



# Tohono O'odham Nation: Leadership Update 21

## COVID-19 Response Summary

**Report for June 28, 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 for Tohono O'odham Nation

Arizona, Pima County and the Tohono O'odham Nation continue with a surge in cases.

Arizona Hospitals' adult bed capacity=85%; ICU bed capacity=87%

#### **Recommendations:**

1. Everyone should wear a mask/cloth face covering in public when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible (except children ages less than 2 years and persons with a medical contraindication).
2. Limit direct physical contact to persons who live in the same household.
3. Avoid *all* group activities/gatherings, even relatives if they do not live with you until further notice.
4. Maintain "stay at home" behavior except for essential needs.
5. Report illnesses and possible COVID-19 exposures immediately to your provider.

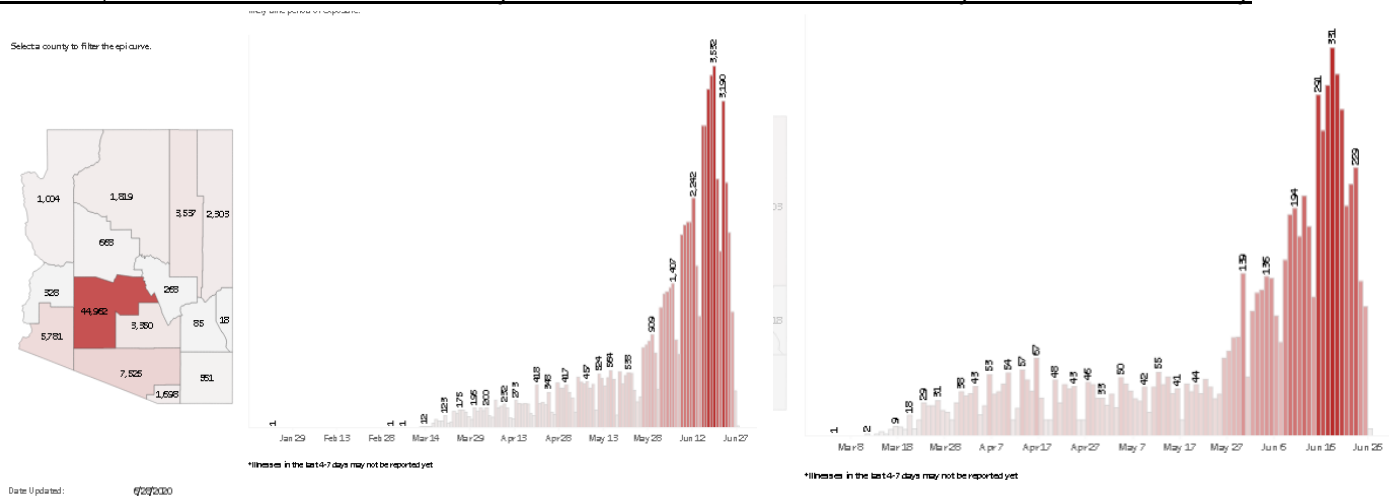
#### **Case Counts and Deaths, June 28, 2020**

	Cases	Deaths
World	9,843,073	495,760
USA	2,452,048	124,811
Arizona	70,051	1,579
Pima County	7,086	268
Tohono O'odham Nation Members	169	10

#### **Arizona and Pima County Daily Case Counts\***(cases in the last 4-7 days may not yet be reported)

June 24, Arizona: 1908\* new cases/day

Pima County: 229\* new cases/day





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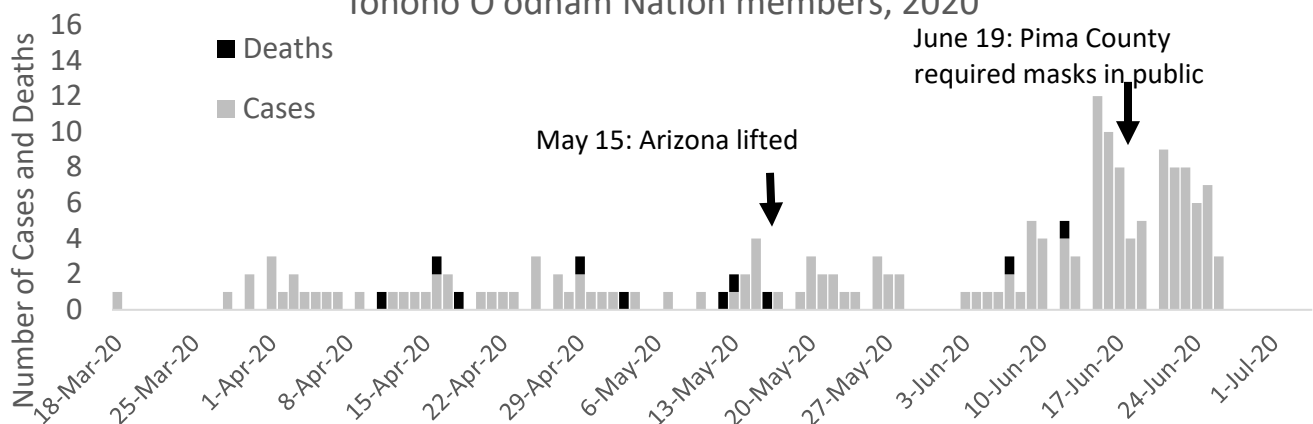
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### Tohono O'odham Nation Case Counts and Laboratory Testing

