



Tohono O'odham Nation: Leadership Update 07

COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for March 20, 2020

This is a rapidly-evolving situation. Information in this report is accurate as of the time sent.

COVID-19 Cases			
As of March 20, 2020 at 2:00 pm			
Tohono O'odham Nation Totals			
0		3*	
TON Cases		TON Tested	
*One patient was tested and the result was negative, two are pending.			
State and National Totals			
63	0	15,219*	201
Arizona Cases	Arizona Deaths	U.S. Cases	U.S. Deaths
Maricopa = 34; Pinal = 10; Pima = 8; Coconino = 5; Navajo = 3; Graham = 1; Santa Cruz = 1; Yavapai = 1 Arizona County Cases		54** Number of States Affected	
*The number of U.S. cases is a combined total of 337 travel related; 321 close contact; and 14,561 under investigation. **50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and US Virgin Islands).			
Global Totals			
As of March 20, 2020			
234,073	9,840	175	
Total Confirmed	Total Deaths	Countries Affected	

As of March 20, 2020, Tohono O'odham Nation does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19. As a reminder, testing is still limited in Arizona and not everyone will be tested for COVID-19.



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Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care

On March 18, 2020, TONHC and Unified Command staff provided a COVID-19 update to Legislative Council that was streamed on KOHN. Executive Office, along with TONHC and TODHHS staff presented at the TON All Districts Chair meeting to provide a COVID-19 & Unified Command update.

Below are new changes that will occur with TONHC to help address the COVID-19 response:

- **Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, TONHC will stop ALL non-urgent visits at our facilities**, until further notice.
- **Effective Monday, March 23, 2020 ALL services at Santa Rosa will be suspended** until further notice in order to ensure adequate staffing at Sells Hospital. Santa Rosa Health Center patients can still pick up medications until Tuesday at noon. Medications not picked up will be distributed to patients at their home.
- **First Check System:** Each facility will have all patients and employees go through the First Check System before entering the building to ask about any concerning symptoms of COVID-19. If their First Check is positive, they will be evaluated by a provider outside, and we will provide supportive care for them (over the counter medications if indicated, instructions for home care, work excuse). The goal is to minimize the number of symptomatic patients coming into our facilities where they might spread infection. The First Check System is not lab testing. This is a series of 3 questions: Do you have cough, fever, or difficulty breathing?
- **Primary Care:** TONHC plans on providing as much routine care thru telephone calls. Care will still be provided to patients in the clinic, such as wound care patients, prenatal patients, and others as determined by the care team providers.
- **Same Day Care:** TONHC will have a “well” same day clinic at Sells and San Xavier for patients who need to be seen who do not have any respiratory symptoms.
- **Pharmacy** will be providing 90 day supplies of medications where appropriate (controlled medications not included).

Any sick patient who needs further evaluation within the facility **WILL BE SEEN**, but under controlled circumstances in a separate area where infection control limits any risk to employees and other patients.

COVID-19 or novel coronavirus disease cases are widespread in the US and planning and preparation is key. Together as a Nation, we can protect ourselves and our communities from getting and spreading COVID-19. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy.



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Tohono O'odham Unified Command

The Unified Command is comprised of Tohono O'odham Nation's Public Safety, Health and Human Services, and Health Care Departments and are working closely with many Nation programs and partners including Districts to prepare for COVID-19 in our community. The current Operational Period is from Wednesday, March 18 – 24, 2020.

Priorities for this week were to:

Establish a Joint Information System (JIS) through the EOC for synthesizing public information and messaging. A website was developed and went live regarding COVID-19 and can be accessed at <http://www.tonhc.org/coronavirus/>. In addition to the website the JIS disseminates PSA's and messaging on the OEM Facebook page, email distribution to District leaders and stakeholders, and KOHN announcements.

ID Logistical staging/collections points for operational activities.

Establish initial community support resources through TOGE for the most vulnerable households.

Transition workforce personnel into operational activities and Unified Command positions.

Support TON-HC efforts to implement First Check screening at San Xavier Clinic, Sells Hospital, and San Simon Clinic.

Develop technology strategies for community education/outreach effort in video/audio format to be delivered in O'odham and English

Develop implementation plan the 1-800 line for local COVID-19 information (O'odham speakers)

Establish communication/interface with county, state, and federal partners to develop a common operating picture.



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What's Happening in Elsewhere

ARIZONA

Updated Arizona recommendations are listed below:

- Effective close of business, Friday, March 20, all restaurants in Arizona counties with confirmed COVID-19 cases are required to provide dine-out options only.
- Effective close of business Friday, March 20, all bars, movie theaters, and gyms in counties with confirmed COVID-19 cases are required to close.
- Halt all elective surgeries in the state of Arizona.
- If someone in your family has tested positive for COVID-19, keep the entire household at home and contact your medical provider.
- Expiration dates on Arizona driver licenses are delayed.
- State-wide closes of Arizona schools through Friday, March 27, 2020.
- Recommendations to cancel or postpone mass gatherings of 10 or more people.
- Recommend to telework and other alternatives when available.
- Governor Ducey released an Executive Order on March 19, 2020: (see link for details) <https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/03/governor-ducey-announces-latest-covid-19-actions>
- Arizona Poison Control Number for Provider and Public Calls for COVID-19: **1-844-542-8201**

USA

- All 50 states have reported cases of COVID-19 to CDC. US COVID-19 cases included imported cases in travelers, cases among close contacts of a known case, and community-acquired cases where the source of infection is unknown.
- On March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump and the White House Coronavirus Force issued new guidelines to help protect Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak Task: "15 Days to Slow the Spread":
 - Listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities.
 - If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
 - If your children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
 - If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
 - If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
 - If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

GLOBALLY

- The number of confirmed cases worldwide has exceeded 200,000. It took over three months to reach the first 100,000 confirmed cases, and only 12 days to reach the next 100,000.



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Useful Links

Accurate as of March 20, 2020

- [Coronavirus - TONHC](#)
- [CDC Website](#)
- [AZ Department of Health Services](#)
- [Pima County Health Department](#)
- [Coronaviruses vs. COVID-19 chart \(English & Spanish\)](#)
- [COVID-19 FAQ \(English\)- Maricopa County](#)
- [COVID-19 FAQ \(Spanish\) - Maricopa County](#)