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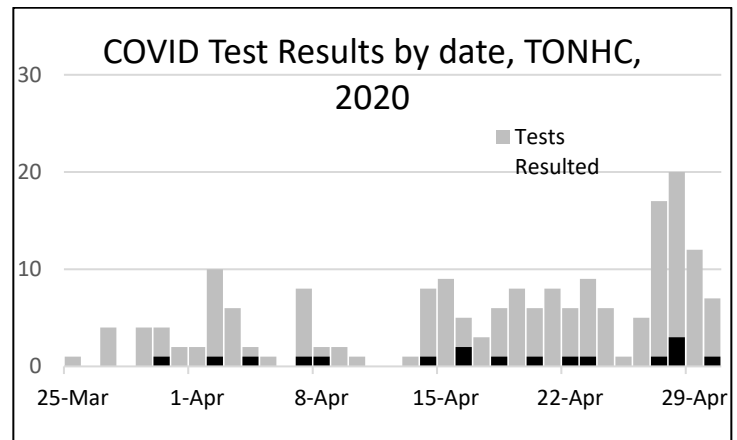
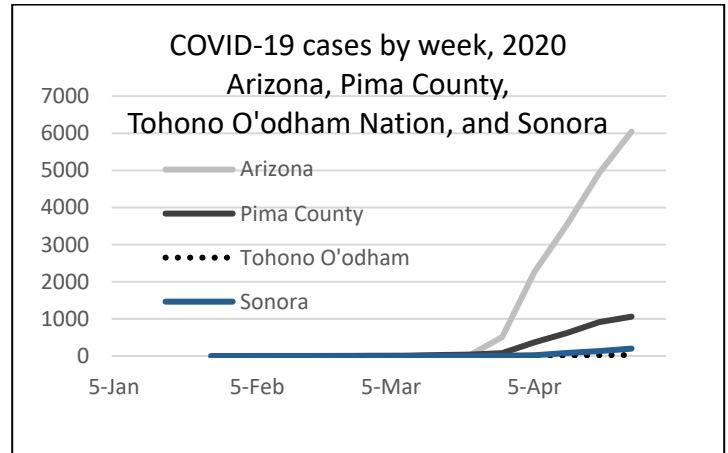
## COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for May 1, 2020

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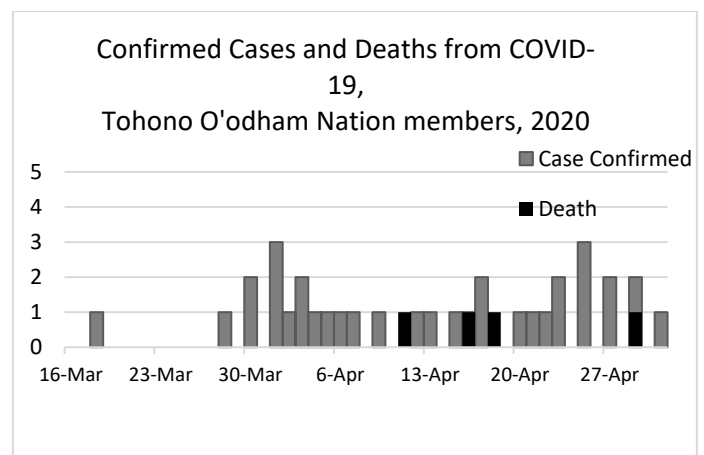
### Case Counts and Laboratory Testing.

Location	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	3,175,207	224,172
USA	1,031,659	60,057
Arizona	7,962	330
<b>Tohono O'odham Nation</b> (11 living on and 19 off the Nation)	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>
Maricopa	4,156	147
Pima	1,267	81
Navajo	741	
Coconino	498	
Apache	478	
Pinal	417	
Mohave	122	
Yavapai	82	
Yuma	82	
Cochise	39	
Santa Cruz	33	
Graham	17	
La Paz	15	
Gila	13	
Greenlee	2	



**May 1, 2020:** COVID-19 cases identified among TON members=34; 4 deaths

Sex	24 female (71%)
Average age	49.7 years (range=21-87)
Live on the Reservation	11 (32%)
Hospitalized	18/29*(38%)
Serious underlying medical conditions	22/27* (81%)
*data not available for all 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 in May. 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.

### 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:

- **NEW:** Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC) has been transitioning care to indoor areas at all sites. As of April 22, 2020, all patient care has transitioned indoors at Sells, San Xavier, and San Simon. Further changes are outlined below.
  - **All Sites** - All patients will be asked several questions and have their temperature checked prior to entering the facilities. All patients will be asked to wear a mask if entering one of the facilities.
  - **Sells Hospital** – The First Check remains in the same location. The Second Check has been moved to the south entrance of outpatient, next to the social security modular. Patients who are bound for Second Check will be routed to parking lot #3. On Monday, the Pharmacy pick-up location has been relocated to the Dental modular (parking lot #2). When you arrive, please notify First Check that you are there for pharmacy pick-up.
  - **San Xavier Health Center** – The First Check remains in the same location. The Second Check has been moved to the San Xavier Dental modular. Patients will be directed to park at the back of the Dental building. A staff member will meet you at your car and escort you into the clinical area. Pharmacy pick-up parking is located at the south end of the main clinic. Remain in your vehicle and a staff member will take your information and deliver your medication to you.
  - **San Simon Health Center** – The First Check remains in the same location. The Second Check has been moved to north side of the clinic. The pharmacy pick-up area is located next to the First Check station.
  - *[Reference PSA: Indoor Transition Changes – Tracking: TONHC 2020-COVID-19]*
- **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 results on-site, generally the same day. 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.
- **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.

