



Tohono O'odham Nation: Leadership Update 19

COVID-19 Response Summary

Report for June 12, 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 is now one of the states reporting the highest rise in cases of COVID-19 in the country. In the weeks since the stay at home orders were lifted, the daily COVID-19 case counts have more than doubled across the state and in Pima County. Hospital admissions are up and intensive care beds are being used at an alarming rate. The Tohono O'odham Nation also is seeing a rise in cases. This is not the time to relax. The "new normal" means that everyone needs to change our old habits and increase the protective and preventive measures so we can start working, going to school, get important health check-ups and resume other activities. If we do not do this well, we will have many more cases.

We urge the public to limit their physical contact only to immediate household members. Avoid group activities. Groups and gatherings of any size increase your risk to get or spread COVID-19. If you must interact with others, stay at least 6 feet away and wear a mask at all times in public.

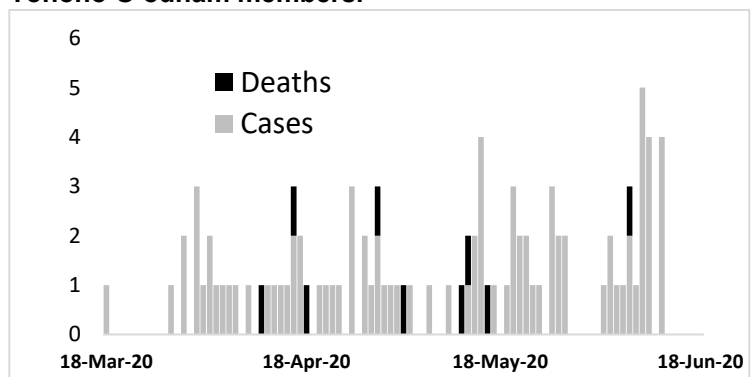
Case Counts and Laboratory Testing

Data reported January 1 – June 13, 2020

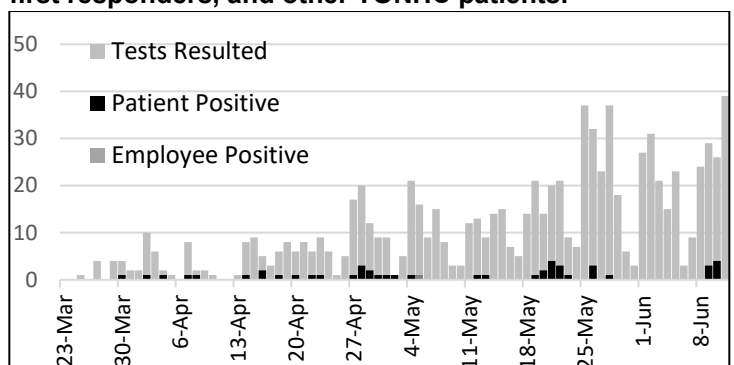
Location	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	7,553,182	423,349
USA	2,016,027	113,914
Arizona	32,918	1,144
Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation resident=30 Off reservation resident=56	86	9
Maricopa	17,010	1,144
Pima	3,628	222
Navajo	2,512	79
Apache	1,927	53
Coconino	1,345	86
Yuma	2,841	33
Pinal	1,363	43
Mohave	584	
Yavapai	367	
Santa Cruz	833	
Cochise	178	
La Paz	217	
Gila	54	
Graham	48	
Greenlee	11	

Cases=86 Deaths=9 Contact tracing=292 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.

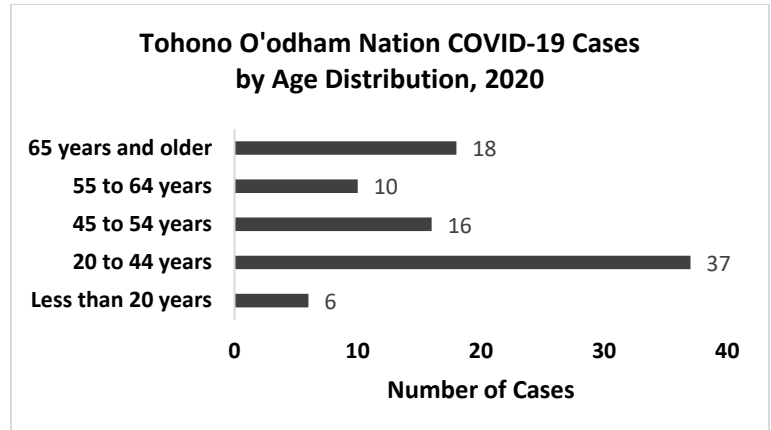




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Sex	53 female (63%)
Average age	45.2 years (range=2mo-87y)
Reservation resident	30 (35%)
Hospitalized	40/67*(60%)
Serious underlying medical conditions	52/67* (78%)
*data not available for all persons	



