



# Tohono O'odham Nation: Leadership Update 18

## COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for June 5, 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

To date, 63 cases and 8 deaths have been identified among members of the Tohono O'odham Nation. 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 lifted restrictions (stay at home order) on May 12. In the last two weeks, the daily case counts of COVID-19 have approximately doubled in Pima County and overall in the State. Although no new cases or deaths have been reported among Tohono O'odham members since May 28, we are very worried about the rise in State cases. Tucson area hospital resources are stressed. We urge the public to maintain the social distancing recommendations.

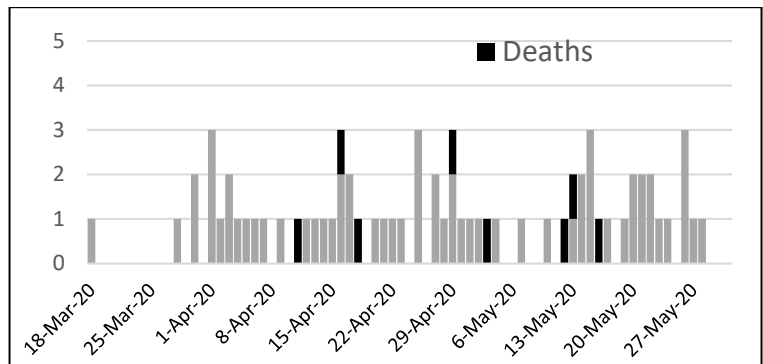
#### Case Counts and Laboratory Testing

Location	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	6,535,354	387,155
USA	1,862,656	108,064
Arizona	24,332	1,012
<b>Tohono O'odham Nation</b> Reservation resident=22 Off reservation resident=41	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>
Maricopa	12,091	479
Pima	2,883	202
Navajo	2,104	68
Apache	1,656	46
Coconino	1,248	85
Yuma	1,708	22
Pinal	1,018	41
Mohave	447	
Yavapai	314	
Santa Cruz	503	
Cochise	120	
La Paz	149	
Gila	42	
Graham	40	
Greenlee	9	

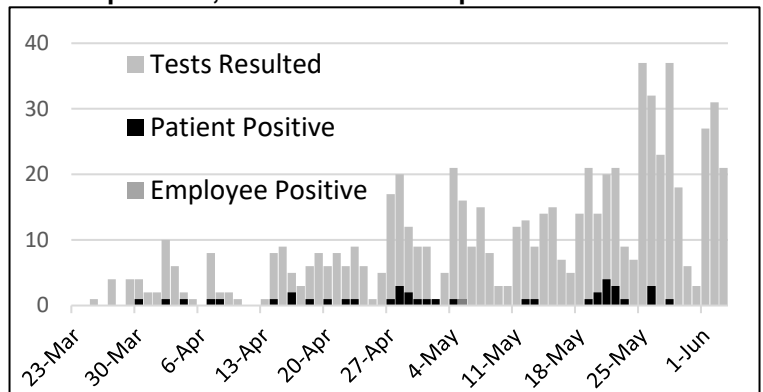
Data reported January 1 – June 5, 2020

Cases=63 Deaths=8 Contact tracing=228 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, and other TONHC patients.





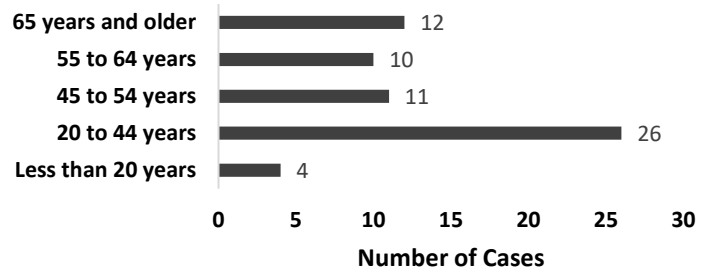
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Sex	39 female (62%)
Average age	46.2 years (range=12-87)
Reservation resident	22 (35%)
Hospitalized	26/56* (46%)
Serious underlying medical conditions	42/51* (82%)

\*data not available for all persons

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



### NO NEW PSA UPDATES FROM TOHNC THIS WEEK

TONHC will be sending out a PSA on the services that are provided at Sells Hospital, San Xavier Health Center and San Simon Health Center.

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
- 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
- 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. UC's Distribution Team continues in filling resource requests from approved 213-RR's.
- The Unified Command continues to coordinate with Human Resources and D.O.I.T to provide an in-person training and virtual trainings for executive employees. In-person trainings are scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2020 and Monday, June 8, 2020 at the TOLC Chambers.
  - Morning Session: 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
  - Afternoon Sessions: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Executive Order Highlights:

**May 29, 2020:** E.O. 2020-05 issued by Chairman Norris and Vice-Chairwoman Saunders outlines the following:

- The Human Resources Department has prepared Return-To-Work Standard – Operating Procedures which set forth policies and procedures for the Executive Branch departments and programs to transition employees back to work in a responsible manner.
- The Unified Command has prepared *Guidelines for Wakes/Funeral* in coordination with medical experts and faith based leaders.

