



Tohono O'odham Nation: Leadership Update 20

COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for June 21, 2020

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

Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

COVID-19 Pandemic Summary

Arizona, Pima County, and Tohono O'odham continue to report rising case counts since restrictions were relaxed in May. Arizona hospital beds are at 83% capacity and ICU beds are at 85% capacity.

Tohono O'odham Nation Case Counts: 128 cases, 10 deaths among TON members from multi-county data.

Tests: Over 1,200 COVID-19 tests have been performed through TONHC clinics.

Sex: Females=62% of cases.

Age: ages 20-44 years=43% of cases (range 2 months-87 years).

Hospitalized: 25% (29/114*, *data not available for all cases)

Underlying serious health condition among cases: 70% (65/93*, data not available for all cases)

Recommendations

- Everyone should wear a mask/cloth face covering in public when physical distancing is not possible.
- Persons should limit their physical contact only to those in their immediate household.
- Avoid group activities. Groups and gatherings of any size increase your risk to get or spread COVID-19. If you must interact with others.

Case Counts and Deaths

Data reported January 1 – June 21, 2020

	Cases	Deaths
World (WHO*)	8,708,008	461,715
USA*	2,208,829	118,895
Arizona+	52,390	1,339
Pima County	5,370	242
TON members++	128	10
TON members with primary residence on the Reservation		1

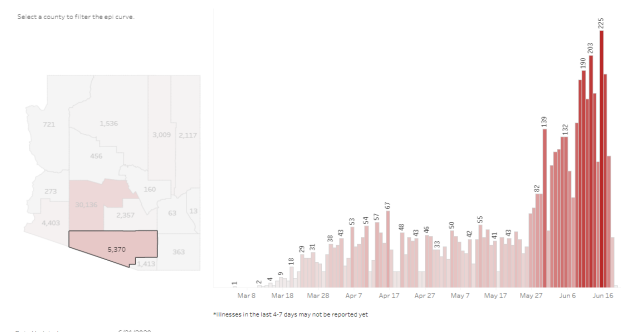
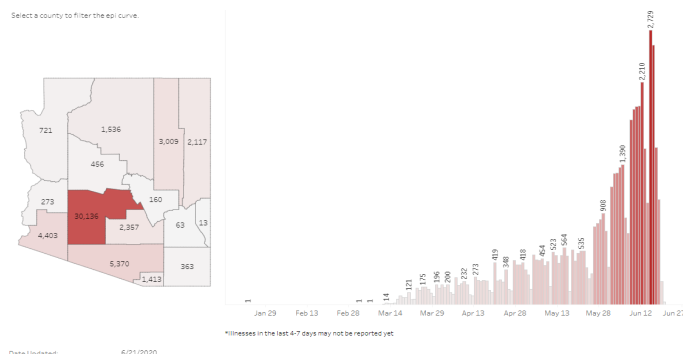
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++Tohono O'odham Health Nation Health Care

Arizona daily case count=2729 (June 15)

Pima County daily case count=225 (June 15)