TONHC COVID-19 Patient Services Updates, June 8, 2020

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, some routine medical services are still limited at TONHC. Since the State of Arizona reopened on May 15, we have seen a surge of cases in Arizona. Our healthcare partners are reporting limited ICU bed capacity in Tucson and Phoenix.

We continue to work hard to keep a safe space for our patients to get the care they need when they need it. This involves screening our patients and staff for COVID-19, and having dedicated space for well and sick visits. If you need medical attention, please do not delay either calling or coming in for care.

Open:

Sells Emergency Room is open. Anyone having a medical emergency can be seen by our Emergency Department.

Sells Inpatient is open with limited visitors for patients.

Same Day Clinic is open. Anyone having an urgent medical problem can be seen in our Same Day clinics at Sells, San Xavier and San Simon.

Laboratory, Radiology, and Sells EMS (ambulance) are open and offer full services.

Services Limited by COVID-19:

Primary care services: patients can obtain care for medical problems such as diabetes, kidney problems, high blood pressure, etc. Visits are offered by appointment and may be done either face-to-face or via telemedicine (phone or tele-video visits).

Specialty care clinics: rheumatology (arthritis) and nephrology (kidney) clinics are available at Sells and San Xavier and may be done either face-to-face or via telemedicine (phone or tele-video visits).

Prenatal care is available at all 3 clinics. Specialists continue to come to Sells and San Xavier and perform ultrasounds and see patients face-to-face.



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Well Child care is available at all 3 clinics. We continue to offer vaccinations and well child visits for children up to 1 year of age. Pediatric appointments for children with problems are available. Some of these visits can occur thru telemedicine appointments.

Nurse visits for wound care, infusions, immunizations, etc. continue to be available by appointment at all 3 clinics.

Podiatry care is available by appointment at all 3 clinics. While routine annual foot exams are currently on hold, anyone with a high-risk condition or a problem will be seen with face-to-face visits.

Eye care clinic is seeing urgent, emergent and high risk patients at all 3 clinics.

Physical therapy is seeing a limited number of patients at Sells for urgent issues such as post-op rehab.

Social Work, Diabetes Prevention, Nutrition and Psychiatry are using telemedicine when possible with limited face-to-face visits when needed.

Pharmacy continues with normal business at San Xavier and San Simon. Sells has normal services except refills are available from 8am-6pm M-F and 10am-4pm Sat.

Dental Care is currently limited to urgent and emergent face-to-face services (see PSA sent out).

Public Health Nursing continues with communicable/infectious disease and COVID-19 follow up with contact tracing.

Temporarily Closed:

Santa Rosa Health Center's services are currently suspended.

If you have any questions or need to be seen, please call your care team at TONHC.

If you do not know the phone number of your primary care team, please call the operator:

Sells Hospital: 520-383-7200

San Xavier Health Center: 520-295-2550

San Simon Health Center call: 520-362-7007

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. ***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:

- WHEN POSSIBLE – Avoid being in any setting with more than 10 people.
- 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, except for essential items.
- 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.

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. If you have any of these symptoms, please stay home and do not go to work, school, or be in public areas.

Face Mask Guidance



3 key things to consider when choosing or making a cloth face mask.

1. **Multiple Layers.** Mask effectiveness has been shown to improve when multiple layers of fabric are used.
2. **Effective Fabric.** Cotton at higher thread count performs better. Fabric combinations such as a cotton-silk, cotton-chiffon, cotton-flannel are shown to improve filtration effectiveness by 80-90%.
3. **Good Fit.** Adjustable masks help ensure a comfortable fit without gaps. Gaps can decrease effectiveness significantly.



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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:

- 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.

