



# Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

## COVID-19 Situation Update: July 22, 2020

This is a rapidly evolving situation. Information is accurate as of July 22, 2020 at 7:00. Data may change as more information becomes available.

### World, USA, Arizona COVID-19 Information

#### World (WHO):

Total cases: 14,765,256  
Total deaths: 612,054  
Updated: 21 July 2020, 17:00 GMT-7

#### USA (CDC): Total cases:

3,882,167  
Total deaths: 141,677  
Updated July 21, 2020

#### Arizona (AZDHS): Total cases:

108,614 (7/8) --> 131,354 (7/15) -->  
**150,609 (7/22)**

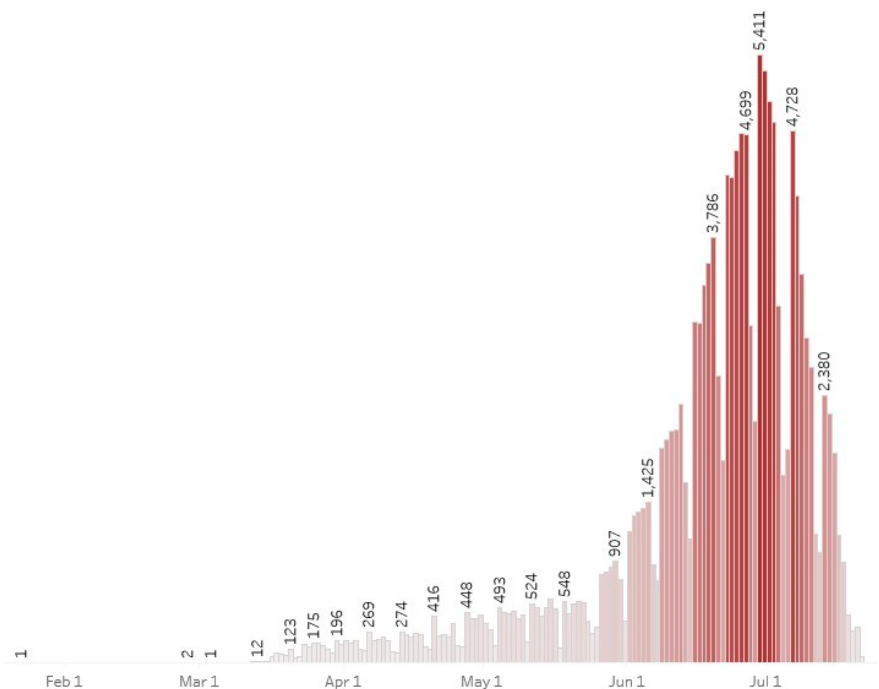
#### Total deaths in Arizona:

1,963 (7/8) --> 2,434 (7/15) -->  
**2,974 (7/22)**

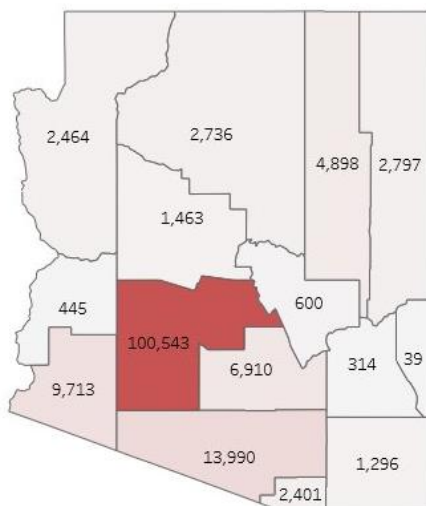
#### Total cases in Pima County:

10,485 (7/8) --> 12,406 (7/15) -->  
**13,990 (7/22)**  
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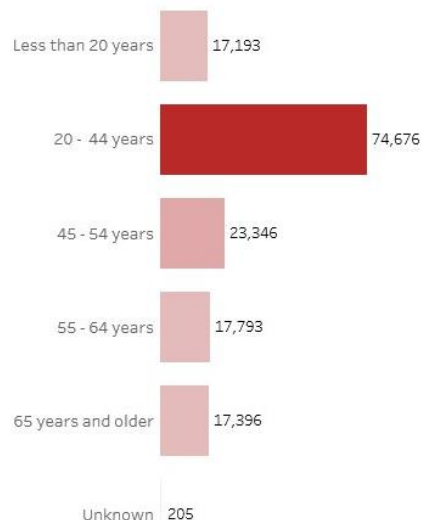
#### Arizona Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day (7/22/2020)



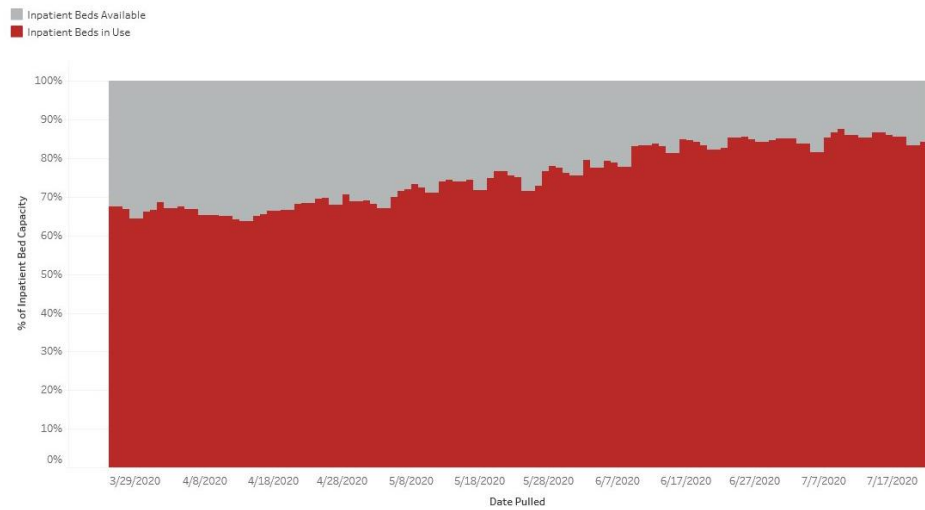
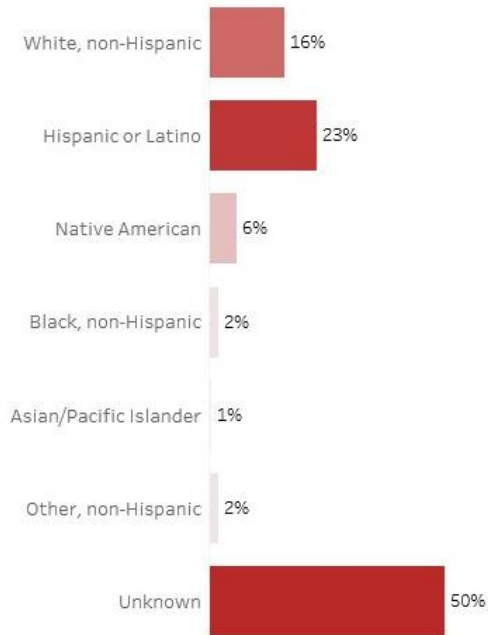
#### COVID-19 Cases by County Arizona (AZ)



#### AZ COVID-19 Cases by Age Distribution (7/22/2020)

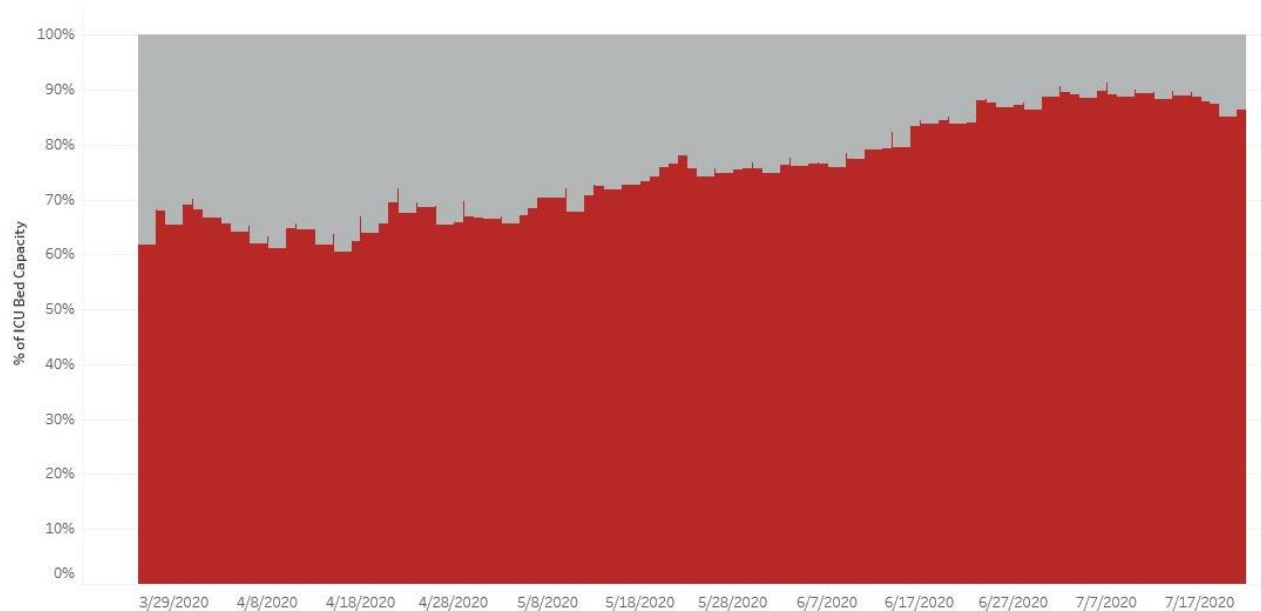


## AZ COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity      Number of Inpatient Beds In Use in Arizona (84% in use on 7/21/20)



## Number of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Beds In Use in Arizona (86% in use 7/21/20)

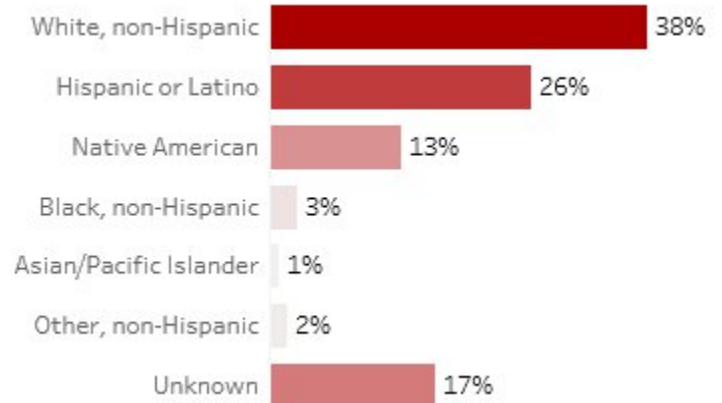
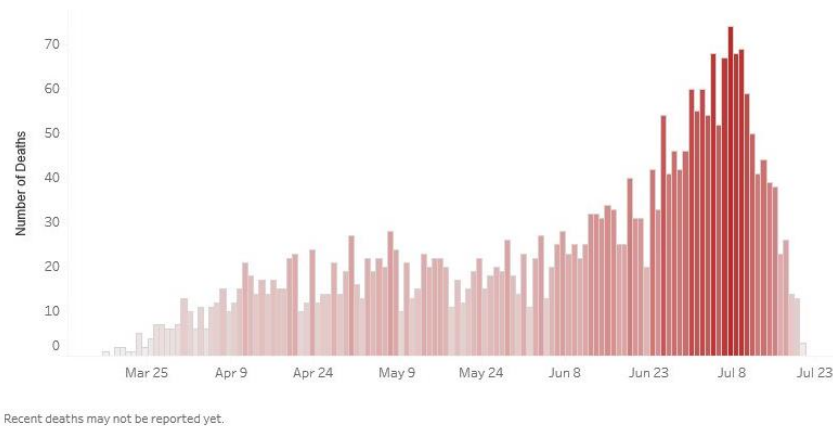
■ Adult Intensive Care Unit Beds Available  
■ Adult Intensive Care Unit Beds In Use



## Arizona (AZDHS): 2,974 deaths, Updated July 22, 2020

COVID-19 Deaths by Date in Arizona

AZ COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity (7/22/2020)



## Tohono O'odham Nation COVID-19 Positive Case Information

	Enrolled Tohono O'odham Tribal Member	Enrolled Member of Another Tribe or Other Group	Total
Residing within the Tohono O'odham Nation Boundary	168	21	189
Residing outside the Tohono O'odham Nation Boundary	152	52	204
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>393</b>

**320** members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have tested positive\* for COVID-19 (as of 7/22/20 at 7:00). On 7/15/2020 there were 297.