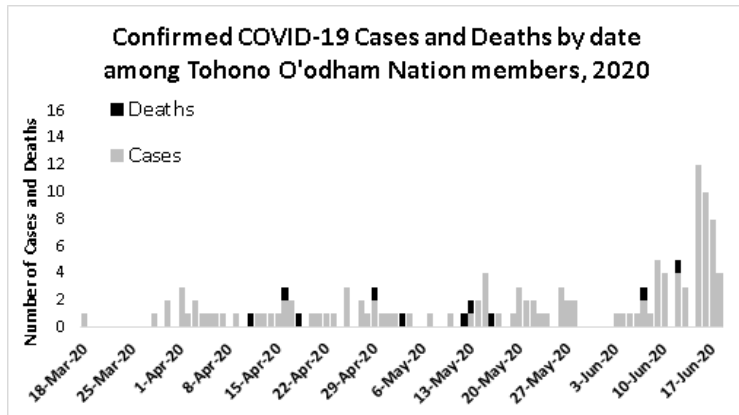




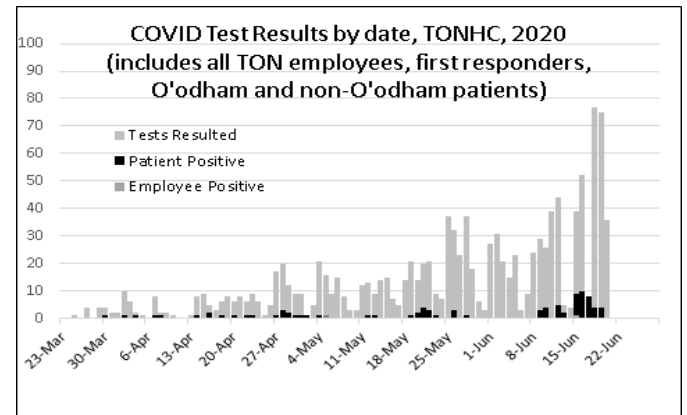
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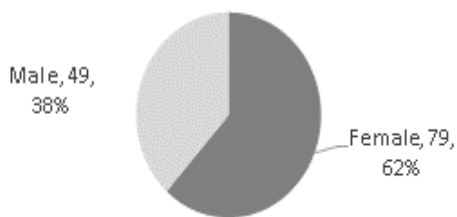
Confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19



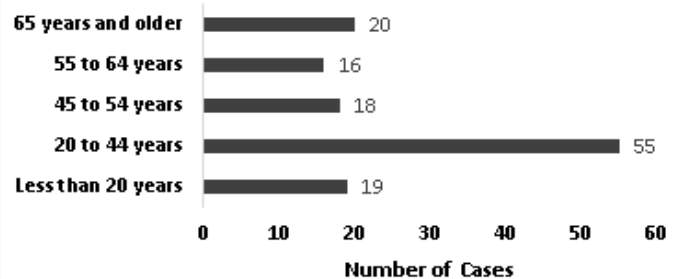
Testing and results by date



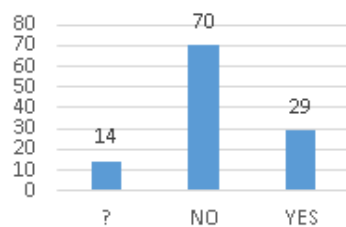
Sex of COVID-19 Cases Tohono O'odham Nation, 2020



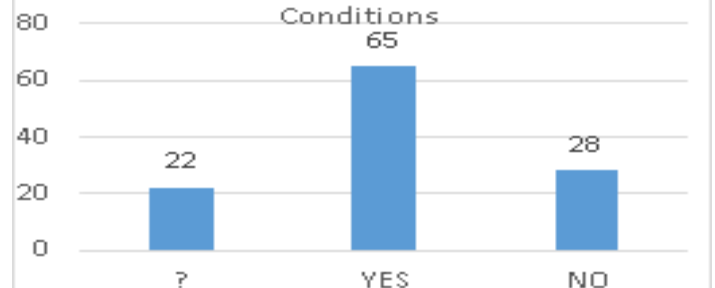
Tohono O'odham Nation COVID-19 Cases by Age Distribution, 2020



Hospitalized Cases of COVID-19 among members of the Tohono O'odham Nation



Number of COVID-19 Cases with Pre-Existing Serious Underlying Conditions





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PSA: TONHC EMS Department COVID-19 Service Updates, June 18, 2020

The Tohono O'odham Nation Health Center EMS Department has made some changes to its services due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of its patients, the general public, hospital staff, as well as, EMS staff and their families.

Updates to services include the following:

- No additional passengers will be allowed, except in the following situations:
 - The patient is a minor and requires a parent/guardian
 - The patient has special needs (ex: mental disability) and requires assistance from a parent/guardian/caregiver
 - The patient is pregnant and in active labor, in which case ONE support person will be allowed
- Patients should advise 911 dispatch if anyone in the household has flu-like symptoms or has had contact with someone who has symptoms.
- All patients will have a mask placed upon them by EMS personnel unless the patient is already wearing one.

The TONHC EMS Department would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while changes are made in order to provide safe and comprehensive care to the Nation and its members.

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.

Slow the Spread

Now more than ever we must remain vigilant and disciplined to practicing the recommended protective and preventative measures in order to protect ourselves, those most vulnerable in our community, and those most important to us, such as our children.

