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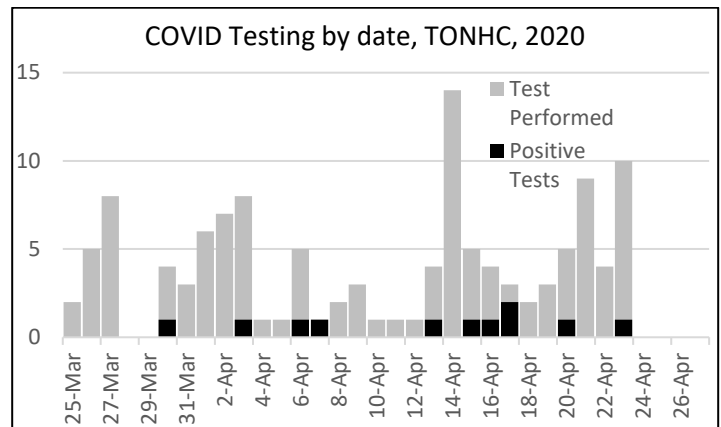
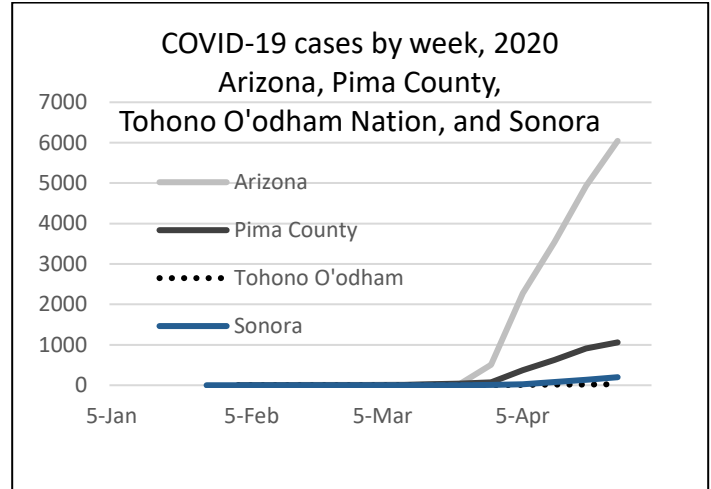
COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for April 24 2020

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

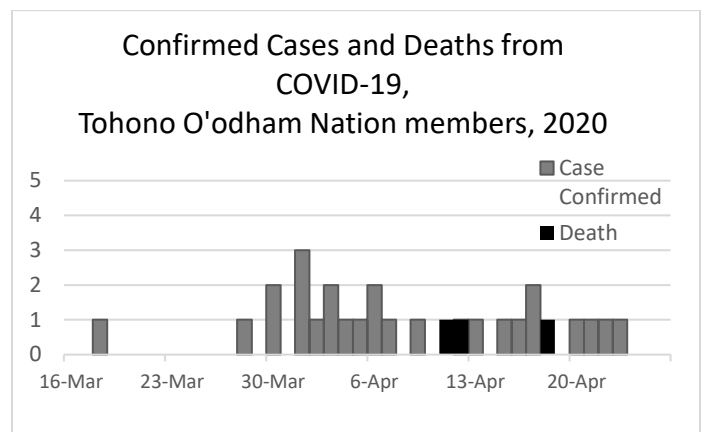
Case Counts and Laboratory Testing.