Week (2020)	Cumulative COVID-19 Cases Among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Tribal Members	Absolute Change** in Cumulative Case Counts from Previous Week
July 16th – July 22nd	320	23
July 9th – July 15th	297	56
July 2nd – July 8th	241	52
June 25th – July 1st	189	

The number of Tohono O’odham members who have tested positive for COVID-19 is **less** this week than the previous 2 weeks. However, this number has more than **quadrupled (4.4x)** in the last 6 weeks (72 on 6/9/2020).

Week (2020)	Cumulative COVID-19 Cases Among Enrolled Tohono O’odham Tribal Members Residing within the Tohono O’odham Nation Boundary	Absolute Change** in Cumulative Case Counts from Previous Week
July 16th – July 22nd	168	20
July 9th – July 15th	148	42
July 2nd – July 8th	106	24
June 25th – July 1st	82	

**168** members of the Tohono O’odham Nation who tested positive reside in the Tohono O’odham Nation. On 7/15/2020 there were 148.

The number of Tohono O’odham members residing in the Tohono O’odham Nation who have tested positive for COVID-19 is **less** this week than the previous 2 weeks. However, the number of persons who reside in the Tohono O’odham Nation and tested positive for COVID-19 is **7x** the case count 6 weeks ago (24 cases on 6/9/2020).

This is consistent with a surge in cases beginning approximately 6/15/2020. As the number of COVID-19 cases is less this week than the previous 2 weeks, this could be a signal of “flattening” of the epidemic curve. Continued public health efforts such as:

- Staying home as much as possible
- Hand hygiene
- Physical distancing
- Wearing a mask/face covering when physical distancing is not possible

can lead to a continuance in this flattening trajectory. Given community transmission, relaxing public health measures may lead to an increase in cases at this time.

**124** members are recovering (among members of the Tohono O’odham Nation)\*\*\*

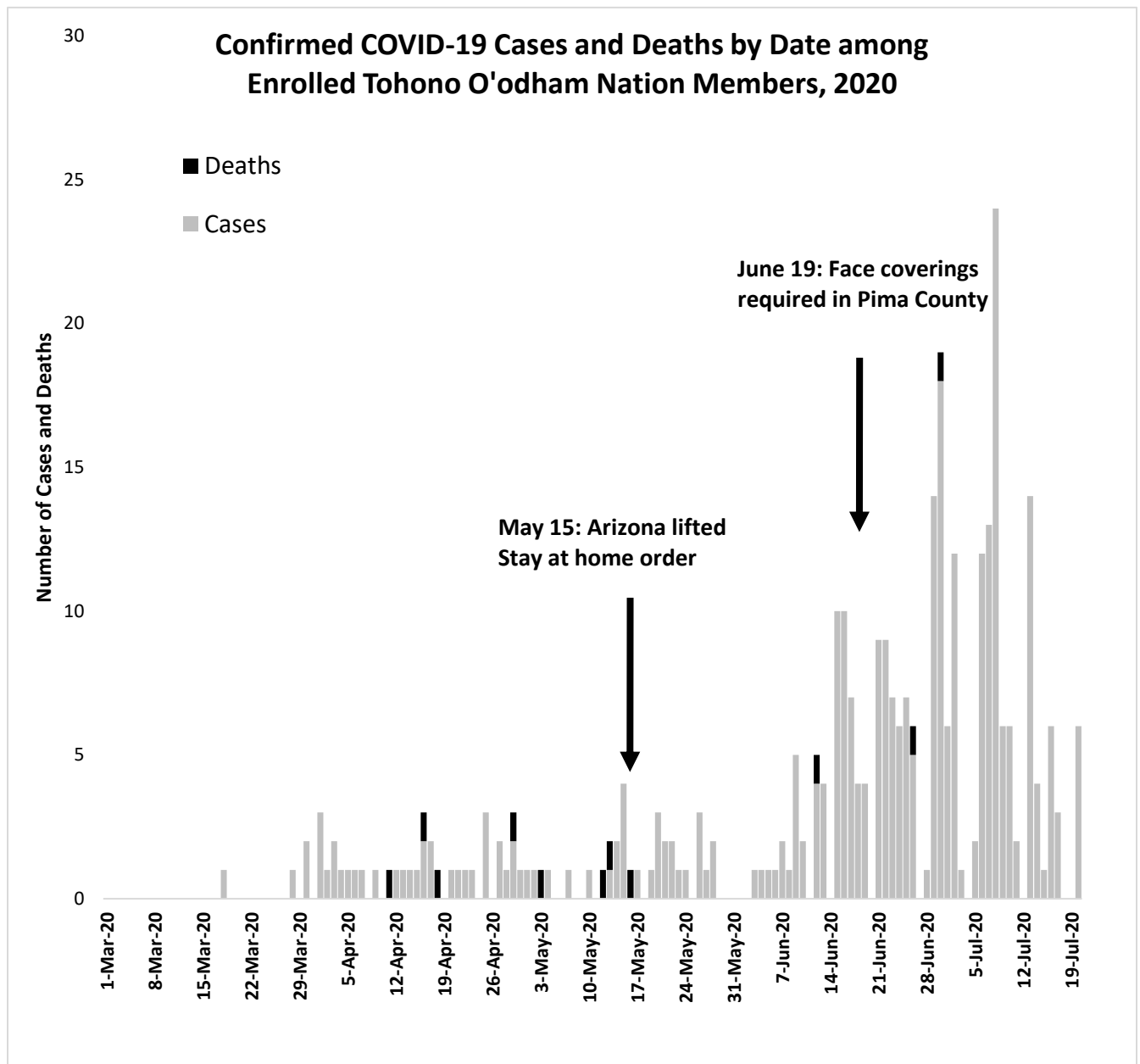
There has been **12** deaths due to COVID-19.

- 11 deaths among members of the Tohono O’odham Nation and 1 member of another tribe.
- 1 death in hospital in Tohono O’odham Nation, 11 in hospitals outside the Tohono O’odham Nation.

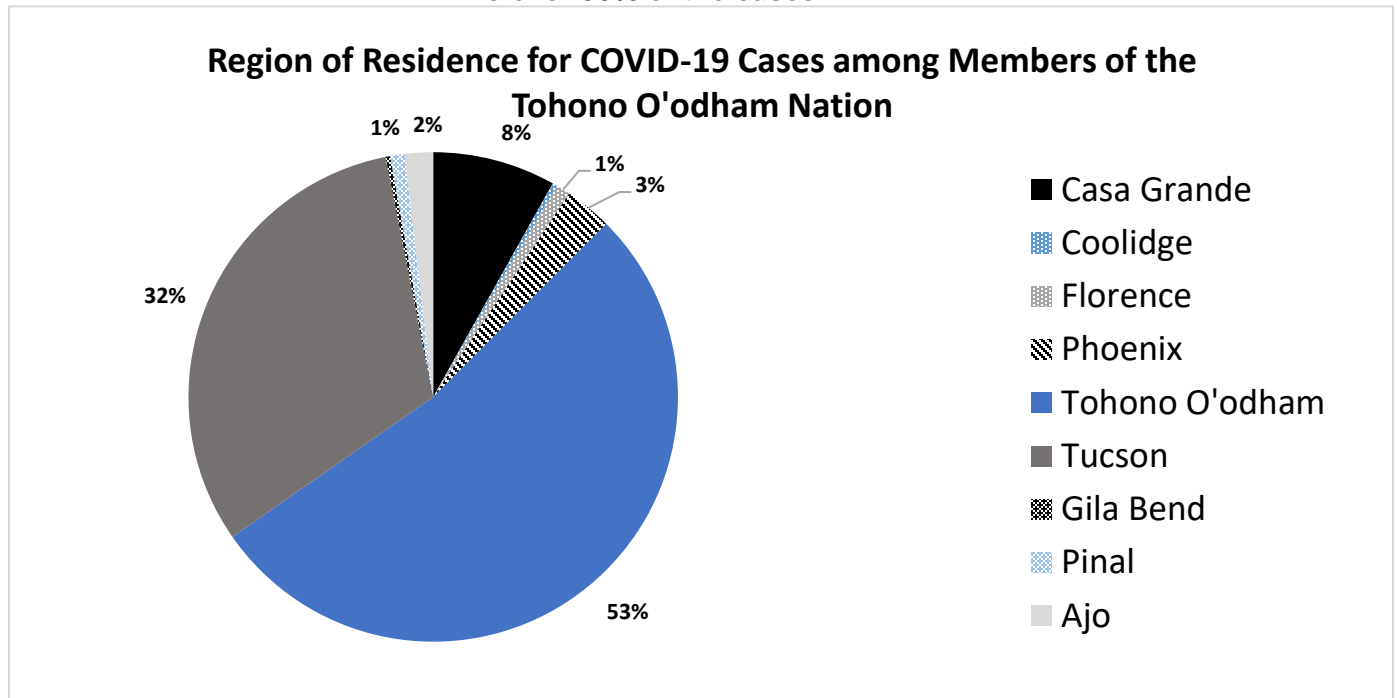
\*COVID-19 positive result means COVID-19 test result of “detected”.

\*\*Absolute change in cumulative case count is the number of cumulative cases through week 2 subtracted from the number of cumulative cases through week 1, |week2 – week1|

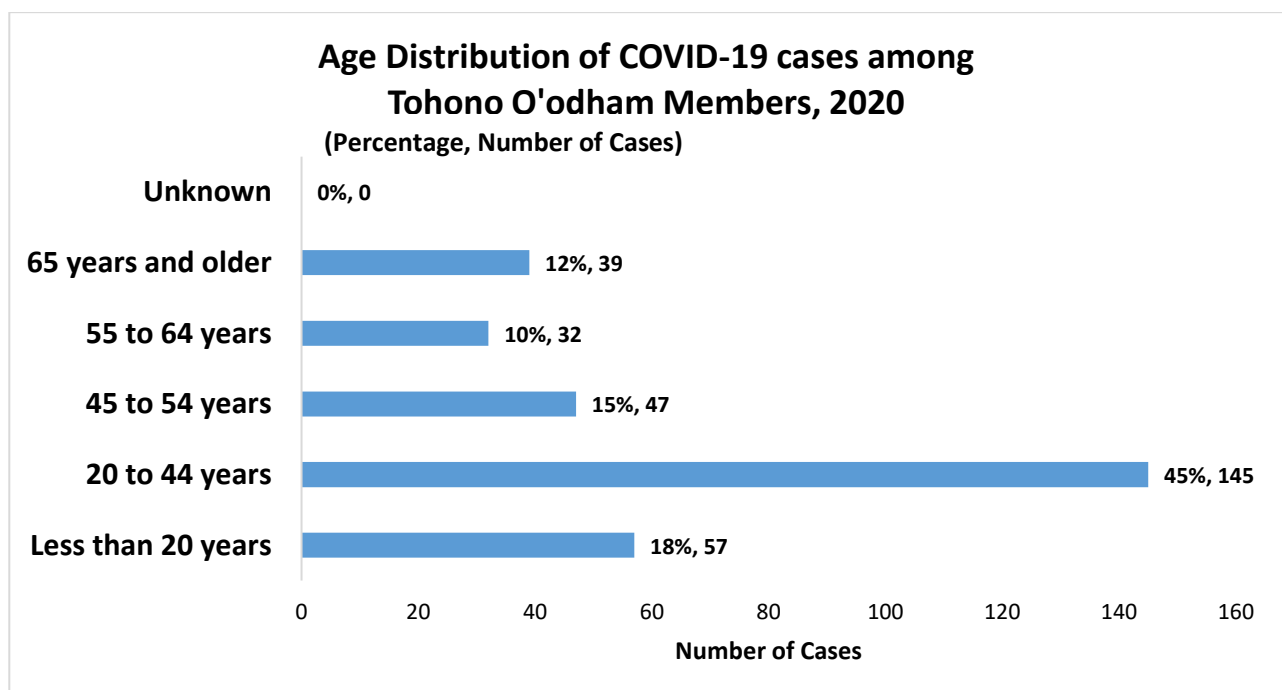
\*\*\*Recovering is defined as having diagnosis/symptom onset 14 days ago, improving, and no longer hospitalized.