Wildfires:

TON Fire Management has reported the following:

- Fire in the Gu Achi Peak area – fire is contained and being monitored, more than likely be called extinguished by today; approx. 5 – 6 acres
- Bighorn Fire located on the Coronado National Forest in the Santa Catalina Mountains is at 6,200 acres and is currently 10% contained. Residents of the Northern Catalina Foothills between Alvernon Way and 1st Avenue, North of Ina Road received a message that their area is now in the "GO!" state and is being evacuated.
- Mangum Fire located on the North Kaibab Ranger District. IR mapping confirms 793 Acres. Southern section secured by fire crews. Unfavorable weather, growth expected to north and north east today. Type 2 IMT has been ordered. Structures in area; no evacuations at this time; power line to North Rim, Forest Service admin site and lookout tower at risk.
- Bringham Fire located is at Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Clifton Ranger District is at 4,800 acres with 0% containment and is burning in steep inaccessible terrain.
- Blue River Fire located 8-miles NE of San Carlos is at 30,242 acres with 0% containment.
- Dry Lake Fire located 22-miles NE of Bylas is at 3,900 acres with 0% containment.

Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM):

- Bighorn Fire – 10% contained; approx. 6,200 acres
- Sawtooth Fire – 85% contained; 24,729 acres
- Bringham Fire – 0% contained; approx. 4,800 acres
- Dry Lake Fire – approx. 4,350 acres
- Blue River Fire – approx. 30,380 acres
- Magnum Fire – 2% contained; approx. 1,200 acres
- Tortolita Fire - 100% contained; approx. 3,140 acres
- Range Fire (Pinal County) – 100% contained; size 3,286 acres
- East Desert Fire (Pinal County) – 100% contained; 1,494 acres
- Ocotillo Fire (Maricopa County) – 100% contained; 980 acres



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Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, June 11, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the twelfth food distribution for Districts. The distribution included the following contents:

12th Distribution - COVID 19 - 06/11/20		
Shamrock - 11 DISTRICTS		
Quantity	Description	Unit Case/Size/Unit
2	TUNA, ALBACORE SOLID WHT WATER PK	24/12.25/Z
1	TRAIL MIX, NUT & FRUIT	72/2/OZ
1	TRAIL MIX, NUT & CHOC	72/2/OZ
3	BABY FOOD, BANANA	16/4/OZ
2	HAM, HNY CURE WA SLI .66Z CKD FRSH	4/2.5/LB
3	JUICE, GRAPE 100%	70/4/OZ
2	PANCAKE MIX, BTRMLK	6/5/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, ELBOW MACARONI BULK	20/1/LB
2	PEANUT BUTTER, CRMY 16Z	12/16/OZ
1	JAM, STRAWBRY PC CUP	12/32/OZ
2	POTATO, RUSSET BAG	50LB
2	CARROT, JMBO	25LB
2	ONION, YLW JMBO	50LB
3	SQUASH, ZUCCHINI MED	22LB
2	CORN, BI-COLOR HUSK	48PK
2	ORANGE, CHOICE	150CT
2	APPLE, GALA FUJI WXFY	138PK
2	TISSUE, BATH CORELESS 2PLY	36/1000/PK
3	CLEANER, AP ORNG RTU	6/32/OZ
1	WET WIPE, CLEANING TABLE TURNE	12/80/PK
3	CLEANSER, DEODORIZING PWDR COMET	24/21/OZ
2	SANITIZER, HAND TOPICAL SOLUTION	12/500/ML
100	CLOTH FACE MASKS	

Statewide Outlook:

Governor Doug Ducey's Stay at Home Order for the state of Arizona expired May 15, 2020. Please be advised, the Governor's order does not apply to the Tohono O'odham Nation.

JTF-ARIZONA:

The National Guard continues to actively assist state and local partners providing relief from the effects of COVID-19 IOT reopen the State. Additional efforts are towards tribal and county EOC engagement and providing warehouse support to AZDHS and Navajo Nation.