Location	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	2,631,839	182,100
USA	865,585	48,816
Arizona	6,045	266
Tohono O'odham Nation (10 living on and 16 off the Nation)	25	3
Maricopa	3,116	120
Pima	1,060	74
Navajo	583	
Coconino	391	
Pinal	317	
Apache	296	
Yavapai	75	
Mohave	73	
Yuma	42	
Cochise	34	
Santa Cruz	30	
Gila	11	
La Paz	8	
Graham	7	
Greenlee	2	



April 24, 2020: COVID-19 cases identified among TON members=25; 3 deaths

Sex	18 female (72%)
Average age	48.9 years (range=21-87)
Live on the Reservation	10 (40%)
Hospitalized	9 (36%)
Serious underlying medical conditions	16/21* (76%)
*data not available for 4 persons	





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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04:

On Friday, April 17, 2020 the Tohono O'odham Nation Executive Office issued Executive Order No. 2020-04. The order requires the continuation of partial closure of Nation's programs and departments, as well as continuing the Stay at Home Order. This is for all Nation's residents to stay at home, except for needed medical, health, safety, and food for themselves or their family members. Curfew also continues from 9 pm through 6 pm. This order is extended until JUNE 4, 2020. The Tohono O'odham Police Department will be directed to issue citations to those in violation of the order.

Keeping Healthy

Pima County is expecting an increase of COVID-19 positive cases next month. In order to prepare for this increase, all community members need their part in keeping healthy and follow the recommendations as listed below.

- **Avoid being exposed to this virus**, by following the Stay At Home Order posed by the Tohono O'odham Nation.
- **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 that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - It is especially important to clean hands after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Stay at home** when you are sick.
- **Avoid close contact** (within 6 feet) with others. Put distance between yourself and other people.
- **Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) and immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.** Wearing cloth face covering in public settings is important. This will help slow the spread of the virus.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently** touched objects and surfaces daily.
 - **Diluting your household bleach:** 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water. OR 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water.
- **Stay at Home.** The Tohono O'odham Nation has a "Stay at Home Order" which requires all persons to stay at Home except for essential activities. Only go out for essential items and medical appointments. Select one person to go shopping when needed.

*****Isolation and quarantine is extremely important during this time because it will help limit the spread of COVID-19 disease. If a provider or someone from Public Health tells you to stay home, please listen and abide by the Stay at Home Order. If people don't listen, there is an increased chance that more people will get sick.***





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Public health recommends that people wear a cloth face covering to cover their nose and mouth. Especially in public situations where you may be near people, such as when you're grocery shopping. This is to protect people around you if you are infected but do not have symptoms.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance. As a reminder, surgical masks and N95 respirators are in short supply and should be reserved for health care workers or first responders.

Staying at home and away from other people can help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 virus from person-to-person. If you need medical care, call first to seek advice. If you need emergency care or need to call 911, report any cough, fever, difficulty breathing or other symptoms.

Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

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

RAPID TESTING NOW AVAILABLE at all TONHC sites! TONHC has started performing rapid testing for COVID-19 using the Abbott ID NOW. Lab tests can provide the results within 15 minutes. This test is in addition to the "PCR" that has been in place for several weeks. If you've been sick with any symptoms within the past three days or have been exposed to someone with known or suspected COVID-19, your doctor may recommend that you get tested. TONHC will begin scheduling appointments for those who are recommended to get tested. Call your clinic to get more information.

NEW: As of April 22, 2020, TONHC has transitioned care from outdoor to indoors at all TONHC sites. The secondary check at all sites are now in a different location. TONHC will send an announcement regarding the changes that have occurred and maps will be included.

NEW: Beginning on Monday, April 27, 2020, the Sells Hospital Pharmacy Pick Up area will be moving to the dental parking lot. To obtain medications, please enter the Sells Hospital compound through the main entrance. After the first check station, follow the signs to the new Pharmacy Pick-Up area.

FUNERAL GUIDANCE: Persons who cared for a loved one with COVID-19 can easily be infected and transmit the disease to others at funerals and wakes. Crowded services are potentially high-risk situations. Please seek guidance from Unified Command to make services safer for everyone.

Remains In Effect:

- TONHC continues to stop all non-urgent visits at our facilities, until further notice.
- ALL services at Santa Rosa will be suspended until further notice in order to ensure adequate staffing at Sells Hospital.