This is the first week that the percentage of people residing in the Tohono O'odham Nation is over 50% of the cases.



Some areas are <1%



### Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 among Tohono O'odham Nation Enrolled Members, 2020

	Count (n)	Percent (%)	State of Arizona Percent (%)
TON members tested positive for COVID-19	320		
Asymptomatic/Pre-symptomatic	64	20%	
TON Reside in Reservation	168	53%	
Hospitalized	55	17%	5%
Recovering	124	39%	
Died	11	3%	2%

	Median (years)	Minimum (months)	Maximum (years)
Age	36	7	87

	Male	Percent (%)	Female	Percent (%)
Sex	129	40%	191	60%

At TONHC, we received the first presumptive positive test result for COVID-19 for a patient seen at San Xavier Health Center in the same day clinic on 3/30/2020. In response, we reached out to clinical staff and the patient/household/community to discuss exposure risk, how to monitor for symptoms, and help guide any recommendations for isolation or quarantine. We anticipate more cases in the future, and we are working together to tackle this challenge. Employee health has reached out to staff for contact tracing. Public health nursing has conducted community contact tracing. Please remember to keep patient and employee results confidential.

## COVID-19 Laboratory Testing at TONHC

TONHC total number of COVID-19 testing (as of 7/22/2020 at 7:00): **2,759** tests performed:

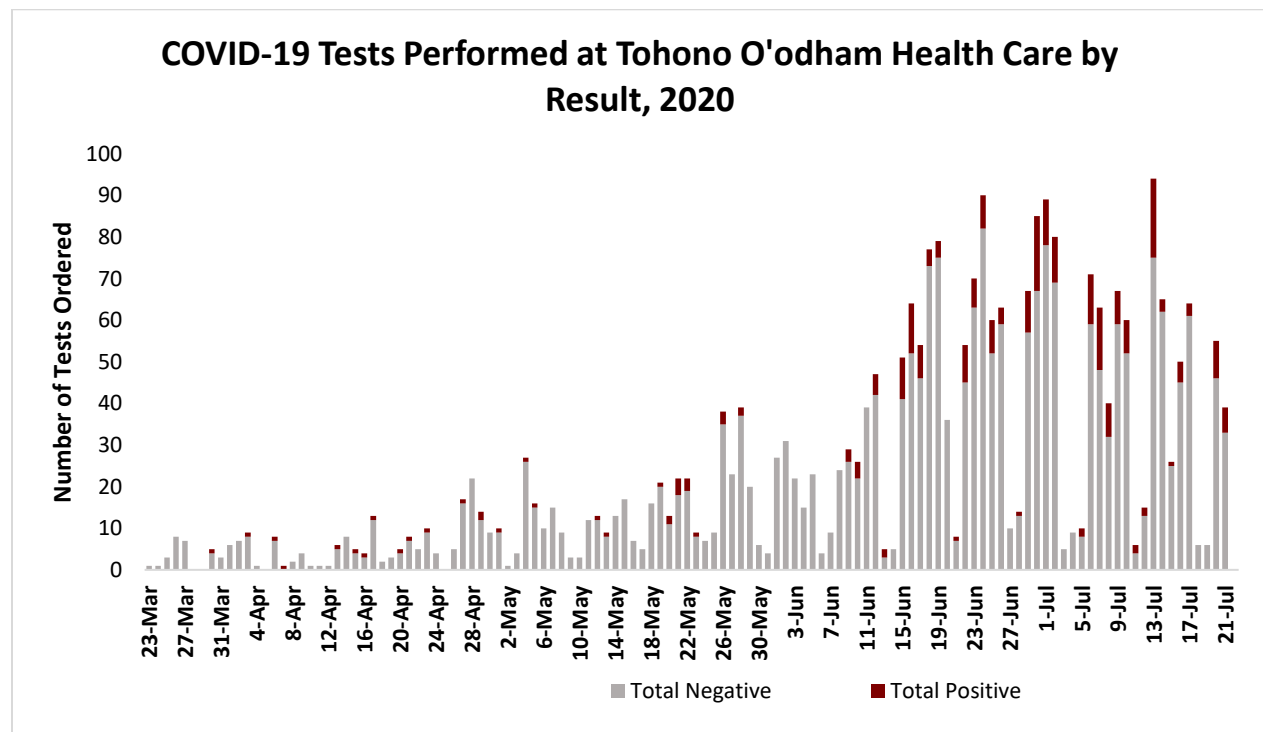
- **2,539** = patients (anyone who receives care at a TONHC facility)
- **206** = employees
- **14** = first responders or other critical infrastructure workforce

We continue to increase our testing capacity. On 7/15/2020, there were 2,492 tests.

As of 7/22/2020, **278** tests results were positive\* for COVID-19. On 7/15/2020 there were 251 tests. The number of positive test results for COVID-19 is **less** this week than the previous 2 weeks. However, the number of positive test results are **7.3x** the amount compared to 6 weeks ago (since 6/9/2020). 38 total tests were positive on 6/9/2020.

Week (2020)	TONHC Cumulative Positive COVID-19 Test Results	Absolute Change** in Positive Test Results from Previous Week
July 16th – July 22nd	278	27
July 9th – July 15th	251	49
July 2nd – July 8th	202	49
June 25th – July 1st	153	

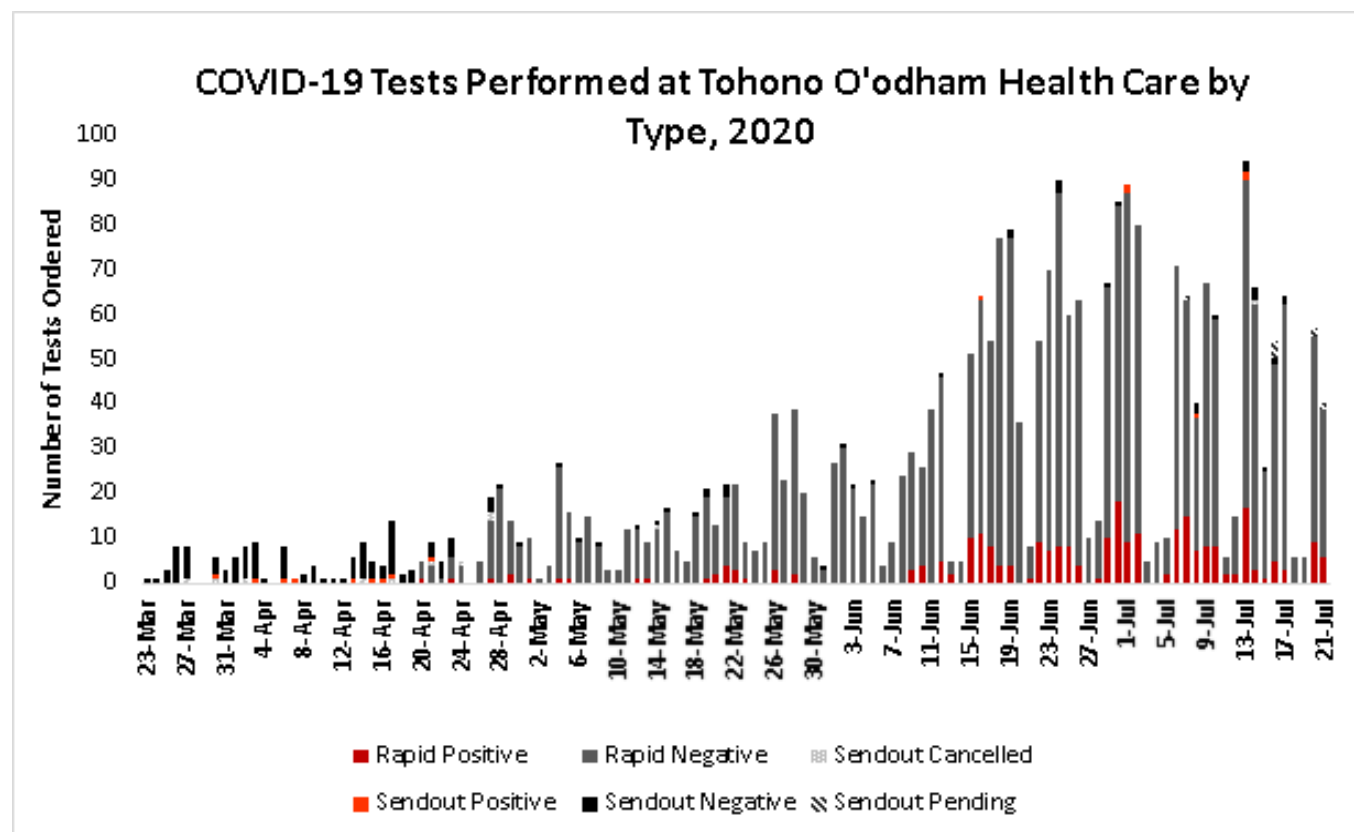
**8** TONHC employees has tested positive.



COVID-19 testing began at TONHC on March 23, 2020. There is now same-day testing at San Xavier, Sells, and San Simon. This means all the equipment to run the tests are in the clinic laboratories at San Xavier, Sells, and San Simon. We began on-site same-day testing on April 20, 2020. There are two types of tests: send-out test or same-day/rapid test. We are currently using



the on-site same-day testing for all patients (5/21/2020) as there is a delay in send-out labs due to high volume. Send-out testing is still used for specific cases.



#### COVID-19 On-site Tests Cumulative Percent Positive Results (7/20/2020):

**Sells Hospital: 8%** (This means that among all people tested at Sells Hospital by on-site same day testing, 8% of the results are positive for COVID-19 and 92% of results are negative.) This is the same as last week (since 7/13/2020).

**San Simon Health Center: 10%**

Last week this was 11% (since 7/13/2020).

**San Xavier Health Center: 14%**

Last week this was 15% (since 7/13/2020).

We are strategically expanding testing. We performed a testing clinic on Saturday 6/20/20, and in collaboration with TON unified command performed a drive-through clinic for asymptomatic testing on 6/24/20 and 7/8/2020. We have 8 on-site Abbott ID NOW™ machines that are used for same-day testing. We are pursuing avenues for more testing machines for on-site testing. In addition to expand our testing capabilities, medical assistants at TONHC completed competencies in performing COVID-19 nasal swab testing to assist with performing testing.

As of 7/6/2020, we further expanded COVID-19 testing at TONHC, and are testing:

- Anyone with any symptom of COVID-19 (such as cough, fever, headache, loss of smell or taste, or diarrhea, etc.).
- Anyone exposed to COVID-19 and have no symptoms. We are testing 5–14 days after a known or suspected COVID-19 exposure. Exposure is defined as meeting these 3 criteria:
  - Exposure to person who tested positive COVID-19 during period from 48 hours before onset of symptoms OR 48 hours before positive specimen collection on asymptomatic person until meets criteria for discontinuing home isolation (minimum 10 days after positive test) AND
  - Close Contact within 6 feet AND
  - Length of time of exposure: 15 minutes\* OR direct contact with infectious secretions (e.g. being coughed on) OR performing aerosol-generating procedure without wearing appropriate PPE for any duration.
- All people who are being admitted to group settings (such as children's home, group homes, correctional facilities, etc.)
- People who are being admitted to the hospital (such as for surgery or childbirth). We have the testing guidance for many local hospitals.

If you have a question on whether you may qualify for testing, please call your clinic. We are happy to answer any questions. **Please call ahead** and we will schedule individuals who qualify for COVID-19 testing.

Please note testing criteria is accurate as of 7/7/2020 and may change in the future.

\*COVID-19 positive result means COVID-19 test result of "detected" for tests performed at TONHC (San Xavier, San Simon, Sells, and off-site).

\*\*Absolute change in cumulative case count is the number of cumulative cases through week 2 subtracted from the number of cumulative cases through week 1, |week2 – week1|

## COVID-19 Drive Through Testing July 8, 2020

(From PSA sent 7/14/20) TONHC held a drive-through COVID-19 testing event on July 8, 2020 at the Eugene P. Tashquith Sr. Livestock Complex. We are grateful for the collaboration from TON- Unified Command, the Arizona National Guard, T-Gen Diagnostic Laboratory, TONHC team members, and the public.