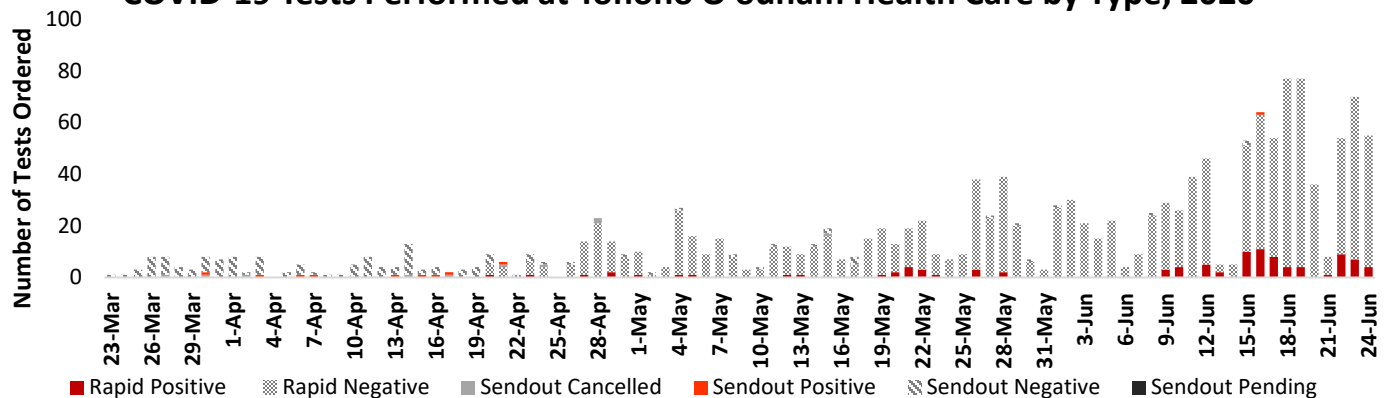
January 1 – June 28, 2020

	Count (n)	Percent (%)
TON members COVID-19 positive	169	
Asymptomatic on test date	34	20
Reside on main reservation	73	43
Hospitalized	33	20
Recovering	44	26
Died	10	6
Sex		
Female	104	62
Male	65	38
Age: median=36 years (range=2 months =87 years)		

### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by date among Tohono O'odham Nation members, 2020



### COVID-19 Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care by Type, 2020



[Data may change as new information is made available]



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COVID-19 is spreading on the Tohono O'odham Nation due to residents visiting their family and friends. People are attending gathering and social gatherings and are quickly spreading it to multiple people.

***Please stay home, except for essential needs.***

### Case Investigation and Contact Tracing

“Case investigation” refers to the process of interviewing people who test positive to learn more details about their illness, determine their infectious period, and identify who they came in contact with while they were infectious.

“Contact tracing” refers to reaching out to all close contacts (someone who was in contact with a positive case while they were infectious, and had contact closer than six feet for more than 10 minutes) to notify them of their exposure, the importance of quarantine, and what steps to follow next.

It's important that people know they are positive, know what to do to prevent spreading the disease and that people who are close contacts know to watch for symptoms. Case investigation and contact tracing alert positive cases and their contacts about risk so they can isolate or quarantine to avoid spreading the virus to others.

### Q: What should I do if I think I was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

- Stay away from others. Wash your hands frequently and wear a mask, even in your home to protect your family.
- DO NOT ATTEND GATHERINGS. Remind others to wear their mask.
- Call your provider or public health office to tell them when you were exposed and ask if you should be tested.
- If you have any illness symptoms, tell your medical provider right away.
- Monitor your temperature and symptoms for the next 14 days from the exposure.
- If you get sick, STOP work and activities around others. This is very important because we are still finding that people are going to work sick.