COVID-19 or novel coronavirus disease cases are widespread in Arizona and prevention measures are 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 Nation Unified Command

Current and Planned Objectives:

- Develop, Implement, and Update plans for Alternate Care Sites (ACS) Tier I (non-congregate) Tier II (congregate) facilities to increase the capacity for housing potential COVID-19 positive patients. Low level medical needs.
- Develop, Implement, and Update processes, procedures, and or policies to support policy decision making authority for the Unified Command and stakeholders.
- Maintain continuous coordination with TON-HC Hospital and Clinic locations for operational support thru the Unified Command.
- Maintain operational communications with internal and external stakeholders.
- Integrate best practices and up-to-date safety guidance for the first responder community, healthcare/medical community, and supporting personnel.
- Ensure the continuous inventory and accountability of available Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across the Unified Command and distribute to those that are assigned or performing in disciplines that require PPE protection.
- Establish consistent community messaging and education to internal/external stakeholders
- Maintain an up-to-date financial and cost analysis of incident-related expenditures and provide updates to senior leadership.

Command Emphasis:

- Maintain Unified Command between DPS, TON-HC, and TODHHS.
- Ensure the accountability of deployed personnel/equipment that receive work assignments thru the EOC.
- Keep the Policy Group and senior leadership adequately informed.
- Sustain an operational battle rhythm, to include Planning P methodologies, Incident Action/Coordination/Support Planning.
- Ensure timely processing and documentation of resource requests using the EOC resource ordering on a **213-RR and submitted via TEAMS**.
- Acknowledge that in addition to the COVID-19 pandemic public safety will still need to coordinate response to day-to-day (LE, Fire, EMS).
- Develop COVID-19 situational awareness of impacts, response actions, and gap analysis for effective support.
- Build response organization common operating picture for support and coordination being provided throughout the EOC.
- Coordinate unified public messaging with all partner agencies.
- The Unified Command must acknowledge and recognize sensitive political, legal, and security issues and develop strategies and procedures to help establish: lines of authority, accountability procedures, personnel relief and rehabilitation, situational awareness, environmental conditions.
- Avoid "tunnel vision"; stress causes people to focus narrowly on the things they consider most important and it may be the wrong thing for the given time.



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Public Information

- Social Media: #iMaskUp pictures posted.
- Social Media: Social distancing gif.
- Social Media: Face Mask frame.
- Social Media: Traffic near pharmacy pick-up in Sells.
- Social Media: Q&A submission post.
- Video: Face Mask informational video with Chairman Norris and Vice Chairwoman.
- PSA: Pharmacy Pick-Up Changes
- Announcement: Pisinemo District office closure
- Announcement: Hickiwan District hours of operation update
- Web Page: Added Leadership Updates

The Unified Command continues planning efforts and capability development for the following areas:

Alternate Care Site(s); planning to expand the Nations Isolation/Quarantine capacity for potential COVID-19 patients is a priority for the Unified Command. The identified facilities will provide a needed capability to mitigating community spread on the TON.

Non-congregate facilities have been established at San Simon housing and Tohono O'odham Community College (TOCC) dormitories. The Unified Command continues planning efforts for the establishment of a Congregate Alternate Care Site at the San Xavier Recreation Center. The Unified Command is working with Pima County, Team Rubicon and local stakeholders.

Task Force Group; the Unified Command and TON-HC facilitated a conference call for Faith-Based leaders representing multi-denominational congregations. The intent of the call was to provide faith-based leaders with an orientation of COVID-19, recommendations for safety/mitigation guidance related to wakes and funerals, and to foster a working partnership with faith-based organizations. A weekly conference call will be scheduled with this Task Force.

The Unified Command continued facilitating the weekly Leaders Update with District Chair/Vice-Chairs, Tohono O'odham Legislative Council Representative, and Executive Office Officials.