This large-scale testing was aimed to screen people without symptoms who attended a funeral held June 24-25, 2020 where several positive cases of COVID-19 were identified.

Safety for the public and testing teams as the first priority, in order to prepare, TONHC requested that the public call for appointments to pre-register.

### Persons tested

- Total tested: 316
- Pre-registrations: 249 (79%).
- Walk-ins (no-appointment): 67 (21%).
- Results were available in 3 days, almost 4 days sooner than T-Gen initially anticipated.

### Test Results

- **Positive for COVID-19: 17 (5.4%)**
- Negative for COVID-19: 289 (91.2%)
- Unable to perform test: 11 (3.4%)

### TON COVID-19 Drive Through Testing Results by Age Distribution

	Tested for COVID-19		Positive COVID-19 Results	
	Number (n)	Percentage (%)	Number (n)	Percentage (%)
Less than 20 years	67	21%	5	29%
20 to 44 years	147	47%	8	47%
45 to 54 years	48	15%	3	18%
55 to 64 years	26	8%	0	0%
65 years and older	28	9%	1	6%
<b>Sum</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Conclusions

- Results suggest community-transmission is occurring on the Tohono O'odham Nation.
- Gatherings, including funerals, likely increase the risk of getting infected.
- Drive Through testing can offer large scale testing, but will require continued outside support and partnership for future events. Over 50 staff were needed for this event.

#### Actions

- TONHC Public Health Nursing contacted all positive cases, provided guidance, and requested that close contacts be evaluated and tested.
- Nurse teams are completing calls to persons with negative results.
- Persons whose test was unable to be performed were asked to re-test this week.
- If you have not received your lab result, please call Public Health Nursing at (520) 383-7205.

#### Guidance (From PSA sent 7/14/20)

##### Positive tests:

- Persons who test positive must be in isolation for minimum of 10 days from the test date to avoid spread: This means July 18th, or longer if symptoms develop.
- Household members of anyone who tested positive must be in quarantine for 14 days to watch for symptoms. This means August 1st or longer if symptoms develop.
- Re-testing is not recommended for most people. Many people, even if fully recovered, will test positive for several weeks after infection due to presumed "dead virus RNA" lingering in the nose. Most people who have recovered have a low likelihood of being contagious to others. Current recommendations include that a person with a positive re-test result will need to isolate for an additional 10 days. TONHC has only been re-testing for dialysis patients and special circumstances. If employers require re-testing, this is performed through their occupational health company.
- TONHC teams can help answer specific questions and provide a note to return to work.

##### Negative tests and guidance for the general public:

- Maintain high-risk prevention measures and watch for any illness symptoms.
- Always wear a mask in public spaces.
- Stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid all gatherings, even with close relatives who do not live with you.
- Take actions to minimize your risk.
- Remember, getting tested today only gives you today's result. A negative result does not protect you or your family tomorrow. Stay in quarantine if directed.

## COVID-19 Prevention

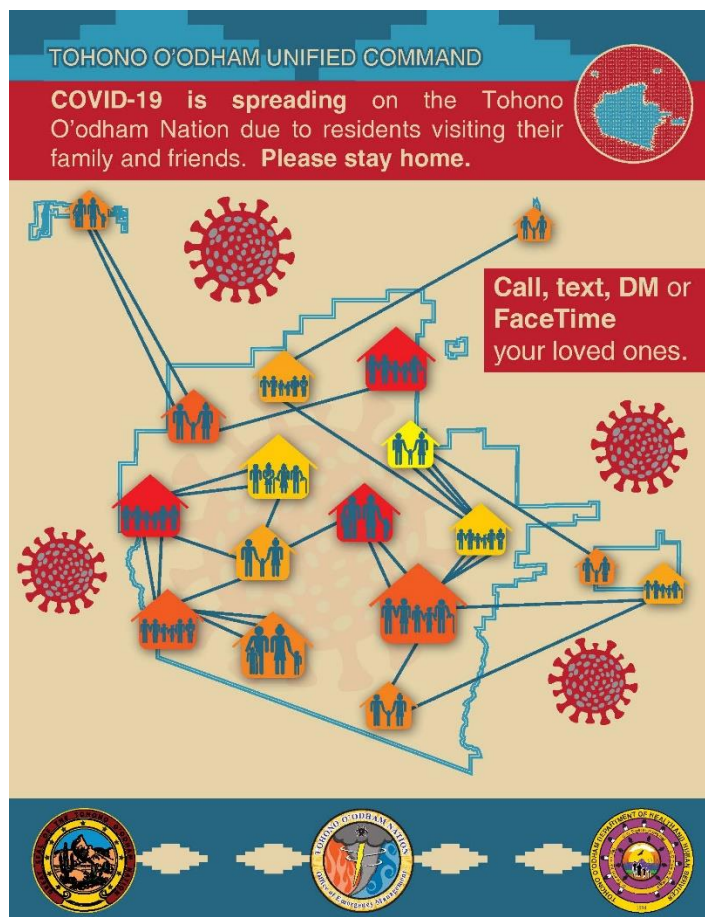
- Pandemic COVID-19 will not stop without the public's help. Don't expose others or get exposed to COVID-19. Exposure usually means being around someone with COVID-19 within 6 feet, for 10-15 minutes, and not wearing masks.
- If you are exposed, STAY HOME until you get guidance from a provider. Do not expose others.
- Isolation or quarantine are **very important** during this time.
- Testing is recommended 5-14 days after exposure for more accurate results.
- Remember, getting tested today only gives you today's result. You could get exposed again.
- Testing does not prevent COVID-19.
- A negative result does not protect you or your family. Only you can.

### Stay at home except for essential activities.

If you are sick or worried about exposure to COVID-19, please call your provider or TONHC Public Health Nursing for evaluation and testing recommendations. If testing is recommended at TONHC, please call for an appointment. Do not show up without an appointment. Testing can cause you to sneeze contagious spray and health care staff need to prepare for you.

## Local Surge in TON in COVID-19 Cases

Daily counts COVID-19 cases in Arizona have increased after Arizona relaxed restrictions on movement and stay at home orders. Hospital bed occupancy is rising rapidly across the state, especially in ICUs. TONHC is also detecting more local cases and we receive daily reports of COVID-19 among Tohono O'odham members from Pima, Pinal, Gila River, and Maricopa Health departments. **As of 6/15/2020, we have detected a surge in cases in the Tohono O'odham Nation.** This means there is a sudden upward trend in the number of cases. Our team strongly recommends to continue prevention measures including avoiding all unnecessary travel and gatherings. We also recommend the use of masks/cloth face coverings for all persons in public settings. Please continue to share the messaging of minimizing group contact, including neighbors and relatives not in one's own household.





**Stay at home as much as possible**



**Practice physical distancing (remaining at least 6 feet away from others)**



**Clean your hands often**

Our testing algorithms aim to identify symptomatic persons, asymptomatic persons with known potential COVID-19 exposures, and persons who will enter high-risk or congregate settings (surgery, detention, foster care, hospitalization, dorms, etc.).

**We all need to do our part and to continue to practice physical distancing and frequent hand hygiene.**

**Please share with community members:**

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:



- 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).
- Limit direct physical contact to only persons who live in the same household.
- Avoid all group activities/gatherings, even relatives if they do not live with you until further notice.
- Maintain “stay at home” behavior except for essential needs.
- Report illnesses and possible COVID-19 exposures immediately to your provider.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water, and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if unable to wash hands.

### **Symptoms to Monitor**



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: All employees at TONHC must wear a surgical facemask while at work. For patients and visitors coming to TONHC, please wear your own cloth face covering upon arrival to the facility. If not available, you will be offered a facemask (if symptomatic) or cloth face covering.**

When in the community setting (when not working at TONHC) here are three key things to consider when choosing or making a cloth face coverings.

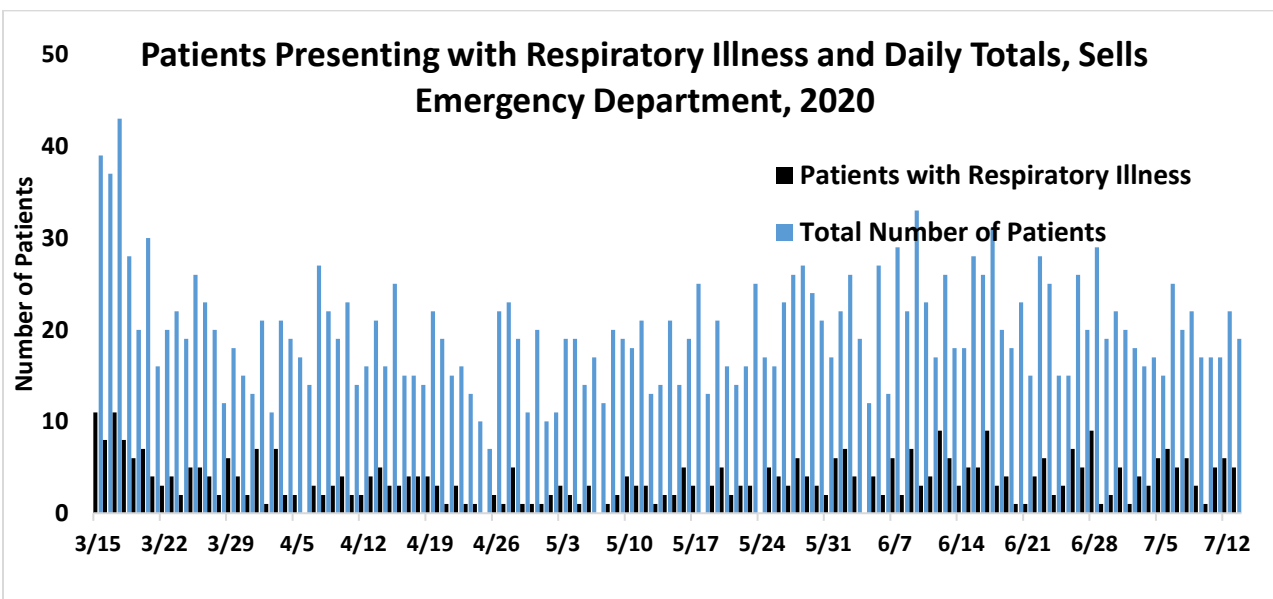


1. **Multiple Layers.** Mask effectiveness has been shown to improve when multiple layers of fabric are used.
2. **Effective Fabric.** Regarding what type of mask to wear, it has been shown that mask efficiency improves when multiple layers of fabric are used (such as high thread count cotton) and when using fabric combinations. For example, filtration efficiencies of hybrid materials (such as cotton–silk, cotton–chiffon, cotton–flannel) was >80-90%. Cotton performs better at higher weave densities (i.e., thread count). Gaps caused by improper mask fit can decrease effectiveness significantly so having a good fit is very important.
3. **Good Fit.** Gaps caused by improper mask fit can decrease effectiveness significantly so having a good fit is very important.

**Who should NOT use cloth face coverings:** children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

## Sells Emergency Department Syndromic Surveillance

Syndromic surveillance refers to detection of indicators that are discernible before confirmed diagnoses are made. For example, an increase in the number of patients seen with respiratory symptoms could be an indicator of COVID-19. There are between 1 to 6 patients seen in Sells Emergency Department with respiratory symptoms seen daily during the week of 7/7/20–7/13/20. Same-day COVID-19 testing began on 4/20/20. Between 7/7/20–7/13/20, between 17 to 22 patients were seen per day in the emergency department.

