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COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for May 29, 2020

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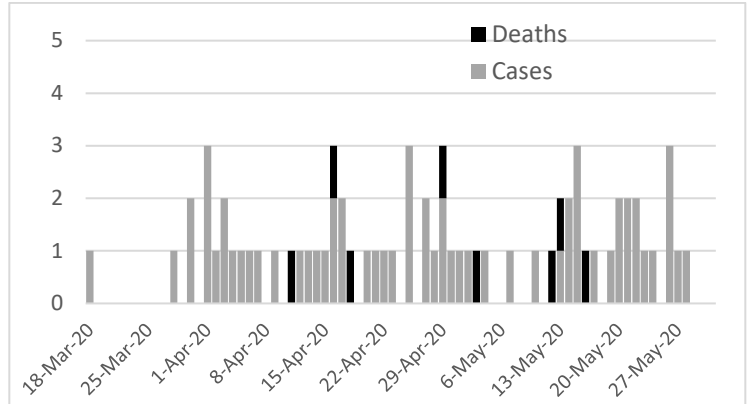
Case Counts and Laboratory Testing

Location	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	5,701,337	357,688
USA	1,698,523	100,446
Arizona	18,465	885
Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation resident=21 Off reservation resident=41	62	8
Maricopa	9,112	419
Pima	2,234	185
Navajo	1,752	
Apache	1,414	
Coconino	1,104	
Yuma	929	
Pinal	814	
Mohave	369	
Yavapai	295	
Santa Cruz	262	
Cochise	67	
La Paz	54	
Gila	28	
Graham	27	
Greenlee	4	

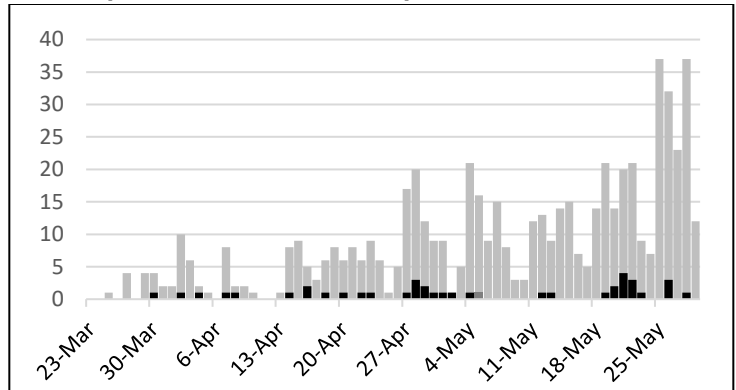
Data reported January 1 - May 29, 2020

Cases=62 Deaths=8 Contact tracing=220 persons

Confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 among Tohono O'odham members



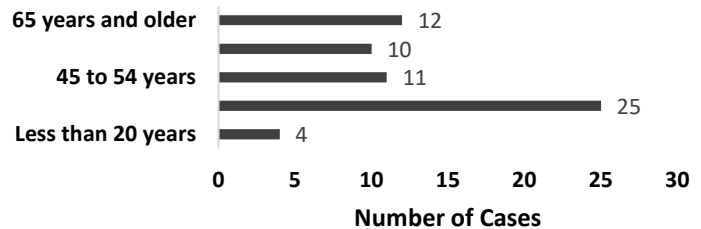
COVID-19 test results by date for TON patients, employees, first responders, other TONHC patients.



Sex	39 female (63%)
Average age	46.5 years (range=12-87)
Reservation resident	21 (34%)
Hospitalized	26/54*(48%)
Serious underlying medical conditions	40/50* (80%)

*data not available for all persons

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





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Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

COVID-19 Pandemic Summary for Tohono O'odham Nation

To date, 62 cases and 8 deaths have been identified among members of the Tohono O'odham Nation. An additional 13 cases have been identified among non-TON members. Increased laboratory testing has permitted healthcare teams to detect cases and public health nurses to trace potential contacts. Contacts are tested and given guidance about isolation and quarantine. Most cases (40%) have occurred in young adults and all deaths occurred in persons with serious pre-existing medical conditions.