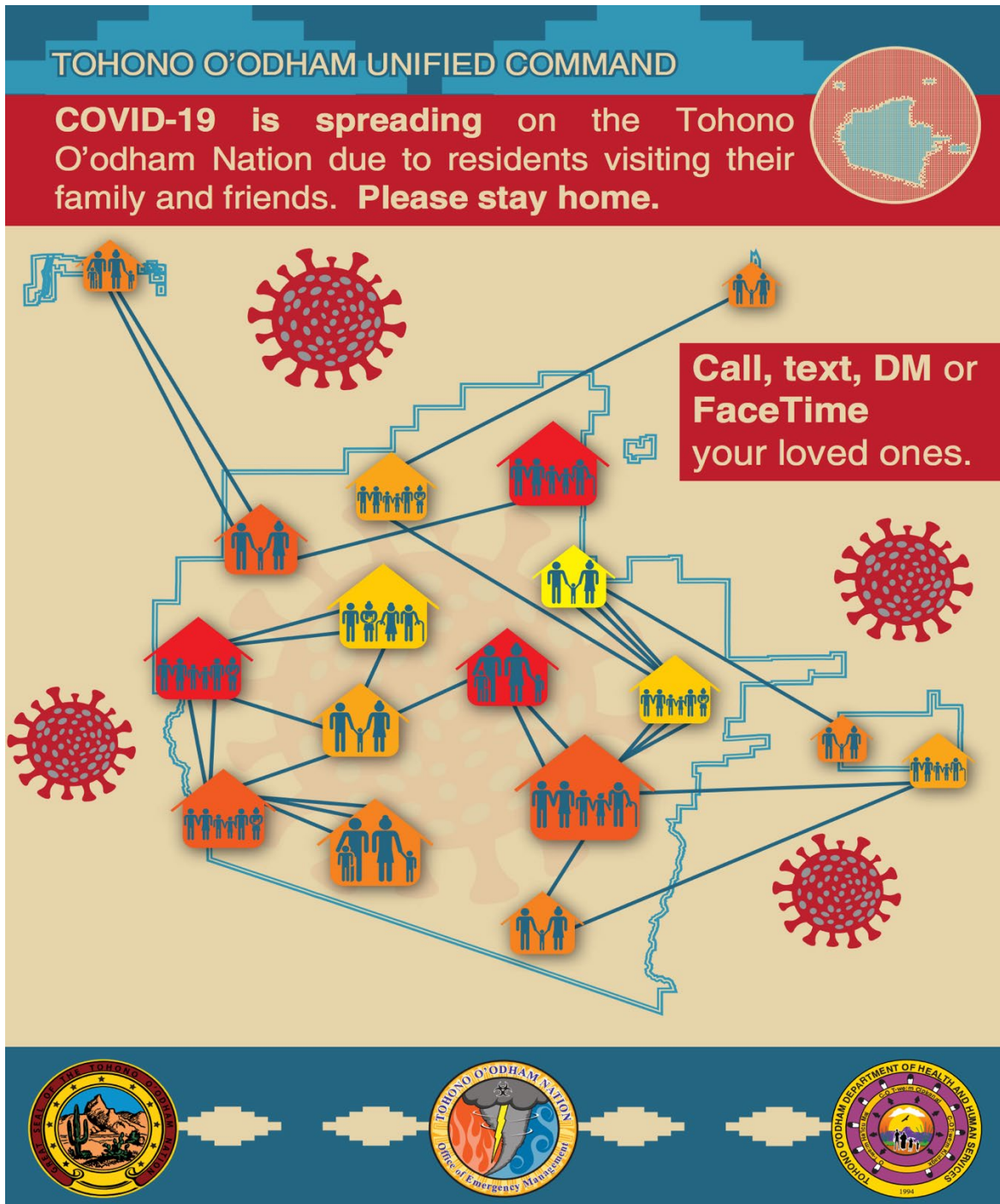
- Limit your physical contact to ONLY your immediate household members.
- AVOID group activities, groups and gatherings of any size increase your risk to get or spread COVID-19.
- ALWAYS – Keep at least six feet of distance from others when out in public
- ALWAYS – Stay home when you are sick
- ALWAYS – Stay home as much as possible when a household member has tested positive for COVID-19. Ask others to run your errands or get needed food or supplies.
- FREQUENTLY – Wash hands with soap and water, and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if unable to wash hands
- ALWAYS – Wear a mask or cloth face covering when going out in public



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COVID-19 is spreading on the Tohono O'odham Nation due to residents visiting their family and friends. **Please stay home.** The picture below shows how easily COVID-19 could spread by those who are not showing symptoms yet.