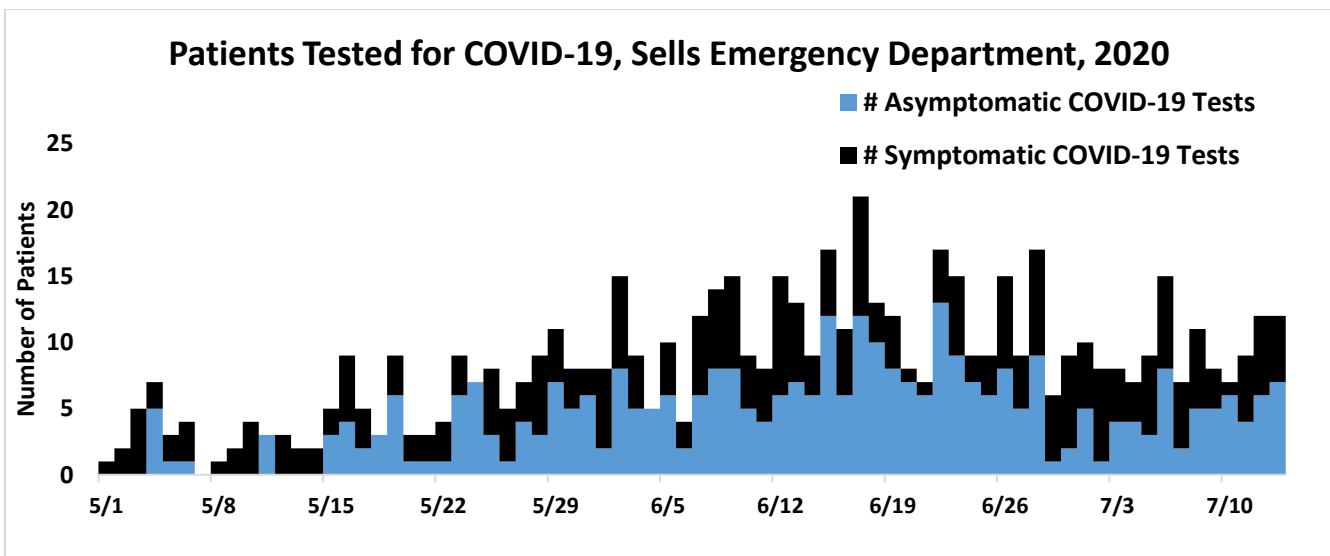
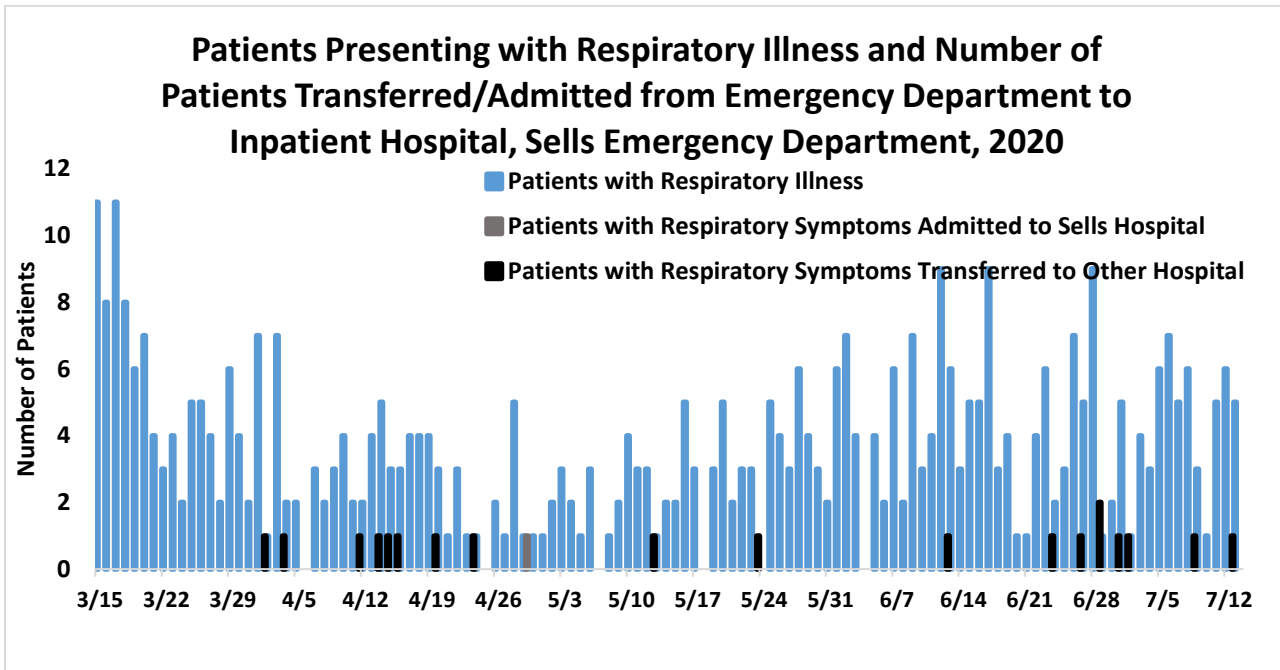


As of 7/13/2020, there were 1 admission to Sells Hospital and 19 outside transfers for respiratory symptoms from Sells Emergency Department. **2 of these transfers (11% of the total transfer**

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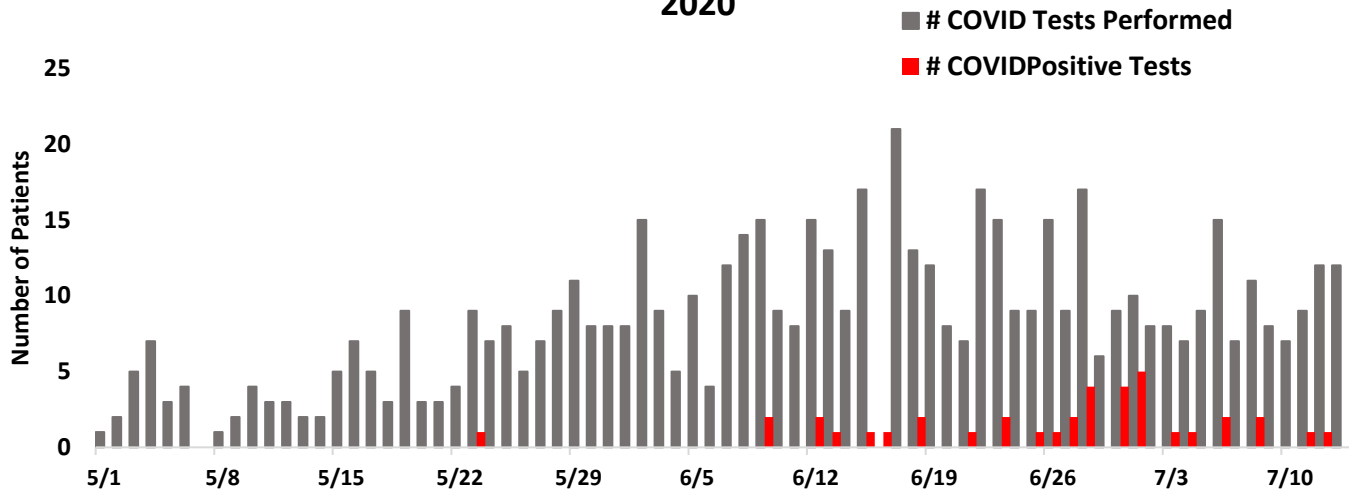


from 3/15/20 to 7/13/20) were in the week of 7/7/20–7/13/20). 8 of 19 transfers (42%) were in the last 4 weeks; this could indicate an increased acuity of patients seen in the emergency department. The number of patients transferred from the emergency department to the hospital inpatient unit identify severity of disease among the population. This is a level of disease severity that requires a higher level of care such that care must be managed in the hospital, such as with oxygen, mechanical ventilation, etc.



We have increased our weekly number of tests in the emergency department. Asymptomatic tests are performed on people who have no symptoms (no cough, no diarrhea, no fever, etc.). Symptomatic tests refer to tests performed on people who have symptoms (cough, fever, diarrhea, etc.) of COVID-19.

## Results of Patients Tested for COVID-19, Sells Emergency Department, 2020



In the week of 7/7/20–7/13/20, 4 people seen in the emergency department tested positive for COVID-19.

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH

220 TONHC employees have been evaluated by employee health for respiratory symptoms related to illness or other reasons (as of 18:00 7/21/2020).

6 TONHC employees are currently sick including 2% of TONHC nurses and 0% of medical providers (as of 18:00 7/21/2020).

**8 employees** tested positive for COVID-19. There has been no known employee-to-employee transmissions or patient-to-employee transmissions at TONHC. Each positive result has prompted an internal and external investigation and contact tracing. Based on these investigations transmissions were more likely due to community spread. Employees possibly exposed are tested for COVID-19.

All employees are required to contact Employee Health with any call-outs. This is in order to ensure that employees are tested for COVID-19 if sick or exposed, and given appropriate guidance on when to return to work. Employees are required to also contact their supervisor when they call out.

## TONHC Infection Control

Infection control prevents or stops the spread of infections in healthcare settings. TONHC COVID-19 infection control team monitors, tracks, and provides guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE such as gowns, gloves, face shields, N95 respirators).

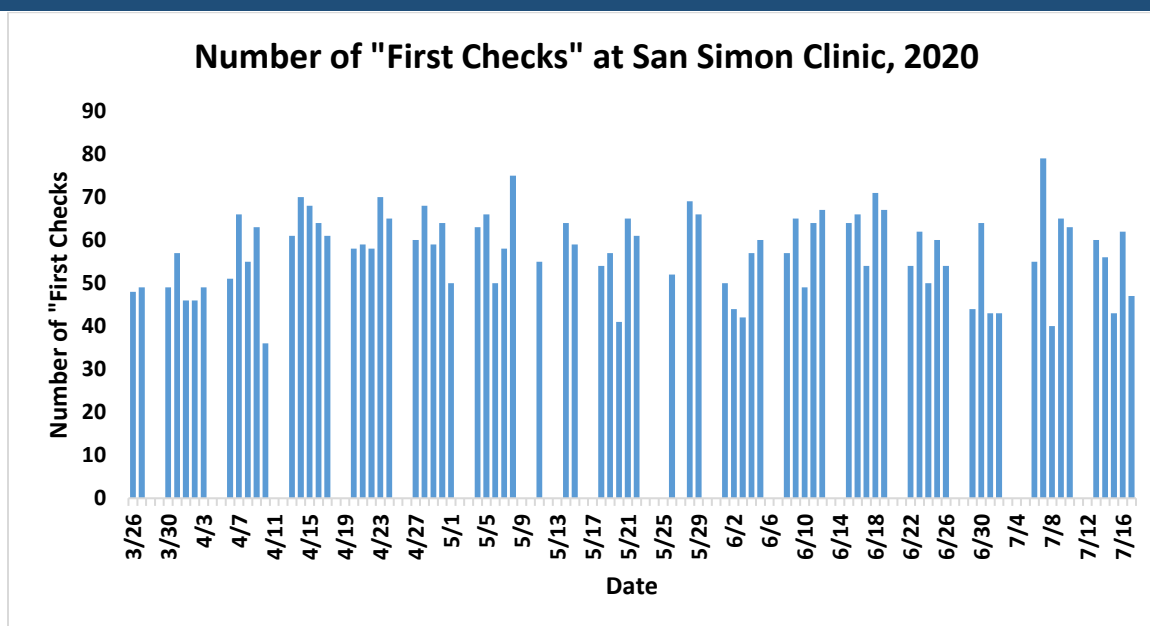
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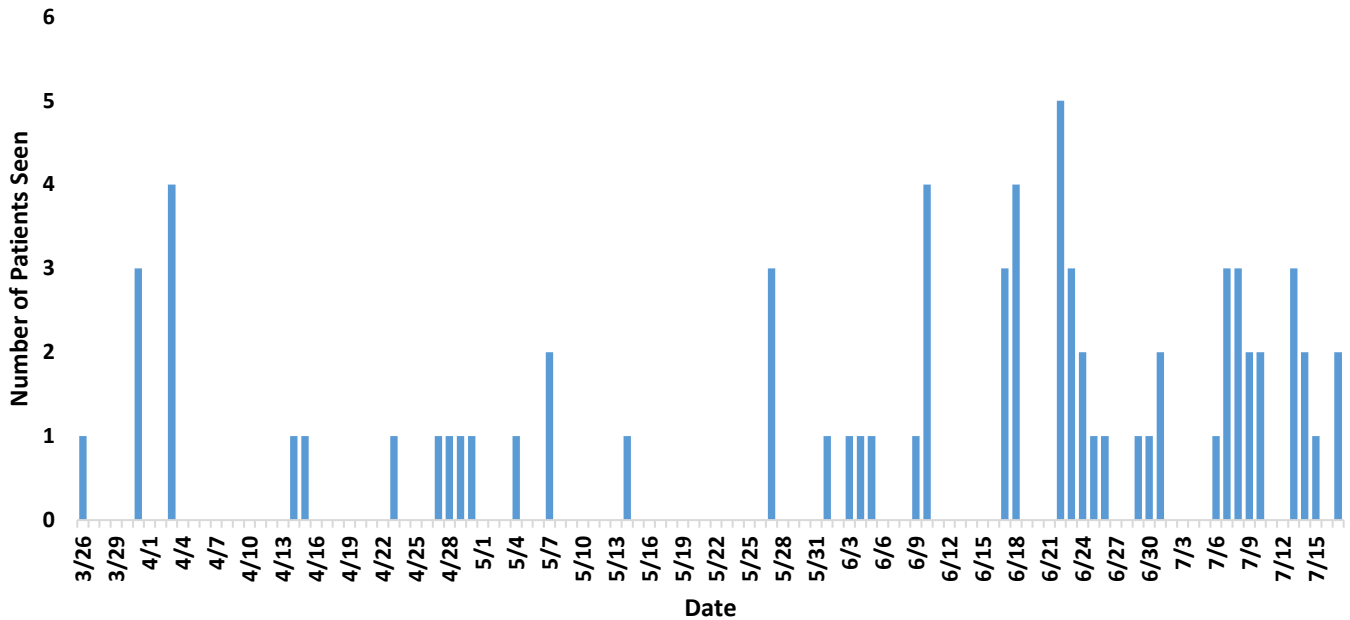
- At the San Xavier Health Care, the Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™ was implemented to decontaminate N95 respirators using concentrated, vapor phase hydrogen peroxide (Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) issued by US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We are working to expand the respirator decontamination program to further protect our supply, and held a meeting with TON/TONHC site representatives on July 21, 2020.
- In addition, we have met this week with key stakeholders and performed an onsite walk-through at the San Xavier Health Care Center in our planning to transition the location of care for patients with COVID-19 symptoms.