Arizona, as a whole, and Pima County overall have similar incidence and case fatality rates. The highest rates are occurring in Coconino, Navajo, and Apache Counties.

TONHC Dental Services during COVID-19 – May 28, 2020

The American Dental Association has recommended reduced dental services during the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Santa Rosa and San Xavier Dental clinics are currently closed and all phone calls will be forwarded to the Sells Dental clinic. Patients may have experienced difficulty reaching the dental clinics, due to technical difficulties calls were not being forwarded properly. The issue has been addressed, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Should you have a dental emergency or urgency, please call the Sells Dental clinic directly at (520) 383-7341, or the San Simon Dental clinic at (520) 362-7070.

Dental Emergencies: Problems that require immediate treatment which include:

- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Oral swelling that interferes with breathing
- Trauma involving facial bones which can also interfere with breathing

**** If you have trouble breathing, call 911 immediately ****

Urgent Dental Care Visits: Urgent dental care visits are for conditions that need immediate attention to lessen severe pain and/or risk of infection. They include:

- Infections resulting in localized pain and swelling
- Pain caused by "wisdom teeth"
- Pain after a recent dental procedure was done or suture removal process is needed
- Tooth fracture or chip resulting in pain
- Accident where a tooth comes out or is loose
- Temporary filling is lost, broken, or causing gum irritation resulting in pain
- Denture adjustments or repairs is needed where you have trouble eating.
- Orthodontic/"braces" wire rubbing against your cheeks or gums and causing pain
- Dental treatment required prior to critical medical procedures
- Biopsy of abnormal tissue

Please call the Sells or San Simon Dental clinic if you have any questions. Thank you.



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PSA: TONHC – A Safe Space for Medical Care [TONHC: COVID-19-004]

TONHC would like to thank the TO Nation and the community for their support of the hospital and clinics during the COVID-19 response. Your support means a lot to us. As the world learns more about the virus that causes COVID-19, guidelines for delivery of care are updated frequently. TONHC places patient safety at the highest priority. We want the community to know that we are following the CDC guidelines, and updating our processes as the guidelines evolve. Our goal is to serve our patients and the community as safely and effectively as possible. It has become clear that COVID-19 is going to be a long term issue that TONHC will continue to plan and prepare for. As changes arise, we will keep the community informed.

Many people have placed their medical needs on hold in favor of staying at home. Please be assured that TONHC has created a safe space for you to receive medical care. When you arrive you will be asked to wear a mask and utilize hand sanitizer. Our waiting areas promote social distancing of 6 feet or more. Patients will be placed in a room as quickly as possible to avoid crowding in waiting areas. Your health is important to us. We want to help you achieve good health by continuing to provide patients with regular medical care including vaccines, lab work, eye exams, foot exams, and primary care visits. Some of these items can be accomplished by a telephone visit or a telemedicine visit with your provider. We are happy to be able to offer these types of visits as a new service to meet your needs.

If you have any concerns, please let us know. Your feedback helps our staff improve patient care processes.

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.



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Keeping Healthy

Community members need to take additional precautions to keep one another safe and healthy. **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 that covers your nose and mouth when in public and around others. Cloth face masks offer an added layer of protection against COVID-19.

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.

When to Seek Medical Attention



If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19 get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include*:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Sudden confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

*This list is not all-inclusive. Please speak to your doctor for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.



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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
- 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 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:

- The Unified Command continues to acquire PPE; masks, gloves, cleaning supplies, etc. 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).