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Unified Command

Current and Planned Objectives:

- Identify, assign, implement, and monitor task forces/workgroups to perform gap analysis, resource assessment, contingency planning, partner outreach, and other tasks as required
- Maintain oversight of PPE resource management by acquiring, monitoring, tracking, distributing resource assets, and storing for future needs
- 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
- 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 for review/approval
- 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



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Strategic Actions:

- Unified Command in partnership with TONHC have developed a compliance team. The Compliance Team will monitor department compliance with all required safety precautions and assist departments with implementing safety measures.
- In partnership with TON-HC, Unified Command continues to coordinate information for supporting the COVID-19 cases they are tracking. UC Task Force Leader communicates with TON-HC if patient(s) need to be housed in an Alternate Care Site (ACS).
- ACS Task Force Leaders continue in planning and coordinating for both Alternate Care Sites (Tier I and Tier II)
- Unified Command Distribution Team continues in filling resource requests from approved 213-RR's.
- Unified Command coordination with Human Resources and D.O.I.T to provide in-person and virtual trainings for executive employees.

Desert Diamond Casino (Why, AZ):

June 17, 2020 - PSA on Temporary Suspension of Operations at Desert Diamond Casino Why

- The Desert Diamond Casino in Why announced today that it is temporarily closing casino and convenience store immediately after confirmation that a casino team member has tested positive for COVID-19. Given the seriousness of this development, and to assure the safety of team members and the public, both the convenience store and casino in Why will temporarily be closed.
- At this time a single individual with COVID has been identified. In accordance with CDC guidelines and other safety protocols, during the closure contact tracing and additional testing for other team members is being done, and an extensive disinfection of the facility will take place.
- Safety is the top priority for Desert Diamond Casinos, and this precautionary closure is being done to protect guests, team members, and the community. Desert Diamond has implemented comprehensive safety measures at all properties including temperature checks, mandatory face coverings, social distancing, and enhanced cleaning procedures.
- Closure of the Why facility does not affect any of the other Desert Diamond Casino operations, and the Enterprise will provide additional updates when the Why facility is ready to re-open.

Gila River Hotel & Casinos:

June 18, 2020 - Wild Horse Pass, Lone Butte and Vee Quiva to Close Temporarily to Mitigate Recent COVID-19 Spikes in Arizona

- Gaming enterprises closes for two weeks, offering continued paid leave and benefits to all employees

City of Tucson - June 18, 2020:

- Effective Saturday June 20, at 6 a.m., every person in the City of Tucson over the age of two (2) is required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when in a public setting where continuous physical distancing is difficult or impossible.
- Adults accompanying minor children who are two (2) years of age or older shall use reasonable efforts to have children to wear face coverings when they are in a public setting.
- Businesses whose employees interact with the public must require employees to wear face coverings. https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdfs/FINAL_Proc_6.18.20_-_Signed.pdf



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Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, June 18, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the thirteenth food distribution for Districts. OIM (O'odham in Mexico) received a sixth distribution. The distribution included the following contents:

Shamrock - 10 DISTRICTS & OIM (SOD p/u pending)		
Quantity	Description	Unit Case/Size/Unit
2	CHICKEN, BRST B&S RNDM FZN	4/10/LB
2	CHEESE, CHDR BLND YLW SLI FZN	4/5/LB
2	EGG WHITE, LIQ CAGE FREE FZN	15/2/LB
2	SAUSAGE, LINK CKD SMKD HOT LOUISIANA	5/12/PK
2	APPLE, GALA FUJI WXFCY	1/150/CT
2	ORANGE, CHOICE 138 CT	1/138/PK
1	PEPPER, ANAHEIM GRN	1/22.5/LB
1	PEPPER, BELL RED CHOPPER	1/25/LB
2	PEPPER, BELL GRN CHOPPER	1/25/LB
2	MELON, CANTALOUPE 9-12	1/9-12/CT
1	CORNED BEEF, BRISKET SPCY OLDF FZN	12/2.5/LBA
1	PEPPER, JALAPENO #2 BULK	1/35/LB
2	CHICKEN, BRST B&S RNDM FZN	4/10/LB
2	CHEESE, CHDR BLND YLW SLI FZN	4/5/LB
2	EGG WHITE, LIQ CAGE FREE FZN	15/2/LB
1	RICE, LONG GRAIN WHT 4% BRKN	1/50/LB
1	BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	1/50/LB
1	FLOUR, AP H&R	2/25/LB
2	DRINK MIX, LEMONADE	12/24/OZ
2	SAUSAGE, LINK CKD SMKD HOT LOUISIANA	5/12/PK
2	APPLE, GALA FUJI WXFCY	1/150/CT
2	ORANGE, CHOICE 138 CT	1/138/PK
1	PEPPER, ANAHEIM GRN	1/22.5/LB
1	PEPPER, BELL RED CHOPPER	1/25/LB
2	PEPPER, BELL GRN CHOPPER	1/25/LB
2	MELON, CANTALOUPE 9-12	1/9-12/CT
2	CEREAL, OATMEAL QUICK TUBE	12/42/OZ
2	BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN	14/20/OZ
2	BISCUIT MIX, BTRMLK	6/5/LB
2	CEREAL, FROOT LOOPS	4/31/OZ
2	CEREAL, LUCKY CHARMS	4/35/OZ
2	COFFEE, COLOMBIAN 100% 2.5Z	64/2.5/OZ
1	CORNED BEEF, BRISKET SPCY OLDF FZN	12/2.5/LBA
1	PEPPER, JALAPENO #2 BULK	1/35/LB
4	MANDARIN ORANGES, CANNED	12pk
2	ENERGY DRINK	24pk
2	CORN, CANNED	12pk
2	CHILI BEANS, CANNED	12pk
2	CANNED CHICKEN W/ RICE	12pk
1	ALL PURPOSE FLOUR	8/5lbs
1	APPLESAUCE	6/1gal
1	TOILET PAPER	96 rolls