## CLINIC – SAN SIMON



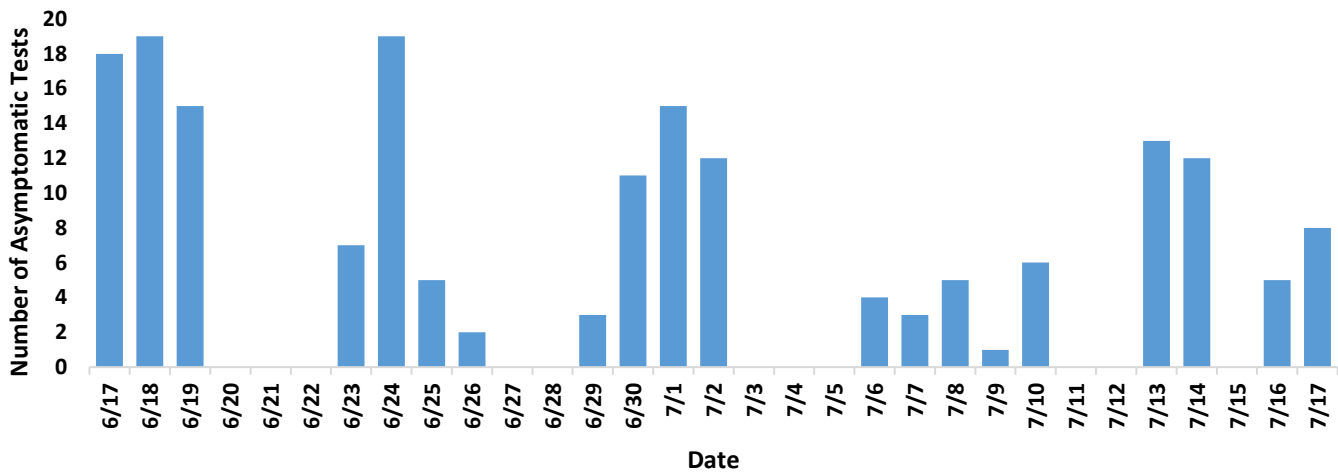
\*\* A "first check" is asking questions about fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing when anyone is entering the clinic or hospital grounds. First checks includes employees and patients. As first checks are with entry, for some people, these first checks happen multiple times per day. The number of first checks is the number of times questions of respiratory symptoms were asked.

**Number of Patients seen at San Simon Respiratory Clinic, 2020**



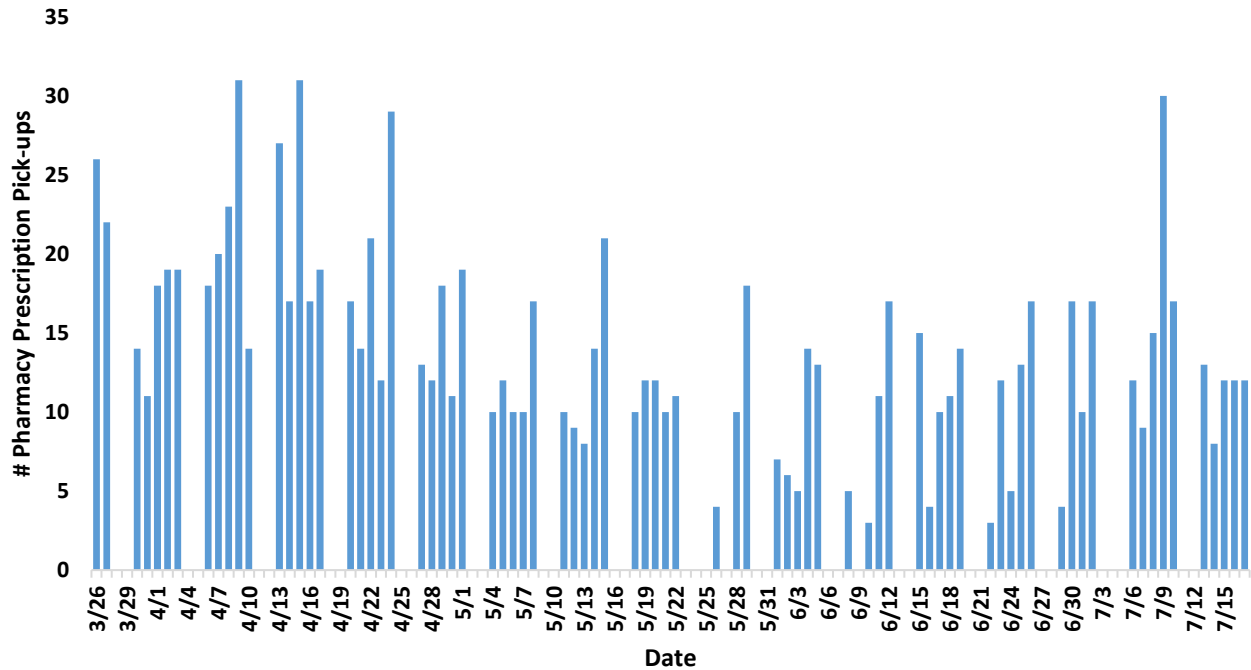
No patients from San Simon Clinic were admitted to the hospital for respiratory symptoms.

**Number of COVID-19 Asymptomatic Tests Performed at San Simon, 2020**



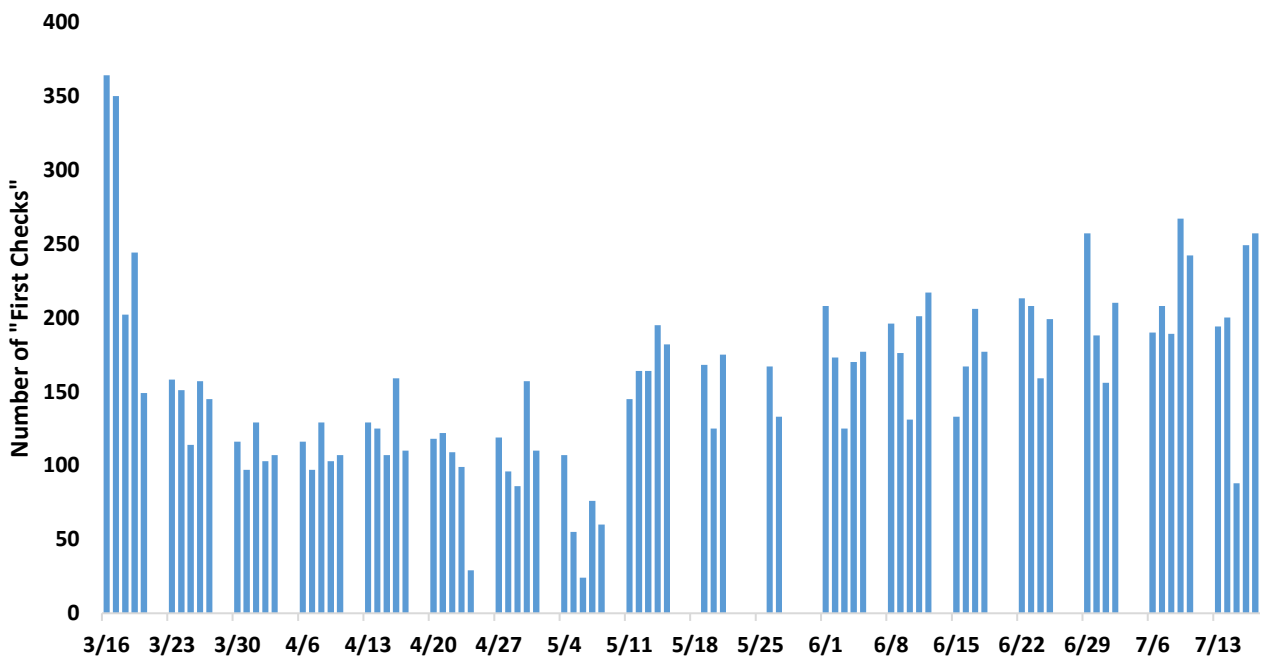
These are the number of tests for COVID-19 performed on patients that have no symptoms of COVID-19 (no fever, no cough, no difficulty breathing, etc.). They are performed on people who have had exposure to COVID-19, entering a congregate setting, or going to be admitted to the hospital.

