckus behavior in the community/district and are charged by the updated order to issue citations. Let's remain on a good path, a positive mindset and hold on to the fact that as O'odham we stand together and can see through this trying time.

We thank you for your attention, Sells District members may reach the office for any needs that may arise, and you may also reach Chairman Buendia by phone at 520.993.0838 or Vice Chairman Garcia at 520.403.9491 if needed.

Peace and continued blessings to you and your families,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan C. Buendia', written in a cursive style.

Juan C. Buendia, Chairman
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