Public Information:

- Social Media: New Instagram Account, ton_oem
- Distribution: Executive Order 2020-05
- PSA: TONHC Safe Space for Care
- PSA: TONHC Dental Services
- PSA: Excessive Heat Warning
- Social Media: TOPD Traffic Accident
- Social Media: Instagram, Heat Safety Tips

Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, May 28, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the tenth food distribution for Districts. The distribution included the following contents:

10th Distribution - COVID 19 - 05/28/20		
Shamrock - 11 DISTRICTS		
Item Description	Unit	Quantity Distributed
LUNCH MEAT, SPAM LS	12/12/OZ	3
CHEESE, CHDR MILD SHRD FCY	4/5/LB	2
CHEESE, AMER SLI 120CT	4/5/LB	2
POTATO, BAKER 70CT IDAHO	1/50/LB	3
TUNA, ALBACORE SOLID WHT WATER PK	24/12.25/Z	1
BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN	14/20/OZ	2
JUICE, ORANGE PINEAPPLE 100% PAPER CRTN	70/4/OZ	3
HAM, HNY CURE WA SLI .66Z CKD FRSH	4/2.5/LB	3
MILK, 2% RF ESL	12/12/OZ	3
PASTA, ELBOW MACARONI BULK	3/10/LB	3
PASTA, SPAGHETTI IMP	20/1/LB	2
RICE, LONG GRAIN WHT 4% BRKN	1/50/LB	1
BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	1/50/LB	1
MILK, CHOC 2% RF ESL 12Z	12/12/OZ	4
CRACKER, SALTINE PREM 16Z	12/16/OZ	2
FLOUR, AP H&R	2/25/LB	2
EGG, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2 CS	1/15/DZ	2
BABY FOOD, BANANA 2ND FOOD	16/4/OZ	2
SAUCE, ALFREDO	4/64/OZ	2
TISSUE, BATH CORELESS 2PLY	36/1000/PK	3
Bottled Water, DDC, 12oz.	4/64/OZ	20



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O'odham in Mexico (OIM):

On Thursday, May 28, 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	Received Date
Cereal, Toasted Oats	1	5/28/2020
Vista Chips	1	5/28/2020
Bread, White	2	5/28/2020
Bread, Wheat	1	5/28/2020
Flour, Wheat (2/25lb)	2	5/28/2020
Toilet Paper, Coreless	3	5/28/2020
Plastic bags, Quart	1	5/28/2020
Plastic bags, Gallon	1	5/28/2020
Beef Jerky	1	5/28/2020
Spam	3	5/28/2020
Corned Beef Hash	3	5/28/2020
Juice boxes	1	5/28/2020
Baby food, banana	3	5/28/2020
Sanitizer Concentrate	2	5/28/2020
Container, Gallon	42	5/28/2020
Lids	42	5/28/2020
Pinto Beans (50lb)	1	5/28/2020
Rice (50lb)	1	5/28/2020
Cloth Masks	100	5/28/2020
Chex Mix	1	5/28/2020
Brisket	1	5/28/2020
Eggs (5 doz)	2	5/28/2020
Cloth Masks	100	5/28/2020

Tucson Urban Indian Association:

On Thursday, May 28, 2020 the Unified Command conducted a food distribution. The distribution included the following contents:

Items Distributed to Tucson Urban Indian Group (TUIG)		
Item Description	Quantity	Received Date
Cereal, Toasted Oats	1	5/28/2020
Vista Chips	1	5/28/2020
Bread, White	2	5/28/2020
Bread, Wheat	1	5/28/2020
Flour, Wheat (2/25lb)	2	5/28/2020
Toilet Paper, Coreless	3	5/28/2020
Plastic bags, Quart	1	5/28/2020
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Spam	3	5/28/2020
Corned Beef Hash	3	5/28/2020
Juice boxes	1	5/28/2020
Baby food, banana	2	5/28/2020
Sanitizer Concentrate	2	5/28/2020
Container, Gallon	42	5/28/2020
Lids	42	5/28/2020
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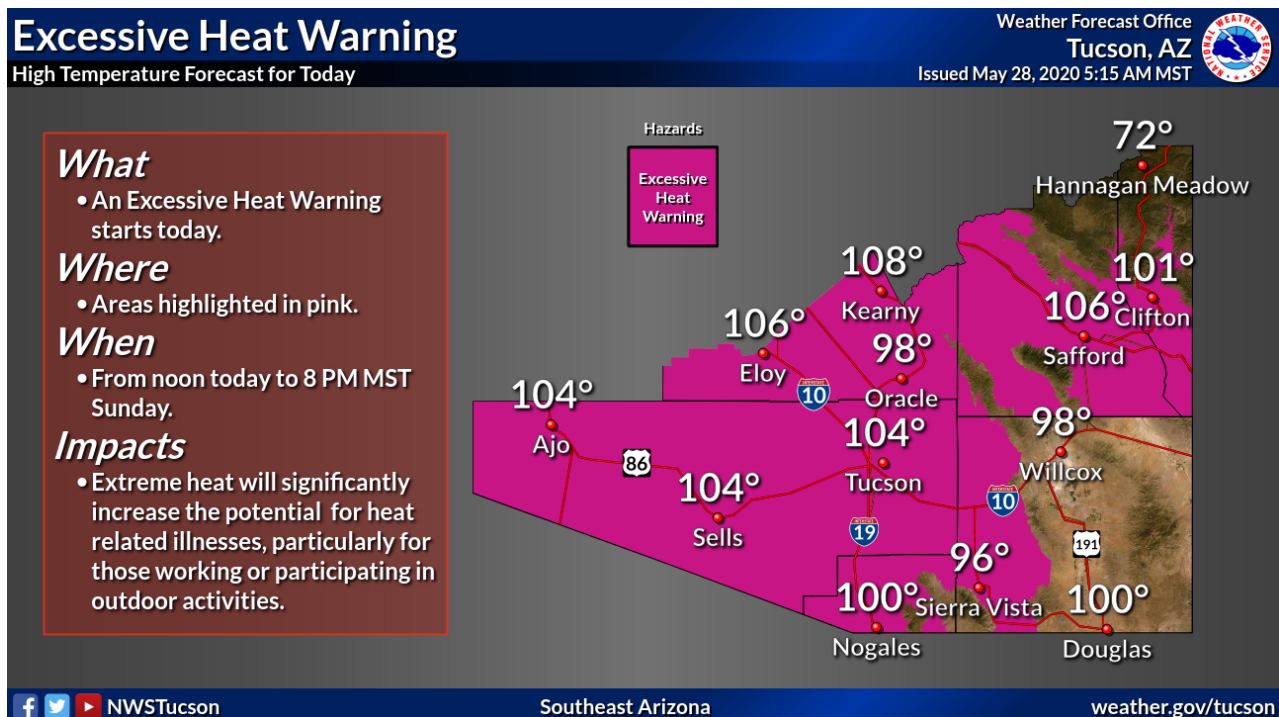
Statewide Outlook:

- Governor Ducey and Dr. Cara Christ provided public health updates for Arizonans, including issuing guidance for organized youth sports and activities to resume. The Governor also signed an Executive Order increasing collaboration among Arizona hospitals and ensuring patient transfers can take place smoothly and efficiently if needs arise.
- Governor Ducey signed an Executive Order protecting the health of kids in school-based childcare while allowing for increased childcare capacity. The Governor also announced ongoing plans for kids and teachers to safely resume school in the classroom this fall, with more details coming next week.
- Superintendent Hoffman will be releasing guidance for schools on Monday, June 1, 2020; AZ schools will be planning to resume in the Fall 2020

Weather:

Very hot temperatures with an Excessive Heat Warning in effect for much of southeast Arizona until 8 pm Sunday. There is enough moisture for a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms into the middle of next week. Although most rainfall amounts will be fairly light, the main impact is brief wind gusts at times due to thunderstorm outflows.

Any thunderstorms by next Thursday should be limited to mainly near the White Mountains. Expect seasonably hot temps Tuesday into Thursday.