**June 2, 2020:** Chairman Norris and Vice-Chairwoman Saunders issued a memo regarding the Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Ducey on Sunday, May 31, 2020. This Emergency Declaration is in response to the recent events of rioting and looting and sets in place a curfew from 8 PM to 5 AM from Sunday, May 31, 2020 to Monday, June 8, 2020. While this state wide curfew has no applicability within the exterior boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation, it is important for them to understand the applicability to them while off the Nation

**June 4, 2020:** Chairman Norris and Vice-Chairwoman Saunders issued E.O. 2020-06 - hereby reinstates a Curfew within the exterior boundaries of the Nation, in effect Friday,

June 5, 2020 from 9pm to 6am, and all residence must remain home during the curfew hours, unless one of the following exceptions applies:

1. Individuals working at a business in operation during the curfew hours, or traveling to or from work;
2. Individuals patronizing or operating a business;
3. Individuals seeking medical care, or traveling to or from those services;
4. Individuals traveling to provide necessary care for another who cannot care for themselves; or
5. Individuals seeking safe harbor from a dangerous situation.

The curfew shall remain in effect until further notice.

All playgrounds and sports areas, such as football fields, basketball courts, etc., shall remain closed until further notice.

For purposes of providing additional clarification of Executive Order No. 2020-05, Section 4(a), "Social Gatherings," which shall not exceed 25 persons, shall include all events and activities held for social and/or community purposes. Social Gatherings shall not be limited to the examples provided under E.O. 2020-05 (i.e. birthday parties, death and wedding anniversaries, graduation celebrations).



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### **Desert Diamond Casinos:**

Desert Diamond Casino properties will re-open for business on Friday, June 5, 2020. Hours of Operation are as follows:

June 5: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Sunday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – Midnight

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

### **Judicial Branch:**

Judicial Branch will begin its reopening on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Changes include:

1. Court will resume regular hours of 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM
2. Social distancing will continue to be in place.
3. Individuals who come to the Justice Center will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be available if an individual does not have one.
4. The court will limit the number of people in the lobby to 19.

### **Public Information:**

- Social Media: Treat your mask like underwear
- Distribution: Memo from Executive Office addressing State Wide Curfew
- Social Media: Part 1/3: Interview with a COVID positive patient
- Distribution: Executive Order 2020-06
- Project: Facemask donations



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### Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, June 4, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the eleventh food distribution for Districts. The distribution included the following contents:

<b>11th Distribution - COVID 19 - 06/04/20</b>		
Shamrock - 11 DISTRICTS		
Quantity	Description	Unit Case/Size/Unit
2	TUNA, ALBACORE SOLID WHT WATER PK	24/12.25/Z
3	HASH, CORNED BEEF	12/52/OZ
3	MILK, CHOC 2% RF ESL 12Z	12/12/OZ
4	MILK, 2% RF ESL	12/12/OZ
2	HAM, HNY CURE WA SLI .66Z CKD FRSH	4/2.5/LB
3	SALSA, CHILE DE FRESCA 27Z	12/27/OZ
2	CHIP, TORTILLA YLW TRIANG	6/2/LB
1	RICE, LONG GRAIN WHT 4% BRKN	1/50/LB
1	BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	1/50/LB
2	FLOUR, AP H&R	2/25/LB
2	BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN	14/20/OZ
2	CHEESE, AMER SLI 120CT	4/5/LB
2	CHEESE, CHDR MILD SHRD FCY	4/5/LB
2	EGG, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2 CS	1/15/DZ
2	PASTA, SPAGHETTI IMP	20/1/LB
2	PASTA, ELBOW MACARONI BULK	3/10/LB
2	PEANUT BUTTER, CRMY .75Z	200/.75/OZ
2	JAM, STRAWBRY PC CUP .5Z	200/.5/OZ
2	CEREAL, FROOT LOOPS	4/31/OZ
2	CEREAL, LUCKY CHARMS	4/35/OZ
2	TISSUE, BATH CORELESS 2PLY	36/1000/PK
3	CLEANER, DISINFECTANT TB	12/32/OZ
3	WET WIPE, CLEANING TABLE TURNE	12/80/PK
1	HAND SANITIZING STATION	EA

### Statewide Outlook:

On May 31, 2020 – Governor Ducey announced a State of Emergency due to riots, effective Sunday, May 31, 2020. Beginning at 8:00PM until 5:00AM and shall expire on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:00AM unless further extended.