COVID-19 does not discriminate. “Every adult has an equal chance of getting infected if exposed to COVID-19, and we can all spread it to people who are at higher risk of severe illness and send them to the hospital even if we just have mild illness.” Dr. Sunshine, USPHS

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.



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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](mailto: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:

- On Wednesday, June 24, 2020 TON-HC and Unified Command conducted a Closed Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing POD Operation at the Sells Hospital from 9:00am to 11:00am.
- TON-HC and Unified Command continue 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).
- Unified Command Distribution Team continues in filling resource requests from approved 213-RR's.
- Unified Command has established a Compliance Team. The Compliance Team will monitor the department's compliance with all required safety precautions and assist departments with implementing safety measures.

### Tohono O'odham Nation

June 23, 2020 - Chairman Norris and Vice-Chairwoman Saunders issued E.O. 2020-07 orders the amendment of Executive Order No. 2020-05, Section 4 and 5.

1. Section 4(a)-(f) shall be replaced in full with the following:

Effective June 5, 2020 at 6:00 AM, Executive Order No 2020-03, Stay at Home Order, shall expire. The following Social Distancing measures shall replace Stay at Home Orders within the exterior boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation:

- a. When leaving the home, physically distance yourself from others who do not reside in your household by maintaining a 6ft distance from others, when possible.
- b. With the exception of persons residing in the same household, **all social gatherings are hereby prohibited until further notice.**
- c. **Individuals are required to wear face coverings in all public spaces where physical distancing is not possible.**
  - i. **"Public Spaces" means any place that is accessible by the general public (indoor and outdoor), including but not limited to: all governmental facilities, grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, post offices, establishments serving food or beverages, establishments offering recreational activities or entertainment and places that offer medical or health services or transportation to the general public.**
  - ii. "Face masks or coverings" means cloth, fabric or other soft material that covers the nose and mouth. Coverings may be homemade or factory-made, or may be improvised from ordinary materials such as a scarf or bandana.
  - iii. Limited Exceptions. Face coverings are not required for children under the age of six (6); individuals who should not wear face coverings due to medical conditions, mental health conditions, or developmental disabilities; or first responders where face covering would interfere with their duties.
- d. Individuals should wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly, avoid touching their face, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- e. Individuals are discouraged from unnecessary travel.
- f. Individuals who become ill and demonstrate signs and symptoms related to COVID-19 should remain out of the public, however, are encouraged to seek treatment and testing.

2. Section 5 shall be amended as follows:

**Tribal enterprises and businesses, operating within the exterior boundaries of the Nation, are required to implement guidelines consistent with CDC Guidelines to protect the health and safety of employees and the general public, including implementation of face covering requirements for employees and customers/visitors at all time in public spaces.**



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### Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, June 25, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the fourteenth food distribution for Districts. OIM (O'odham in Mexico) received a seventh distribution. The distribution included the following contents:

<b>14th Distribution - COVID 19 - 06/25/20</b>		
<b>Shamrock - 10 DISTRICTS &amp; OIM (SOD No P/U)</b>		
Quantity	Description	Unit Case/Size/Unit
2	TUNA, ALBACORE SOLID WT WATER	24/12.25/OZ
1	BEAN, PINTO WASHED	1/50/LB
1	RICE, LONG GRAIN	1/50/LB
1	FLOUR	2/25/LB
1	JAM, STRAWBERRY	12/32/OZ
2	PUDDING, CHOC	48/3.25/OZ
2	PUDDING, VANILLA	48/3.25/OZ
2	POPCORN, UNPOPPED W/OIL	36/8/OZ
1	SNACK, FRUITE MIX .9OZ	250/.9/OZ
2	BAGEL, PLAIN	80/3/OZ
2	BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP	14/20/OZ
3	BACON, SGL SGR CURE	1/20/LB
2	SAUSAGE, PTY	1/10/LB
3	POTATO, RUSSET 70CT	1/50/LB
2	ONION, YELLOW JUMBO #2	1/50/LB
2	CARROT, JUMBOT #1	1/25/LB
2	CORN, BI-COLOR HUSK	1/48/PK
2	*HP* EDD, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2	1/15/DZ
2	CHEESE, CHDR MILD SHRD	4/5/LB
2	CHEESE, CREAM CUP 1Z RBST FREE	100/1/OZ
1	CHEESE, MOZZ STRING IW	168/1/OZ
1	PEAR, US #1	1/135/PK
2	MELON, CANTALOUPE 9-12	1/9-12/EA
1	PEPPER, ANAHEIM GRN	1/22/5/LB
1	PEPPER, JALEPENO #2 BULK	1/35/LB
2	HAM, HNY CURE WA SLI .66Z CKD	2/2.5/LB
1	APPLE, GALA FUJI WXFCY	1/150/CT
1	ORANGE, CHOICE 138 CT	1/138/PK
136	CONTAINER, 16 OZ.	EA
136	CONTAINER, 32 OZ.	EA
272	CONTAINER LIDS	EA
2	SUGAR	16CT
2	CANNED CORN	48CT
6	MANDARIN ORANGES	72CT
2	FLOUR (NAVAJO PRIDE)	16CT
1	BAKING POWDER	24CT
1	TOILET PAPER	96ROLLS
19	YOGURT	CASE
40	FOOD BOXES	EA



