



# Tohono O'odham Nation: Leadership Update 16

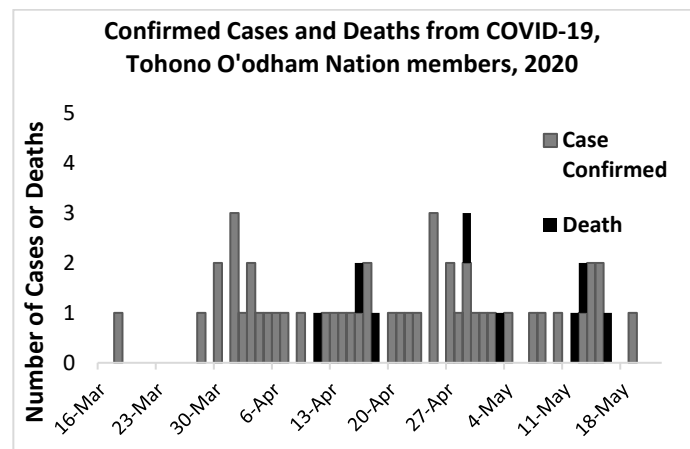
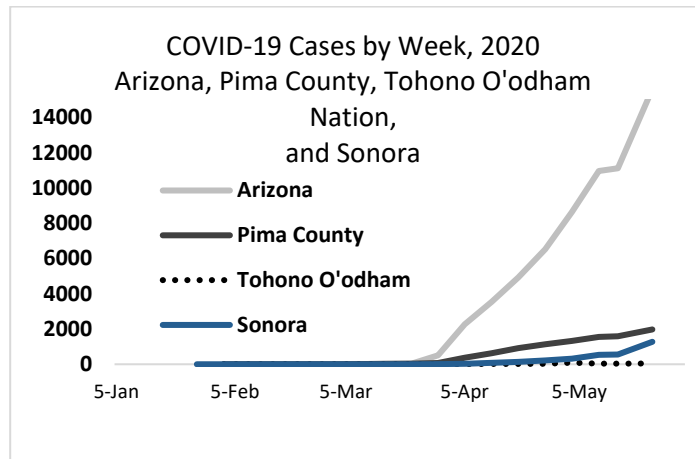
## COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for May 22, 2020

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

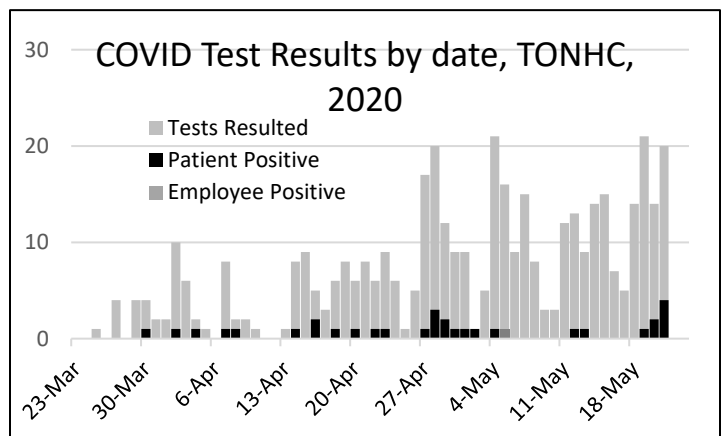
### Case Counts and Laboratory Testing.

Location	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	4,995,996	327,821
USA	1,571,617	94,150
Arizona	15,608	775
<b>Tohono O'odham Nation</b> (15 living on and 25 off the Nation)	<b>48</b>	<b>8</b>
Maricopa	7,950	368
Pima	1,974	174
Navajo	1,470	
Apache	1,139	
Coconino	979	
Pinal	749	
Yuma	492	
Mohave	288	
Yavapai	284	
Santa Cruz	131	
Cochise	56	
La Paz	48	
Gila	24	
Graham	21	
Greenlee	3	



**May 22, 2020:** COVID-19 cases identified among TON members=48; 8 deaths / Contact Tracing = 183

Sex	32 female (67%)
Average age	46.5 years (range=21-87)
Live on the Reservation	15 (31%)
Hospitalized	21/44* (54%)
Serious underlying medical conditions	30/39* (77%)
*data not available for all persons	





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### Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

#### **PSA: COVID-19 Testing is Available at TONHC by Appointment [TONHC: COVID-19-003]**

TONHC has testing available for ALL people who have symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms may include: cough, fever, shortness of breath, chills, body aches, diarrhea, sore throat, headache, and loss of taste or smell. If you have any of these symptoms, please contact a TONHC healthcare facility to schedule an appointment.

We are also testing certain groups of people who have been exposed to COVID-19, even if the person does not have any of the above symptoms. If you believe that you have been exposed to COVID-19, please call a TONHC healthcare facility to discuss your situation. You may be eligible for testing.