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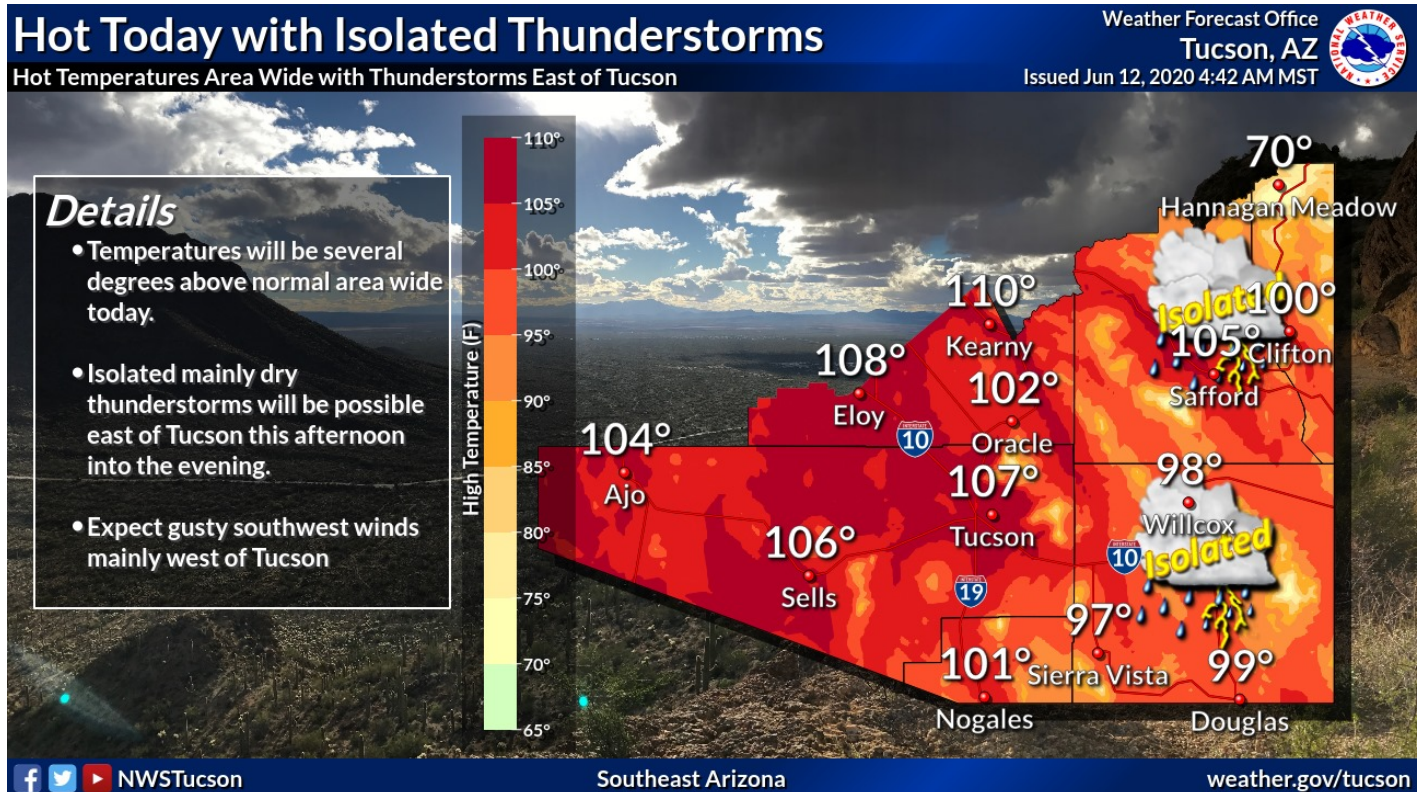
Public Information:

- Leadership Update 18
- PSA: TONHC COVID-19 Services
- Announcement: SXD Re-opening
- Announcement: Sells District Services Update
- Media: Social Distancing
- Social Media: Smoke/Haze
- Social Media: Interview 2, Part 2: Testing Positive

Weather:

Temperatures will be about 3 - 7 degrees above normal today. Isolated mainly dry thunderstorms will also be possible east of Tucson.

The main threats with any storms will be gusty outflow winds and lightning. **Also expect gusty southwest winds for areas west of Tucson.**







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Monday, June 15 – Sunday, June 21:

Hot and dry much of the week as we enter the two-week period which is on average the hottest of the year. A thunderstorm or two cannot be ruled out south and east of Tucson. However, confidence in the occurrence is low.

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
								
Hot	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny
High: 106 °F Low: 70 °F		High: 103 °F Low: 67 °F		High: 102 °F Low: 67 °F		High: 102 °F Low: 69 °F		High: 103 °F

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 106. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 11 to 16 mph in the morning.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. West southwest wind 7 to 11 mph becoming south southeast after midnight.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 103. Breezy, with a southwest wind 6 to 11 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 67. West southwest wind 7 to 11 mph becoming south southeast after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 102. South wind 8 to 18 mph.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 67.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 102.

Monday Night: Clear, with a low around 69.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 103.

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

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 103.

Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 68.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 102.



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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](#)
- **NEW -** [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