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2	BLEACH, BLUE RIBBON	6/1gal
2	Beef & Bean Chili, Chunky	8pk

Public Information:

- SM Video: How to wash your hands
- SM Video: Types of masks
- SM Video: Social Distancing
- SM Video: Facemask Etiquette
- PSA: Conditioned, Committed, Confident
- PSA: Desert Diamond Why Closure
- PSA: Soap or Handsanitizer
- Interview #2: Part 3
- PSA: COVID-19 Spread
- Project: Direct Mail

Statewide Outlook:

On June 17, 2020 – Governor Ducey issued E.O. 2020-40 *Containing the Spread of COVID-19 Continuing Arizona Mitigation Efforts*:

- The ADHS shall implement a consistent, statewide system for case investigation and contact tracing and manage these public health activities on behalf of the State. All local health departments shall follow the protocols of the statewide system, until the ADHS has determined that adequate infrastructure and resources to support ongoing case investigation and contact tracing at the local level are available.
- The Adjunct General shall have the authority to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary and appropriate to assist the ADHS in authorized contact tracing under this order.
- Businesses shall assist in efforts to “Contain the Spread,” by updating and enforcing written policies in accordance with Executive Order 2020-36, Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger, that adopt guidance from the CDC, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and ADHS to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This provision shall be enforced by law enforcement and regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over the business as prescribed in paragraph 5.
- Notwithstanding directives in Executive Order 2020-36, Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger, regarding A.R.S 26-307, a county, city or town may, based on conditions in its jurisdiction, adopt policies regarding the wearing of face coverings in public for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Any enforcement of such a policy shall focus first on educating and working to promote best practices to accomplish the goal of mitigation. An individual shall be notified of the provisions of this order or any policy adopted by a county, city or town and given opportunity to comply prior to any enforcement action being taken.

Administrative Orders: authorizing temporary waivers and deferments (2020-04) and temporarily waiving



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TON Fire Management:

- Big Field's Brushfire / Containment: 100%

Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM):

- The Bush Fire is over 114,941 acres right now, it's the 7th largest wildfire in Arizona history, it's only 7% contained at this time. No structural loss but we have had several of the small communities gone through evacuation orders and we have two evacuation centers in operation in Miami and in Payson.
- The Bighorn Fire is 31,208 acres and is 40% contained. Evacuations have started with Summerhaven yesterday and according to Pima Co OEM, they have a high school that's been open for evacuation centers.
- Bush, Gila County – Size: 114,941 acres / Containment: 7%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6773/>
- Mangum, Coconino County – Size: 61,210 acres / Containment: 4%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6748/>
- Bighorn, Pima County – Size: 31,208 acres / Containment: 40%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/>
- Dry Lake, San Carlos Apache Reservation – Size: 4,266 acres / Containment: 93%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6743/>
- Blue River, San Carlos Apache Reservation – Size: 30,400 acres / Containment: 85%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6742/>
- Sawtooth, Pinal County – Size: 24,729 acres / Containment: 85%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6730/>
- Bringham, Greenlee County – Size: 17,423 acres / Containment: 20%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6747/>
- Range, Pinal County – Size: 3,286 acres / Containment: 100%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6727/>
- Tortolita, Pima County – Size: 3,140 acres / Containment: 100%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6738/>
- East Desert, Maricopa County – Size: 1,492 acres / Containment: 100%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6712/>
- Ocotillo, Maricopa County – Size: 980 acres / Containment: 100%:
<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6728/>