Please be aware that the following situations may require testing:

- Prior to a surgical procedure
- Prior to admittance to a Skilled Nursing Facility or Rehabilitation Facility
- Prior to admittance to a Correctional Facility
- Prior to admittance to a group home setting

If you have questions about testing, please call one of these TONHC healthcare facilities:

• **Sells Hospital: 520-383-7209** / • **San Xavier: 520-295-2529 or 520-295-2590** / • **San Simon: 520-362-7078**

#### **PSA: TONHC Ambulatory Services Closure Date – May 25, 2020 [TONHC: 2020-SE-002]**

TONHC Ambulatory Care services will be closed on May 25, 2020 in observation of the Memorial Day holiday. This includes Sells Hospital, San Xavier Health Center and San Simon Health Center. In addition, pharmacy refill services will not be available on this day. Please plan accordingly.

The Sells Hospital Emergency Department and Inpatient Unit will remain open on Memorial Day.

If you have a medical emergency please dial 911.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you and your family.

TONHC wishes you a happy and safe holiday weekend. Please remember that the best ways to keep yourself and your family safe are to:

1. Stay home when possible.
2. For essential outings: wear a mask in public and stay 6 feet away from other people.
3. Avoid large crowds.
4. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or utilize alcohol based hand sanitizer.



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### TON EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

All Tohono O'odham Nation Executive Orders remain in effect at this time. Relevant orders include:

- **E.O. 2020-03 Stay at Home Order:** this order remains in effect until further notice, and does not have an expiration date. This order, in part, limits travel throughout the Nation to essential purposes/services only, orders all Nation's residents stay at home (excepted for authorized purposes) and establishes a curfew for the Nation from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
- **E.O. 2020-02 Partial Closure of Governmental Services:** orders closure of all nonessential programs and relieves non-essential employees of regular work duties with pay.
- **E.O. 2020-04 Extension of Partial Closure:** extends E.O. 2020-02 governmental services closure end date from April 23, 2020 to June 4, 2020. Additionally, this order amends the Executive Branch Personnel Policies Manual (PPM).

You can find the Executive Orders mentioned above at: <http://www.tonhc.org/coronavirus-executive-orders/>  
[Reference – Memorandum: COVID-19 Executive Orders Remain Effective]

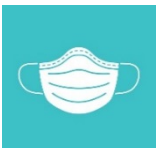
*Isolation and quarantine are extremely important during this time because it will help limit the spread of COVID-19 disease. If a provider or someone from Public Health tells you to stay home, please listen and abide by the Stay at Home Order. If people don't listen, there is an increased chance that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

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. If we all do our part, we can limit the spread of COVID-19 on the Tohono O'odham Nation.

## Keeping Healthy

As Arizona begins the transition on resuming business operations, community members need to take additional precautions to keep one another safe and healthy. Everyone will be expected to continue to abide by the Tohono O'odham Nation Stay at Home Order. ***As restrictions begin to loosen we need to continue to practice social distancing and limit travel for essential purposes only.***

### Face Coverings



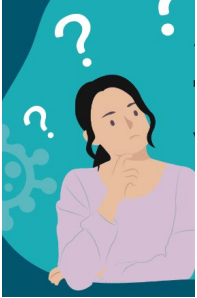
It is very important that all community members wear a face mask. Continue to wear masks and cover your nose and mouth when in public and around others. As Arizona begins to return to business as normal, it is now more important than ever to wear a face mask while in public. Cloth face masks offer an added layer of protection against COVID-19.



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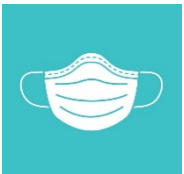
### 5 Questions to Ask Before Going Out



By taking personal protective measures and planning ahead, you can lessen your risk for exposure to COVID-19.

1. Will it be more difficult to maintain physical distancing where I'm going?
2. What types of safety precautions are in place at the location I'm visiting?
3. What personal protective measures can I take before leaving my home (i.e., bring a cloth face covering, carry hand sanitizer or wipes)?
4. Is it possible for me to go alone or limit the size of my group?
5. Are there other ways I can accomplish my task without leaving the house?

### What You Can Do



The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. These simple actions will lessen your chances of catching COVID-19 and spreading it to others:

- 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.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home as much as possible, but especially when you are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people, at least 6 feet.
- Avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Consider [wearing a cloth face covering](#) when in public places. **People can spread COVID-19 before they show symptoms, or even if they show no symptoms at all.** Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others.

## What's Happening Elsewhere

### ARIZONA

Updated Arizona recommendations are listed below:

- On May 12, 2020, Governor Doug A. Ducey announced Executive Order 2020-36 *Stay Healthy, Return Smarter Return Stronger* effective on Saturday, May 16, 2020.  
<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home>
- Arizona continues to host an extended *Arizona Testing Blitz for COVID-19* on **May 23, and 30**. 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**
- For Food, Housing & Employer Resources, dial **2-1-1**



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### Unified Command

#### Current and Planned Objectives:

- In partnership with key stakeholders, develop, implement, and update plans/processes/protocols for gradually and strategically returning the workforce and reopening of businesses while protecting public health and slowing the spread of COVID-19.
- Maintain global, national, and state situational awareness of COVID-19 outbreak impacts and any surge in cases that might come from the border environment.
- 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:

- 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.
- 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 [eoc@tonation-nsn.gov](mailto:eoc@tonation-nsn.gov) for review/approval



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- 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

### Strategic Actions:

The Unified Command continues to facilitate weekly Leaders Update calls with District Chairs, Legislative Representatives, and Executive Office officials.