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### Public Information:

- PSA: Conditioned, Committed, Confident
- Executive Order 2020-07
- PSA: Frequently Asked Questions
- PSA: AZ COVID-19 Surge

### 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](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdfs/FINAL_Proc_6.18.20_-_Signed.pdf)

### Statewide Outlook:

June 25, 2020 – Governor Ducey issued E.O. 2020 – 41, 2020-2021 School Year: Prioritizing Kids and Schools During COVID-19

### Wildfires:

**Aguila Fire**, Maricopa County – Size: 893 acres / Containment: 75%

As of Thursday, June 25, the Aquila Fire is 75% contained with no change in acreage. Some State Forestry firefighters will begin transitioning off the fire and sent to preposition due to the upcoming wind event.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6799/>

**Central**, Maricopa County – Size: 4,499 acres / Containment: 80%

Yesterday, crews concentrated their actions around the few remaining heat sources found by the infrared flight in the southwest and northwest sections of the fire. Minimal fire activity is expected today, primarily within the fire's perimeter. Actions today focused on extinguishing heat near containment lines and suppression repair. Ground and aerial resources will take suppression actions as needed. <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6792/>

**Bush**, Gila County – Size: 189,470 acres / Containment: 90%

Yesterday the fire was active in the interior unburned area along the east side of the fire near Highway 188. That area will continue to burn and create visible of smoke today. Crews continue to secure, patrol, and monitor the fire's edge.

WebEOC incident: DEMA Bush Fire 06132020 / <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6773/>

**Mangum**, Coconino County – Size: 71,325 acres / Containment: 68%

- Wednesday's fireline work focused increased effort on the NE section of the fire north of Highway 89A where the fire is still most active. Additional crews were added to bolster resources working in this difficult terrain. The





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remainder of the perimeter continued to see crews doing suppression repair, extinguishing hot spots near the perimeter, and monitoring for spot fires potentially spread by afternoon breezes.

- The weather forecast for today continues hot and dry with breezy afternoons. Firefighters will focus on continued suppression tactics, aided by aircraft and dozer support. Other sections of the fire will be patrolled and mopped up with suppression repair occurring on the remainder of the 368 miles of the perimeter.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6748/>

**Bighorn**, Pima County – Size: 81,702 acres / Containment: 33%

- Fire continues to back downslope in the upper end of Sabino Canyon to the south, toward Green Mountain in the southeast, away from structures in Summerhaven/Soldier Camp, and continues to move west down Samaniego Ridge. Activity started to pick up after noon, allowing flanking fire with small upslope runs with occasional torching.
- Closures: View the closure orders and maps at [inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6741/). Catalina Highway is closed to the public at milepost zero. Only residents and business owners may pass. Oracle Control Road is closed. <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6741/>

**Bringham**, Greenlee County – Size: 22,244 acres / Containment: 37%

- Fire is moderately active with terrain driven runs. Fire is slowly spreading through grass fuels with good consumption. Light to moderate brush is consuming and adding intensity. However primary forward movement is backing downhill.
- Continue to monitor in Strayhorse Canyon and evaluate the need to burnout along Highway 191 if decision points are met and warrant action. If burnout operations commence, multiple days of burning will be required to maintain established control objectives. On the east side, completed structure assessment in Lower Blue River corridor. Personnel have built a check line south of Downs Ranch and continue observing fire behavior on the east flank to establish decision points.
- Hwy 191 remains closed in both directions between Mile Marker 189 past Juan Miller Road and Mile Marker 225 at Blue Vista. This closure will remain in place through July 4 and may be extended as needed. More information can be found at <https://azdot.gov/adot-news/us-191-closed-eastern-arizona-mountains-due-bringham-fire>.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6747/>, <https://www.facebook.com/apachesitgreavesnfs/> (updates and daily operational videos), <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BringhamFireWebMap> (Interactive Bringham Fire Map), <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/asnf/alerts-notice/?cid=stelprd3793918> (Temporary Closure Order)