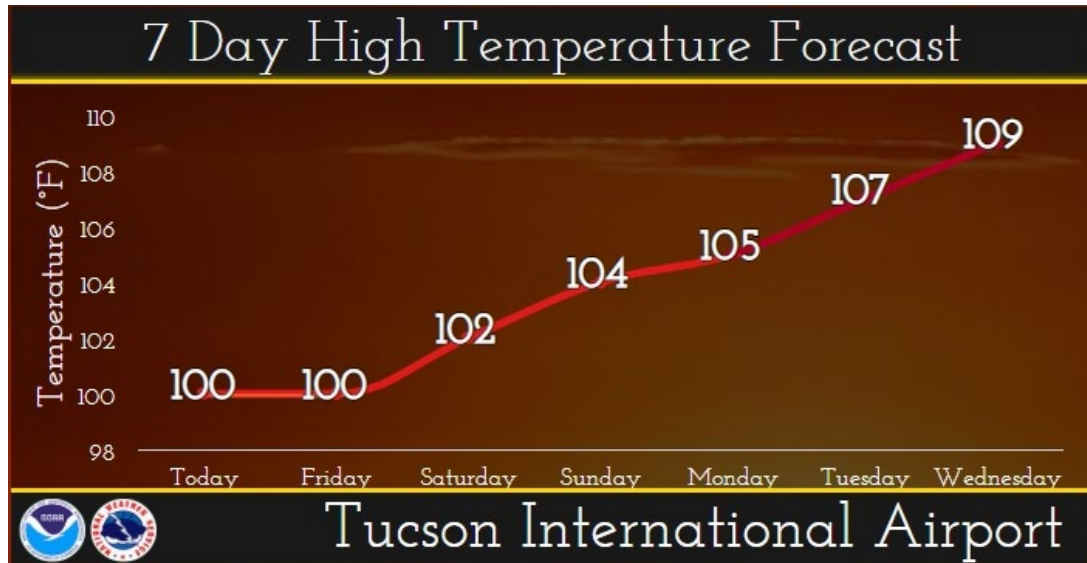


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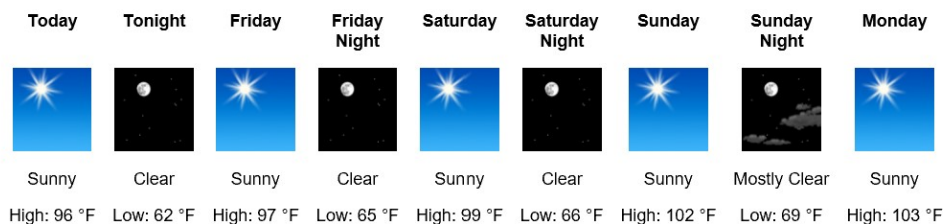
Weather:

Continued dry across Southeast Arizona with plenty of heat next week.



Monday, June 22 to Sunday, June 28:

Hot and dry much of the week. Increased humidity and the chance of thunderstorms could return by the weekend.



Today: Sunny, with a high near 96. Southwest wind 6 to 11 mph increasing to 13 to 18 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 29 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 6 to 13 mph becoming south southeast after midnight.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 97. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 9 to 14 mph in the morning.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 65. West southwest wind 8 to 13 mph becoming light south southwest.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 99. South southwest wind 5 to 13 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 66.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 102.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 103.

Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 69.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 105.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 71.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 106.



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What's Happening Elsewhere

ARIZONA

- On June 17, 2020, Governor Doug A. Ducey held a [press conference](#) and issued Executive Order 2020-40: [Containing the Spread of COVID-19](#) to take effect immediately.
- The [COVID-19 Testing Locations](#) webpage has information on where to find COVID-19 testing sites, hours of operation, and information about pre-registration. This page is regularly updated with new sites, so check back regularly to get the most updated information.
- 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**

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](#)
- [Households Living in Close Quarters](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting your Facility](#)

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