Community Lifelines: Food Distribution

The Unified Command continued sustainment planning for the established community lifelines. On Tuesday, April 21, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the fifth food distribution for Districts. The distribution included the following contents:

5th Distribution - COVID 19 - 04/21/20

Shamrock/Containers - 11 DISTRICTS

Item Description	Quantity Distributed
BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	3
CARROT, JMBO #1	2



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CEREAL, TOASTED OATS	3
CLEANER, HARD SURFACE W-BLEACH RTU	2
COFFEE, COLOMBIAN 100% 2.5Z	2
CONTAINER, PLS DELI RND 16Z CLR (50pk)	4
CONTAINER, PLS DELI RND 32Z CLR (25pk)	2
COOKIE, CHOC CHIP MINI WG	1
DETERGENT, LAUNDRY PWDR	2
DETERGENT, WAREWASH POT & PAN LEMON	2
DRINK MIX, LEMONADE	2
EGG, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2 CS	2
BREAD, TEXAS TOAST 3/4" WHT	4
FLOUR, AP H&R	3
JAM, STRAWBRY PC CUP .5Z	3
JUICE, FRUIT 100% PUNCH PAPER CRTN	3
LID, PLS DELI RND 8Z-32Z TRANSL	225
ONION, YLW JMBO #2	3
PEANUT BUTTER, CRMY .75Z	3
POTATO, BAKER 70CT IDAHO	3
RICE, LONG GRAIN 4% BRKN WHT	3
CHEESE, CHDR MILD SHRD FCY WI	5
DESSERT BAR, BROWNIE ASSORT	1
MILK, 1% LF SHELF STABLE	2
MILK, CHOC FF SHELF STABLE	2
SNACK, FRUIT MIX .9Z	1
FRUIT CUP, PEACH DICED IN FRUIT JCE	1
FRUIT CUP, MANDARIN ORANGE IN FRUIT JCE	1

Statewide Outlook:

Emergency Declarations – All 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona have declared along with 67 cities and 14 counties.

JTF-ARIZONA:

The Arizona National Guard continues to actively assist state and local partners by providing surge capacity and capability in the State's COVID-19 emergency response. JTF-AZ is comprised of TF-Medical, TF-Aviation, TF-Logistics, TF-Alternate Care Sites.

Weather: Hot temperatures are returning to SE AZ with well above normal temperatures expected through next week. Stay hydrated!



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General Information:

Individuals engaging in essential activities who can safely manage their own cloth face coverings should consider wearing non-medical cloth face coverings in public settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. ***THIS IS TO PROTECT PEOPLE AROUND YOU IF YOU ARE INFECTED BUT DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS.***

Cloth face coverings:

- Should not be placed on children less than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.
- Should be laundered or disposed of appropriately.
- **Are not** surgical masks or N-95 respirator. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.



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What's Happening Elsewhere

ARIZONA

Updated Arizona recommendations are listed below:

- On April 22, 2020 Governor Ducey issued [New Guidance on Elective Surgeries](#) to authorize hospitals and outpatient surgical centers who can demonstrate adequate capacity, to resume elective surgeries beginning May 1st.
- The Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected Executive Order expires on April 30, 2020, unless it is extended. A plan on whether it will expire or be extended will be announced by the State next week.
- The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) updated the community transmission level of COVID-19 in Arizona to widespread. All Arizonans should expect that COVID-19 is circulating throughout their community.
- Maricopa County Department of Public Health is recommending the [cancellation of non-essential large gatherings](#) of more than 10 people through May 10, 2020.
- Arizona Poison Control Number for Provider and Public Calls for COVID-19: **1-844-542-8201**

USA

- The CDC has issued guidance on the [use of face coverings](#) to slow the spread of COVID-19. The guidance includes information on how to make, use, and sterilize your own face coverings.

Useful Links

- [Coronavirus - TONHC](#)
- [CDC Website](#)
- [AZ Department of Health Services](#)
- [Pima County Health Department](#)
- [Maricopa County Resources](#)
- [Use Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow Spread | CDC](#)

Local Hotline available
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

1-888-852-7022

State Hotline available 24 hours,
7 days a week

1-844-524-8201