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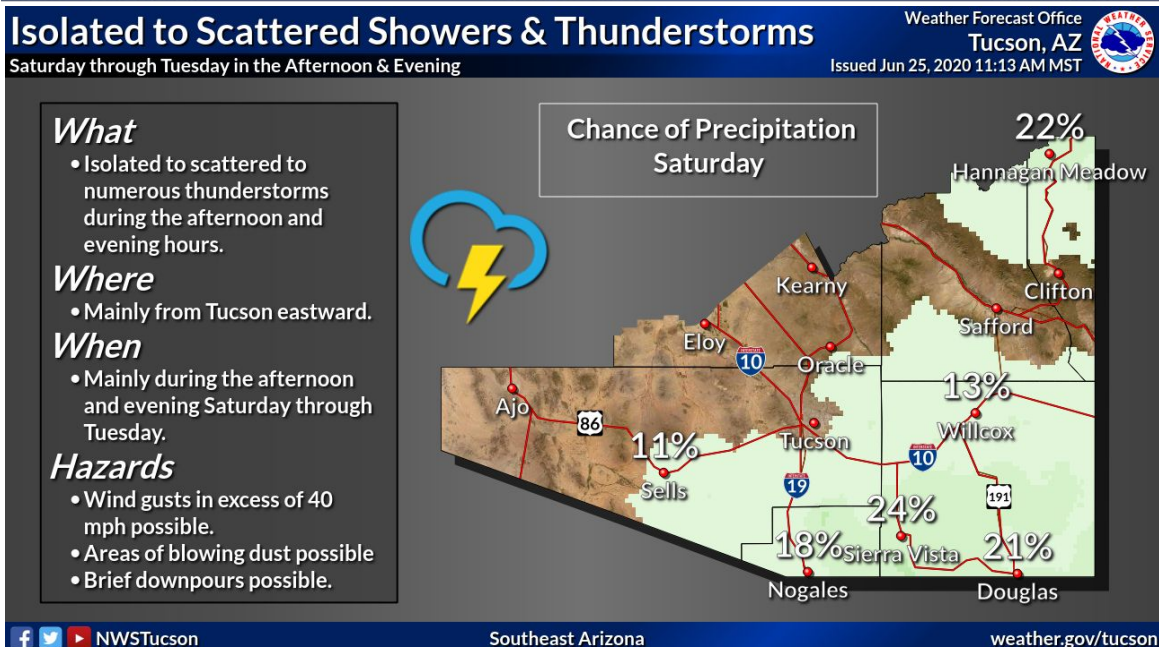
### Weather:

Fire Weather Watch in effect for all of SE AZ on Sunday and Monday. Expect critical fire weather conditions due to strong winds and very low humidity levels.

Isolated to scattered thunderstorms possible mainly during the afternoon and evening hours Saturday through Tuesday. Main threats are gusty outflow winds in excess of 40 mph that could result in new wildfire starts. Brief downpours are possible with these storms but rain amounts will generally remain low.

Best potential for thunderstorms will be in Santa Cruz, Cochise County and the White Mountains. The Tucson Metro area will be on the western edge of any thunderstorm threat.









Slightly cooler temperatures this weekend into early next week.





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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
								
Partly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear and Breezy then Clear	Sunny and Breezy	Clear and Breezy then Clear	Sunny and Breezy	Clear and Breezy then Mostly Clear	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 106 °F	Low: 70 °F	High: 102 °F	Low: 67 °F	High: 97 °F	Low: 64 °F	High: 96 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 95 °F

### Fire Weather Watch

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**Today:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 106. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 14 to 21 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind 8 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 102. Breezy, with a south wind 14 to 23 mph, with gusts as high as 34 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 17 to 22 mph increasing to 23 to 28 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 41 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 64. Breezy.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 96. Breezy.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Breezy.

**Tuesday:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am. Sunny, with a high near 95.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 98.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 100.

### **Monday, June 29 to Sunday, July 5:**

Increased moisture is expected next week. This will result in higher humidities and isolated to scattered thunderstorms at times.



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### 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. Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by:

- 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

### What's Happening Elsewhere

#### ARIZONA

- Governor Ducey releases a COVID19 news conference on 6/25/20: [COVID-19 News Conference](#)
- 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**