**Number of Pharmacy Prescription Pick-ups at San Simon, 2020**

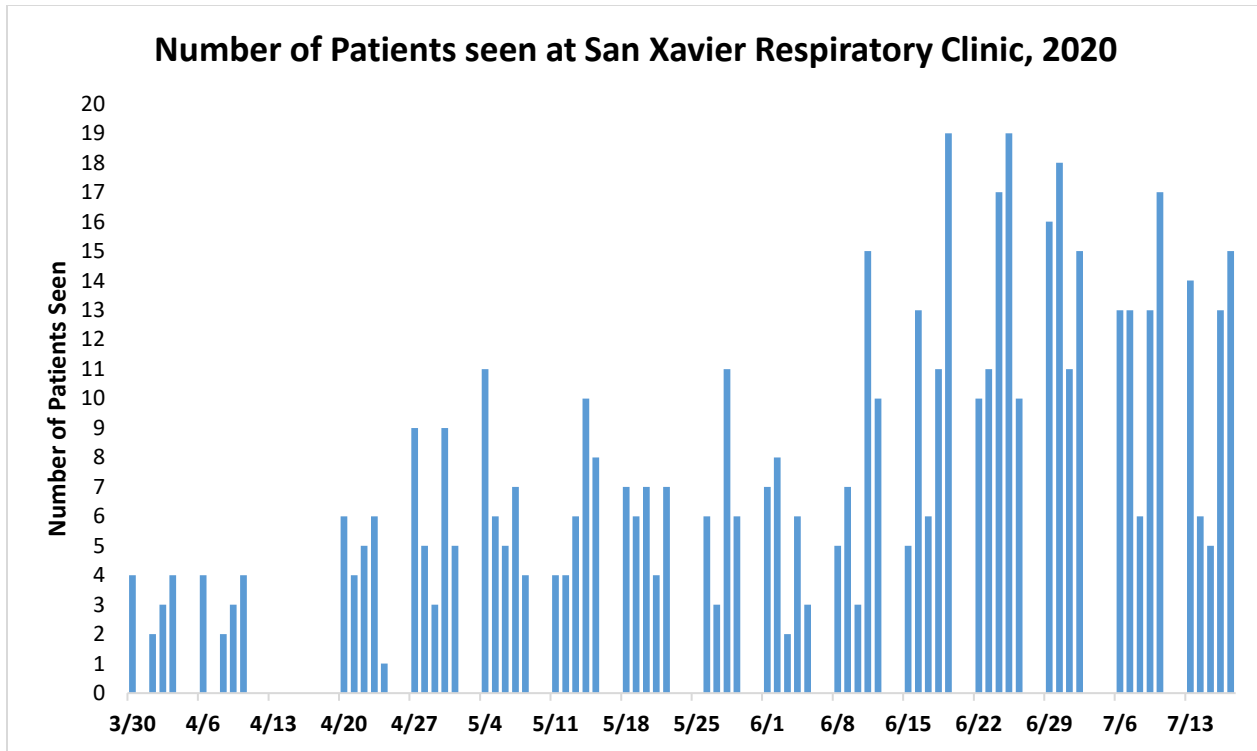


## CLINIC – SAN XAVIER

**Number of "First Checks" at San Xavier Clinic, 2020**

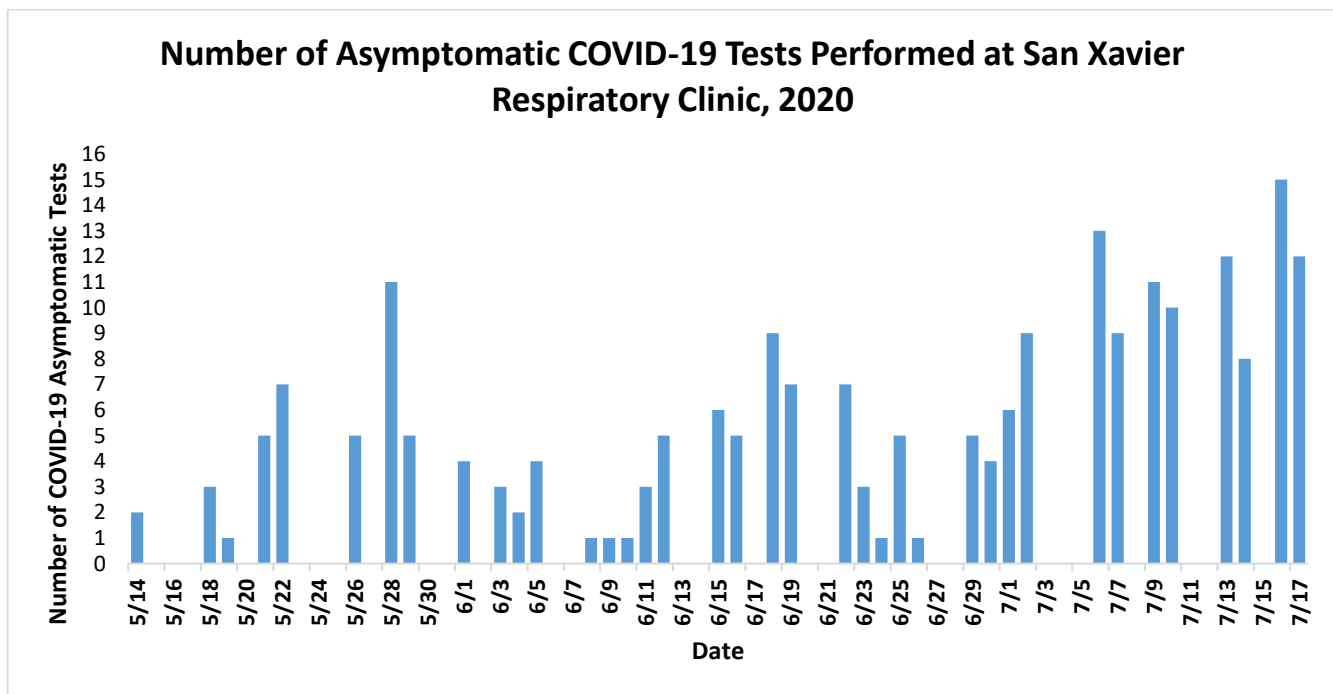


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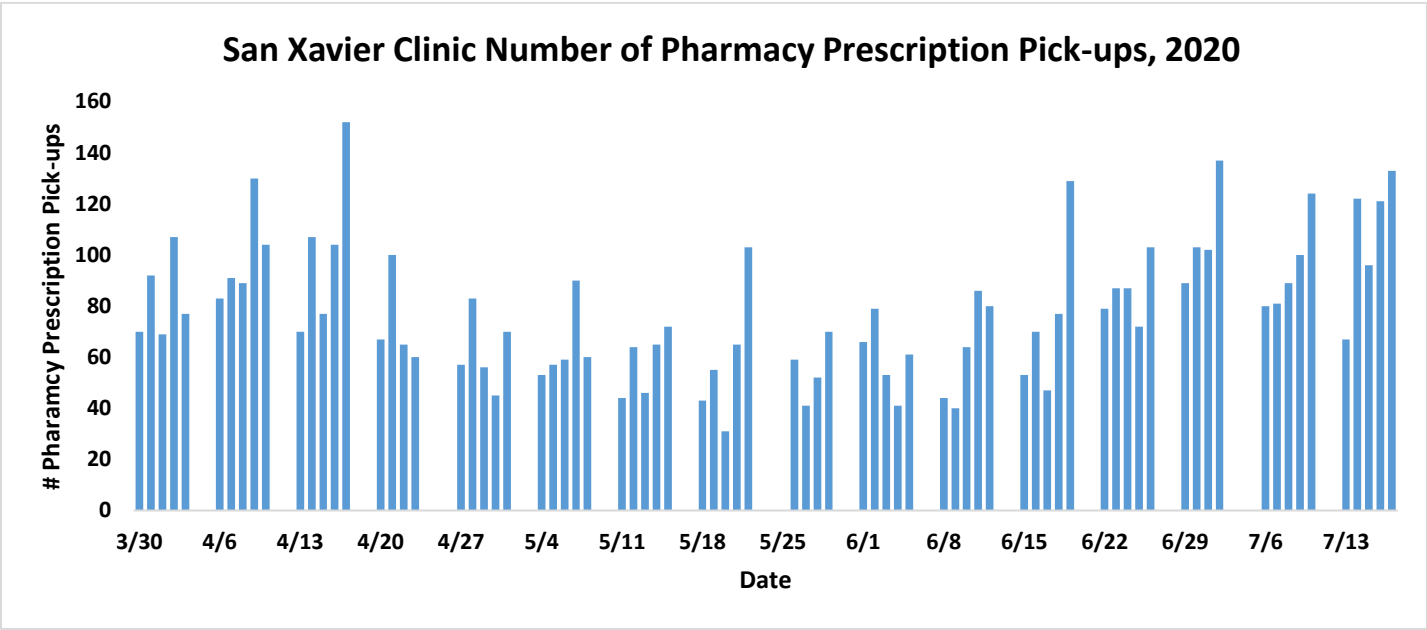


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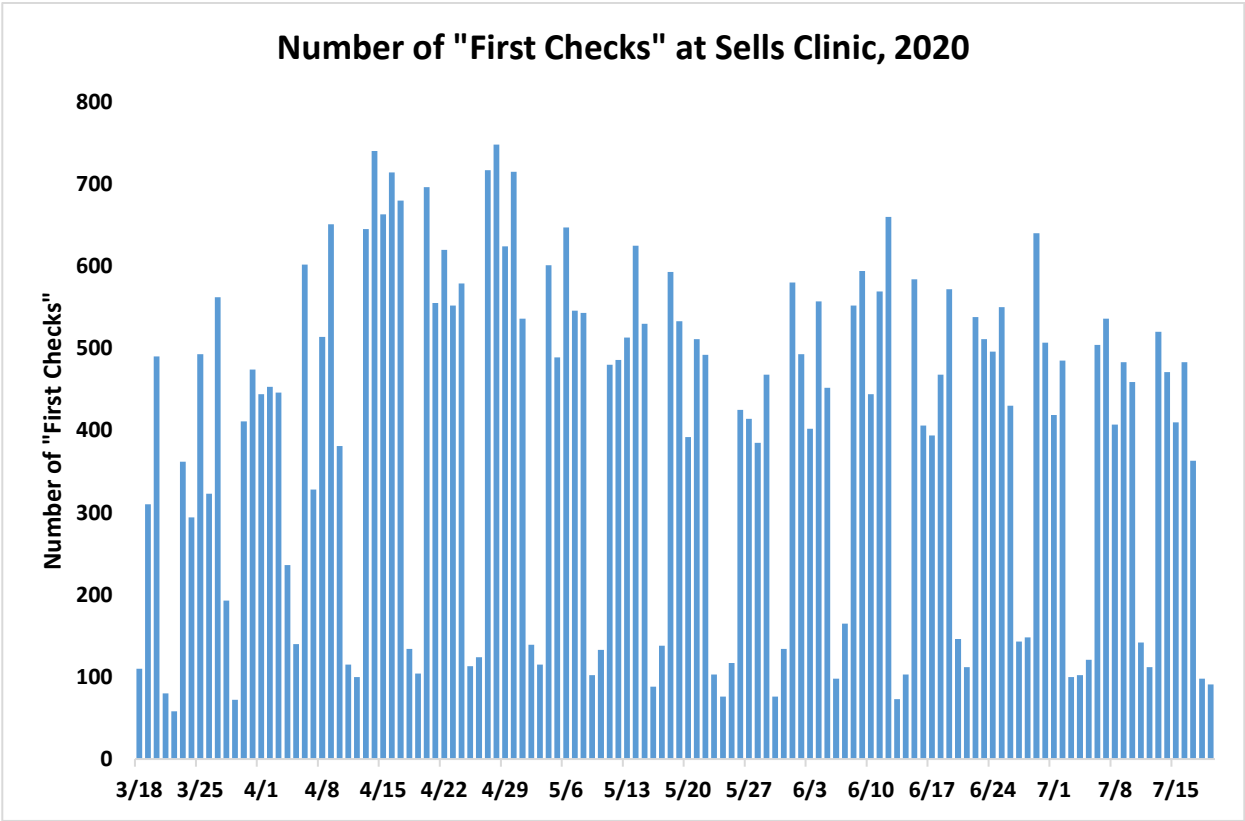
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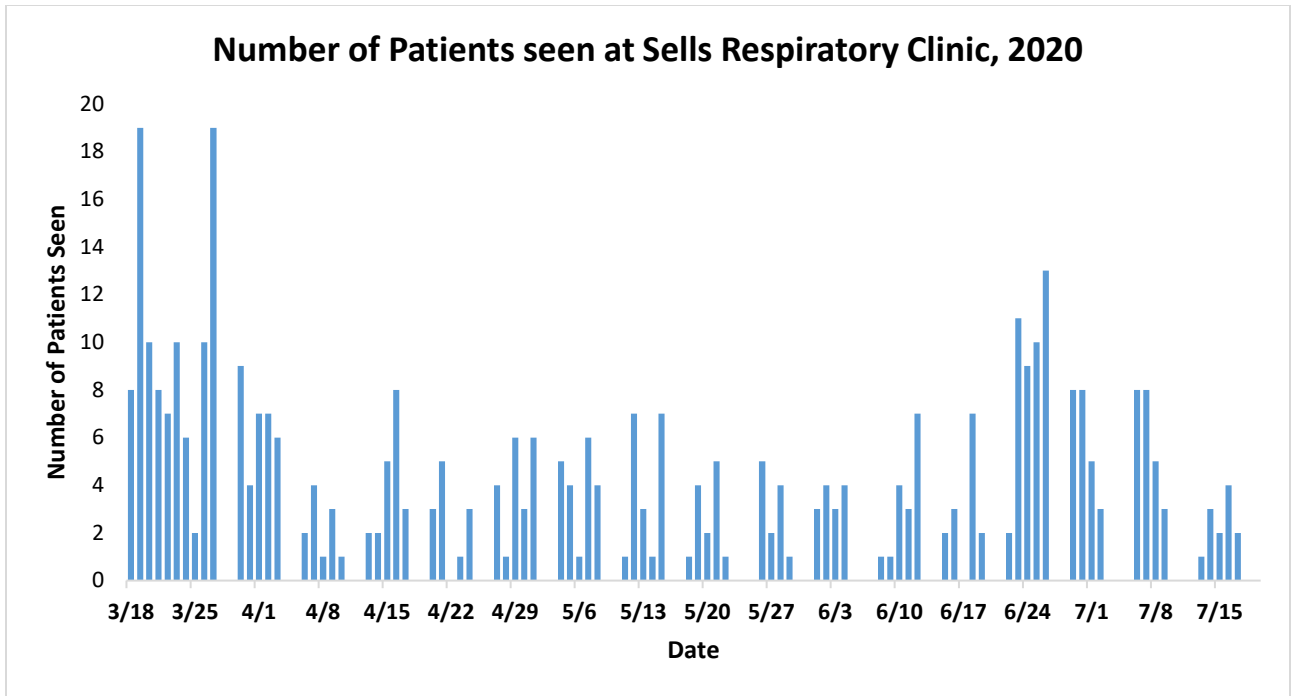