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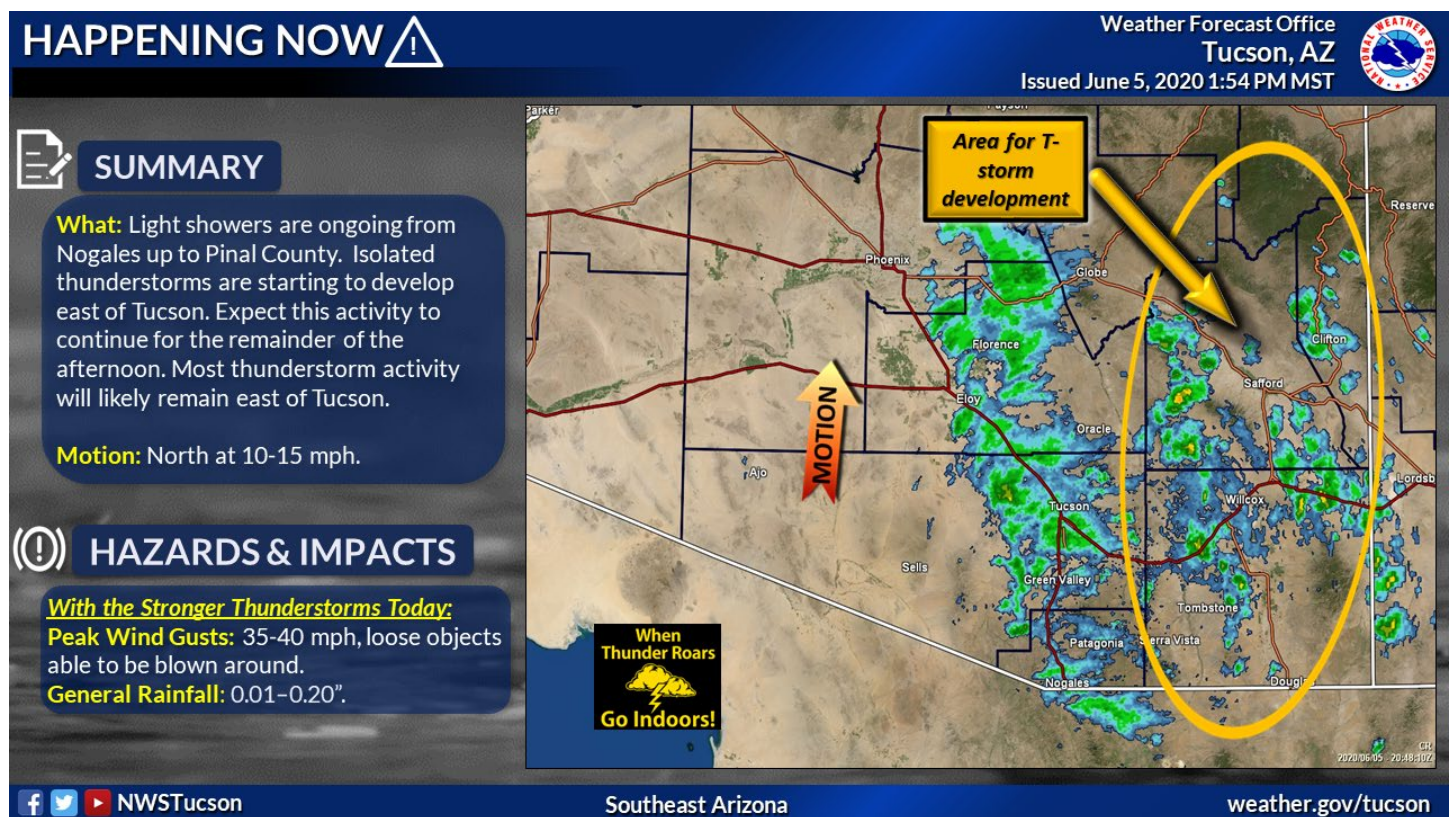
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### Weather:

We will have one more day of extreme heat for parts of southern Arizona, basically valley areas Tucson eastward.

An approaching weather system will kick up gusty winds over western Pima county for elevated wildfire concerns west of Sells. These winds are ushering in slightly cooler air over that area resulting in high temperatures roughly 5-7 degrees cooler than yesterday.









The weather system is also pulling in enough moisture that there is a risk for some thunderstorms later today through tonight, primarily east of Tucson.





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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
								
Isolated T-storms and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny
High: 102 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 94 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 93 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 95 °F

**Today:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 102. Breezy, with a southwest wind 6 to 11 mph increasing to 16 to 21 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 31 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South wind 10 to 16 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 92. South wind 9 to 13 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 61. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast after midnight.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest 11 to 16 mph in the afternoon.

**Sunday Night:** Clear, with a low around 61.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 93.

**Monday Night:** Clear, with a low around 59.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 95.

**Tuesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 62.

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

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

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





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### Keeping Healthy

Community members need to take additional precautions to keep one another safe and healthy. ***We need to do our part and need to continue to practice social distancing and frequent hand hygiene.***

#### 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:

- **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.**
- 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 25 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.

#### Symptoms to Monitor For



COVID-19 symptoms to monitor for: fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing (shortness of breath), runny/stuffy nose, sore throat, headaches, fatigue, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell.

#### 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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### What's Happening Elsewhere

#### ARIZONA

- While the Testing Blitz is over, ADHS is still maintaining a comprehensive list of testing sites in Arizona. 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.
- On June 1, 2020, The Arizona Department of Education released a [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#) for the 2020-2021 School Year. The document contains public health recommendations for physical distancing, behavioral changes, disinfection protocols, among other topics.
- 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](#)

**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**