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### Public Service Announcement

In order to give full notice and understanding of the next steps forward, the Sells District Administration is releasing updated District Protocol and Procedure in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic and our efforts to maintain service and ensure the safety of our employees and members.

The Sells District is uniquely susceptible to the possibility of imminent danger due to the larger population and additional presence of a now larger section of deemed essential personnel and necessary travel of the Nation's employees and members outside of our District for basic needs and daily business in the District.

The Sells District strongly urges the adherence to Res No. SD-79-20, Requiring facemasks/coverings in the Sells District Boundaries by the Nation and all members, visitors and patrons to slow the risk of spread of this sickness.

The Sells District Administration has implemented and will continue to operate with shorter hours and our office will remain closed to the public. All doors will remain locked, staff who are able to will be assigned to telecommute. We will operate physically with limited hours to maintain minimal presence and limit our staff being away from home but be available as needed to see to services to the membership.

Further CDC guidance remains in place regarding limitations on gatherings of individuals to 10 or less. This must remain our practice for the time being.

Each community in the Sells District; Ge Oidag, Kawulk, North Communities and Sells Community can process and accept District members request for essential needs and have authorized the representatives to initiate emergency assistance when necessary. If you need assistance you may call the office 520.383.2281 calls will continue to be answered/addressed as they come in.

1. The office will be closed to the public, staff will be in office only to finalize processing of payments also for planned and/or immediate necessary outreach and support to the

community's elders and youth or distributions. Members may reach our elder/youth coordinator at 520.396.0674 or our community liaison at 520.993.0633 for any needs you may have. Limited assistance and services are available from the District level.

All employees in the building and any person(s) who are allowed to enter for processing of in person necessary paperwork, will be required to wear a facemask/covering.

2. Transportation request will be limited to essential grocery shopping in the Sells area only, added measures of safety will include temperature checks with the aid of a no contact thermometer as well as utilize a facemask/covering while in the van.

Passengers with a temperature of 100.4 F or higher, after 10 minutes a second temperature check will be conducted if their temperature did not abate, they will not be allowed to ride in the van.

Passengers who will not utilize a facemask or covering will not be allowed to ride the van.

There will be a limit of 4 passengers in the van. No one will be allowed to ride in the front seat. No one will be allowed to ride if you are coughing, sneezing and have a fever.

You may call 520.383.2281 or 520.993.6641 to schedule. Transportation will be conducted as needed You need to call at least two days before to schedule transportation date.

3. Project requests continue to be addressed and will only be fulfilled by the laborers on an emergency basis; they will be assigned for duty if the request is crucial to the safety and livelihood of a member. All other request will be assigned and kept for future planning and on days scheduled by the administration.
  - a. Laborers will only be assigned to pick up items in Tucson deemed essential to the safety and livelihood of the household only, minimizing the outside travel exposure of our staff.
  - b. Home inspections walkthroughs will be conducted following the same protocol to protect our staff that do enter and visit homes in the community, generally to conduct business.

4. **Employees who feel sick should stay home and follow the Sick Leave Policy.**  
All employees who are not on duty in person and teleworking are still subject to all leave request requirements if they will not be readily available for on call duty and directives of the District Chairman or Vice Chairman

5. Sells District Convenience Store, Diner, Service Station and 99 Cent and Bargain Store effective immediately are requiring mandatory use of facemask/coverings before entering the stores, if necessary one disposable mask can be provided. Further guidance at each store has posted signage with directives.

- a. Sells Diner is not allowing in-dining service, there is only take out available, reminder they have a website you can order from reach them at [www.sellsdiner.com](http://www.sellsdiner.com)

This is not the time to act as though we are through this crisis. We all must understand that it is for all of us that we stay home, that we NOT go and visit our extended families and friends. Continue to stay with our immediate family household. It's on all of us to be responsible for our elders, our youth and ourselves to keep our hands clean, cover our coughs and sneezes and keep distance between us, yet still stay in touch via any means that you can without physically touching.

The Tohono O'odham Police Department will be advised of any unknown travelers in the District and of any large gatherings or loud ruckus behavior in the community/district. Let us remain on a good path, a positive mindset and hold on to the fact that as O'odham we stand together and can see through this trying time.

We thank you for your attention, Sells District members may reach the office for any needs that may arise, and you may also reach Chairman Buendia by phone at 520.993.0838 or Vice Chairman Garcia at 520.403.9491 if needed.

Peace and continued blessings to you and your families,



Juan C. Buendia, Chairman  
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