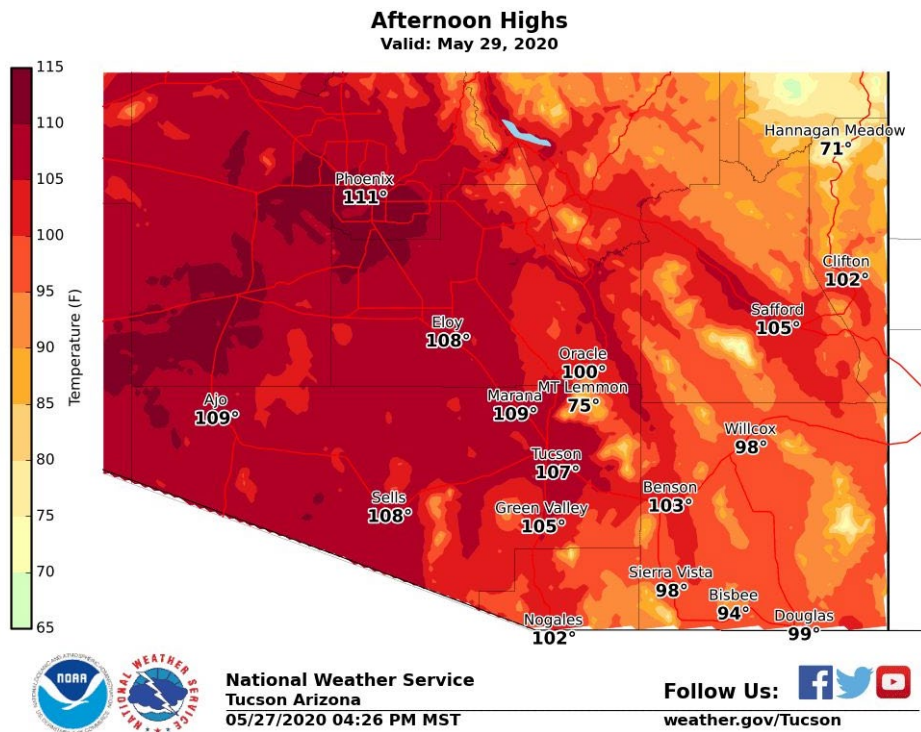




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The hottest day will likely be today with moderate to high Heat Risk expected and temperatures reaching 104 to 110 degrees



An Excessive Heat Warning 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.

Heat Safety

- Arizona's and Nation's #1 weather-related killer
- Heat stroke is an emergency—call 911
- Stay inside in a cool ventilated place whenever possible
- Restrict outdoor activities to early morning or evening
- If you must be outside, wear loose-fitting, light clothing
- Drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks
- Frequently check on the young, elderly, and those with health conditions
- Don't leave small children or pets in vehicles

<http://www.ready.gov/heat>

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Heat Safety

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
								
Hot	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance T-storms
High: 107 °F	Low: 74 °F	High: 103 °F	Low: 73 °F	High: 104 °F	Low: 74 °F	High: 100 °F	Low: 73 °F	High: 97 °F

Excessive Heat Warning

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 107. Northeast wind 6 to 11 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph becoming south southeast after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 103. South wind 6 to 13 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph becoming east southeast after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 104. Southeast wind 6 to 14 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 100.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73.

Tuesday: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 97.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 95.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 94.



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What's Happening Elsewhere

ARIZONA

Updated Arizona recommendations are listed below:

- On May 28, 2020, Governor Doug A. Ducey held a COVID-19 [press conference](#) and announced that the following new executive orders and guidance will take effect immediately.
 - Executive Order 2020-39: [Assisting Arizona Families with Child Care](#), to protect the health of kids in school-based child care.
 - [Guidance for Organized Youth Activities](#)
- Arizona continues to host an extended *Arizona Testing Blitz for COVID-19* on **May 30**. Testing sites are located throughout Arizona. For more information visit: 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**

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](#)
- **NEW:** [Households Living in Close Quarters](#)

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