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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### Unified Command

#### Current and Planned Objective(s):

- Develop, Implement, 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, 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:

- Media/Print: Probability of Contagion
- Announcement: Sells District (Update)
- Announcement: Tohono O'odham Utility Authority (Update)
- Announcement: Gu Achi District (Update)
- Announcement: Gu Vo District Closure
- PSA: Lukeville Port of Entry Hours (Update)
- PSA: Excessive Heat Warning
- PSA: TONHC Indoor Transition Changes
- Project: Billboards
- Project: Cloth Face Covering
- Project: O'odham Translations

### Strategic Actions:

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

Task Force Group; The Unified Command and Team Rubicon continue with planning efforts for the establishment of a Congregate Alternate Care Site at the San Xavier Recreation Center. Team Rubicon conducted a three-day training to individuals assisting in managing the facility.

Task Force Group; The Unified Command and TON-HC continue to facilitate weekly conference calls for Faith-Based leaders representing multi-denominational congregations. Intent is to provide faith-based leaders with recommendations for safety/mitigation guidance related to wakes and funerals, and to foster a working partnership with faith-based organizations.

### Community Lifelines:

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the sixth food distribution for Districts. The distribution included the following contents:

6th Distribution - COVID 19 - 04/21/20	
Shamrock - 11 DISTRICTS	
Item Description	Quantity Distributed
TISSUE, BATH 2PLY UNIVERSAL E (1/60/PK)	1
BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN (14/20/OZ)	2
CHIP, TORTILLA YLW TRIANG (6/2/LB)	5
SNACK MIX, JALAPENO (3/2/LB)	2
FLOUR, AP H&R (2/25/LB)	3
MILK, CHOC FF SHELF STABLE (27/8/OZ)	4
CHEESE, CHDR MILD SHRD FCY WI (4/5/LB)	3
RICE, LONG GRAIN 4% BRKN WHT (1/50/LB)	3
CLEANSER, DEODORIZING PWDR (24/21/OZ)	2
BLEACH, LIQ 6.15% FOOD SRV EPA (4/96/OZ)	5
SNACK MIX, CHEX BOLD & ZESTY (10/32.5/OZ)	2
SNACK, FRUIT MIX .9Z (250/.9/OZ)	1
SALSA, CHILE DE FRESCA (12/27/OZ)	1



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COOKIE, CHOC CHIP 2.5Z (60/2.5/OZ)	2
EGG, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2 CS (1/15/DZ)	2
JUICE, FRUIT 100% PUNCH PAPER CRTN (70/4/OZ)	3
PUDDING, VANILLA SF CUP (48/3.25/OZ)	3
CLEANER, AP ORNG RTU (6/32/OZ)	5
BREAD, WHEAT ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN (14/20/OZ)	2
BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	3

### O'odham in Mexico (OIM):

On Thursday, April 30, 2020 the Unified Command conducted a food distribution for OIM. The distribution included the following contents:

Items Distributed to O'odham in Mexico	
Item Description	Quantity
Onion (50lb)	3
Carrots ( 25lb)	2
Rice (50lb)	2
Pinto Beans (50lb)	2
Wheat Flour (50lb)	2
All Purpose Flour (2/25lb)	3
Tortilla Chips (6/2lb)	2
Cookies, Grandma CC (60/2.5oz)	2
Cereal, Toasted Oats (4/35oz)	1
Cereal, Corn Flakes (4/35oz)	1
Coffee (64/2.5/OZ)	1
Lemonade(12/24oz)	1
Potatoes (50lb)	3
Chocolate Milk (27/8oz)	3
Fruit Punch (70/4oz)	3
Peanut Butter (200/.75oz)	1
Liquid Cleaner w/ Bleach (6/32oz)	2
Eggs (15dz)	2
Cheese (4/5lb)	3
Crisco (6/6lb)	1
Toilet Paper (60 rolls)	2
Bread, Texas Toast (10/32oz)	3
Orange All-Purpose Cleaner (6/32oz)	2
Bleach (4/96oz)	2



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### What's Happening Elsewhere

#### ARIZONA

Updated Arizona recommendations are listed below:

- **NEW:** On April 29, 2020, Governor Doug A. Ducey issued an [Executive Order](#) extending Arizona's *Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected* Order until *May 15, 2020*.
  - Under the order, retail businesses currently not operating can begin curbside pick-up on Monday, May 4, followed by expanded in-person operations on Friday, May 8 as long as they implement social distancing and sanitation measures.
- **NEW:** Arizona is hosting an *Arizona Testing Blitz for COVID-19 Testing* on May 2, 9, and 16.
  - Testing sites are located throughout Arizona. For more information visit: [www.azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz](http://www.azhealth.gov/TestingBlitz)
- Arizona Poison Control Number for Provider and Public Calls for COVID-19: **1-844-542-8201**
- **NEW:** For Food, Housing & Employer Resources, dial **2-1-1**

#### USA

- The United States has exceeded one million confirmed cases of COVID-19. Globally, there have been more than three million cases, with the U.S. leading the number of confirmed cases.
- 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](#)
- **NEW:** [COVID-19 Projections for Arizona](#)

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**