The Unified Command continues to actively participate in calls and efforts with County, State, and Federal stakeholders regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Unified Command will be actively assisting with the planning efforts and activities for a return-to-work initiative.

The Unified Command worked with TON-HC partners and Faith-Based Leaders to develop the NEW RELEASED Guidelines for Wakes/Funerals. This guidance includes information regarding Risk of Transmission, Considerations for Tribal Leaders and Community Members, CDC Guidance for Funeral and Burial Services, Additional Considerations, Frequently Asked Questions, and general information on burial assistance.

### Public Information:

- Memo from Executive Office
- Leadership Update 15
- Social Media: S. Ortega Video
- Guidelines: Wakes/Funerals
- Social Media: Cloth Face Masks
- Project: New social media platform, Instagram
- Project: Cloth face mask donations, 200 distributed to each District



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### Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, May 21, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the ninth food distribution for Districts. The distribution included the following contents:

#### 9th Distribution - COVID 19 - 05/21/20

Shamrock - 11 DISTRICTS		
Item Description	Unit	Quantity Distributed
LUNCH MEAT, SPAM LS	12/12/OZ	3
BAG, STORAGE GAL RECLOSABLE	1/250/pK	1
BAG, STORAGE QT RECLOSABLE	1/500/PK	1
HASH, CORNED BEEF	12/52/OZ	3
BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	1/50/LB	1
RICE, LONG GRAIN WHT 4% BRKN	1/50/LB	1
FLOUR, AP H&R	2/25/LB	2
BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN	14/20/OZ	2
TISSUE, BATH CORELESS 2PLY	36/1000/PK	3
CONTAINER, POLY JUG CLR 1GAL	1/48/PK	42
LID, POLY JUG 1GAL	1/2500/PK	42
BABY FOOD, BANANA 2ND FOOD	16/4/OZ	2
EGG, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2 CS	1/15/DZ	2
BEEF, BRISKET SHRD FC	12/2/LB	1
SANITIZER, FOOD SERVICE SANI QUAD	1/1/GL	2
BLEACH	1/6/GL	3
HAND SANITIZER	1/4/GL	2
HAND SANITIZER IN 5 GALLON BLADERS		2
CLOTH FACE MASK		200
GLOVES, (S,M,L & XL)	2/100CT EACH	8





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### Weather:

The anticipated weather outlook for next week is calling for a prolong period of hot weather returning to the region. Moderate to high Heat Risk levels will commence next Wednesday and continue through next weekend.

An Excessive Heat Watch will be in effect from Wednesday morning through Friday evening. An Excessive Heat Watch means that a period of very hot temperatures, even by local standards, will occur. Actions should be taken to lessen the impact of the extreme heat.

Stay indoors and seek air-conditioned buildings. Drink water, more than usual, and avoid dehydrating alcoholic, sugary, or caffeinated drinks. Dress for the heat - lightweight and light colored clothing. Eat small meals and eat more often. Monitor those with a higher vulnerability to heat, including small children. Check in on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly. If engaging in outdoor activity, take longer and more frequent breaks and avoid the hottest parts of the day. Never leave kids or pets unattended in cars.

Recognize the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness. Early signs include thirst and muscle cramps. Heat exhaustion may include: cool, moist, pale skin; headache; dizziness; weakness or exhaustion; nausea. The most serious illness is heat stroke, which may include: vomiting; confusion; throbbing headache; decreased alertness or loss of consciousness; high body temperature (above 105F); hot, dry skin; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing; seizures.

**HEAT STROKE CAN BE DEADLY. TREAT AS AN EMERGENCY AND CALL 9-1-1.**












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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Memorial Day	Monday Night	Tuesday
								
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny
High: 91 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 89 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 89 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 93 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 97 °F

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 91. Southwest wind 10 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 59. South southeast wind 9 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 89. Southwest wind 11 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 58. South wind 7 to 16 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 89. South wind 7 to 11 mph becoming west in the afternoon.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 60.

**Memorial Day:** Sunny, with a high near 93.

**Monday Night:** Clear, with a low around 63.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 97.

**Tuesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 66.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 101.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 104.



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### 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](#)
- [COVID-19 Projections for Arizona](#)
- [Tips for Health and Wellness for Elders](#)
- [Caring for Elders During COVID-19](#)
- [Considerations for Shopping & Running Errands](#)
- [Stress and Coping during COVID-19](#)

**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**