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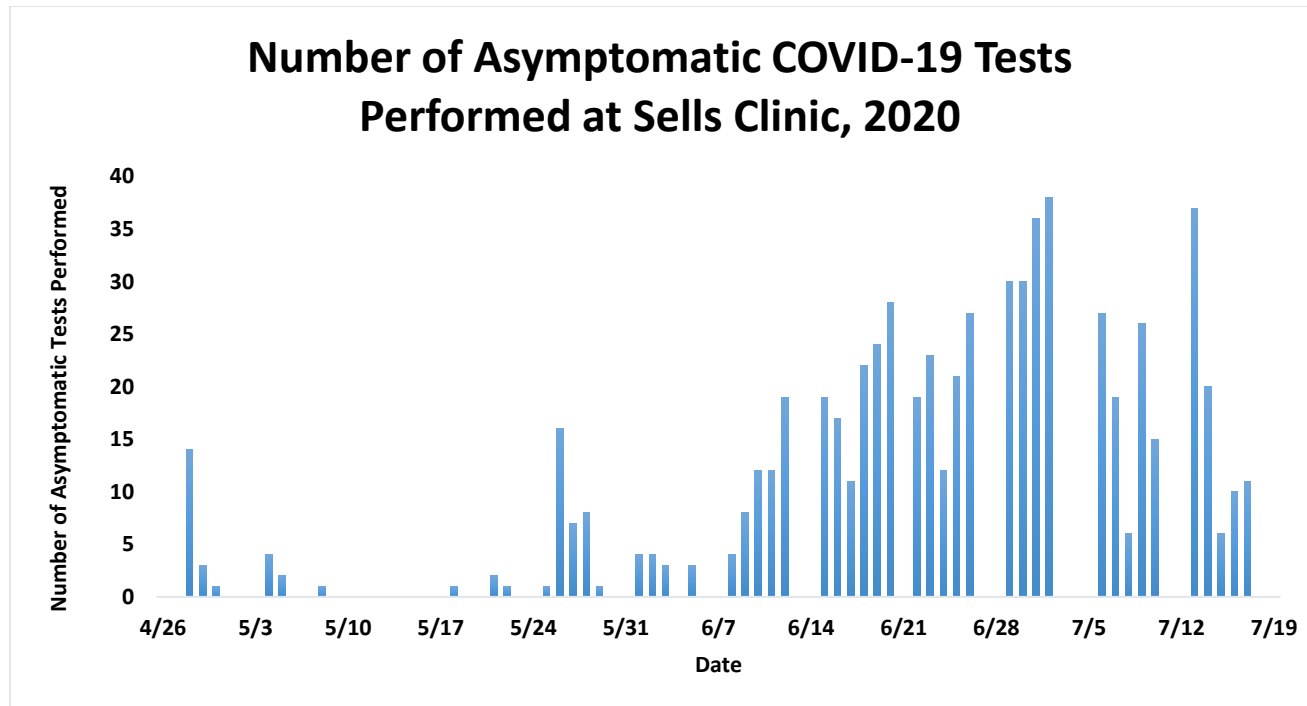


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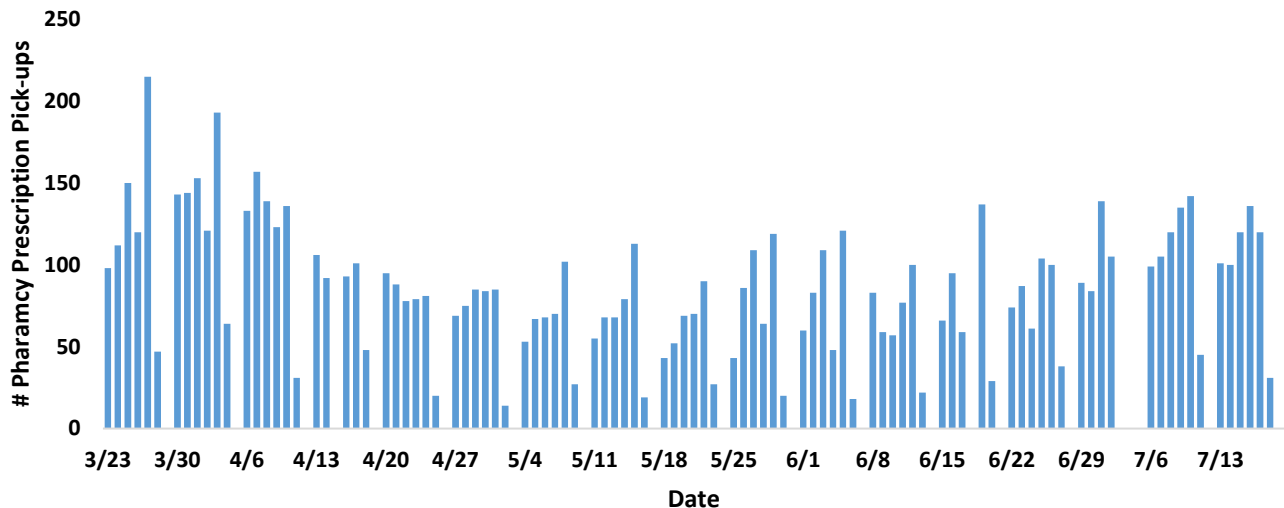


10 patients seen were transferred to the emergency room, 3 patients were directly admitted to the hospital. 3/21/20 and 3/22/20 included patients seen in the emergency department.



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### Sells Clinic and Hospital Number of Pharmacy Prescription Pick-ups, 2020



## SELLS INPATIENT UNIT

To minimize possible exposure and conserve personal protective equipment, visitors are not allowed on the inpatient wards. Exceptions are for a minor, woman in labor, and special circumstances. In accordance with state enhanced surveillance advisory related to COVID-19, daily information has been reported to Arizona State using EMResource.

1 patient was admitted to Sells Hospital who tested positive for COVID-19. Inpatient, in-hospital transportation, and postmortem protocols have been developed. Every patient admitted to the inpatient unit of Sells hospital is tested for COVID-19.

Med/Surge Bed Availability – 12 (7/21/20)

Med/Surge Bed Capacity – 12 with 7 additional beds available if needed for emergency situations

No intensive care unit services

Negative Pressure Rooms – 2 inpatient rooms, 1 in emergency department (inpatient rooms are used by emergency department or other clinics when indicated). 3 ventilators are available for emergency situations only.

As of 6/24/20 most metro Tucson hospitals have very few ICU beds available. For all transfers outside of TONHC we are calling the Arizona Surge Line. The Arizona Surge Line is a 24/7 toll-free statewide system activated 4/22/20 to keep hospitals and regions of Arizona from being overwhelmed by facilitating COVID-19 patient admission, transfer, and discharge to appropriate levels of care.

In preparation, our outpatient clinic staff has been cross-trained in inpatient patient care. To date we have trained 16 member of the healthcare workforce to manage patients in the hospital setting. Cross-training will allow us to increase the number of patients we can take care of on the inpatient

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unit. Please note, Sells hospital is not an intensive care unit, so cannot take care of patients with COVID-19 requiring intensive respiratory treatment. These patients would be transferred to intensive care units at other sites.

On 7/20/20 a critical care response team (CCRT) composed of doctors and nurses with critical/intensive care training arrived at TONHC to provide training in COVID-19 response care and ventilator management.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING – CONTACT TRACING

TONHC Public health nursing conduct contact tracing. Contact tracing, a core disease control measure, is a key strategy for preventing further spread of COVID-19. Contact tracing is part of the process of supporting patients with suspected or confirmed infection. In contact tracing, public health nursing work with a patient to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious. To protect patient privacy, contacts are only informed that they may have been exposed to a patient with the infection. They are not told the identity of the patient who may have exposed them. Contacts are provided with education, information, and support to understand their risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who are not exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.

**As of 7/21/2020 at 14:00, a total of 855 individual contact tracings have occurred in the Tohono O’odham Nation.**

**Executive Order No. 2020-08 (7/2/20):**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate in the state of Arizona and surrounding hospitals, which the Nation rely on, are reaching maximum capacity. The Nation is also seeing an increased number of cases linked to community spread, which has put the health and safety of Nation’s members at heightened risk. Due to the increased threat to the health and safety of Nation’s members the Chairman, in consultation with Tohono O’odham Health Care COVID-19 Medical Team, has determined that Stay at home orders must be reinstated.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the authority vested in the Chairman of the Nation, the Chairman restates the following orders, as amended:

1. The Human Resources *Return to Work – Standard Operating Procedures*, and any subsequent revisions, adopted by Executive Order No. 2020-05, remain in effect; all Executive Branch departments and programs must adhere to the minimum requirements set forth therein. Employees who fail to report to work when assigned are subject to disciplinary action under the Executive Branch Personnel Policies Manual; and
2. The Tohono O’odham Nation Unified Command *Guidelines: Wakes/Funerals*, and any subsequent revisions, adopted by Executive Order No. 2020-05, remain the minimum standards for all wakes and funeral held on the Nation until further notice. In addition:
  - a. Individuals in charge of/hosting wakes/funerals, or their designees, are responsible for ensuring all attendees comply with all social distancing and face covering requirements within this order, and as recommended by CDC.



- b. All wakes and funerals held on the Nation shall be limited to one-day services only.
  - c. If necessary, district leadership is to implement additional standards; and
- 3. The Curfew for all Nation's residents, reinstated by Executive Order No. 2020-06, remains in effect until further notice. During the Curfew hours (9pm and 6am) residents shall remain home unless one of the following exceptions applies:
  - a. Individuals working at a business in operation during the curfew hours, or traveling to or from work;
  - b. Individuals patronizing or operating a business;
  - c. Individuals seeking medical care, or traveling to or from those services;
  - d. Individuals traveling to provide necessary care for another who cannot care for themselves; or
  - e. Individuals seeking safe harbor from a dangerous situation.
- 4. All playgrounds and sports areas, such as football fields, basketball courts, etc., shall remain closed until further notice, as order by Executive Order No. 2020-06; and
- 5. The following social distancing requirements, as order by Executive Order No. 2020-07, shall remain in effect, as amended here:
  - 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. "Social gatherings" shall include all events and activities held for social and/or community purposes. Religious services and traditional ceremonies are not considered social gatherings, however, any activities held in association with a religious services or ceremony for social purposes (i.e. gathering before/after for eating, drinking, dancing, socializing, etc.) are prohibited.
  - 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 two (2), in accordance with CDC guidelines; 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.

6. 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 requiring face coverings for employees and customers/visitors at all times in public spaces, (as amended by Executive Order No. 2020-06).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the authority vested in the Chairman of the Nation, the Chairman hereby reinstates Stay At Home orders within the exterior boundaries of the Nation, effective immediately:

**Individuals residing on the Nation:**

1. All individuals who reside on the Nation are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence, except as needed for employment, medical, health, safety, and food for themselves or their family members.
2. This section does not apply to employees or volunteers for essential services and businesses in operation that have been determined by the Nation, Districts, and entities on the Nation.

**Entering the Tohono O'odham Nation:**

1. Individuals and businesses are not allowed to enter the exterior boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation, except for:
  - a. Employees and volunteers of essential services on the Nation
  - b. Medical and healthcare providers
  - c. Deliveries of medicine, food, and other essential items
  - d. Public and private transportation services necessary for the health and safety needs of the individuals on the Nation
  - e. Mail services
  - f. Financial services
  - g. To patronize a business in operation
  - h. Businesses that provide maintenance services that are necessary to maintain the health and safety of the households or buildings on the Nation
  - i. Other necessary professional services as needed
2. Businesses and others entering districts for the purpose of providing services or delivering supplies must provide notice to Districts before entering.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Nation strongly urge religious leaders of every denomination practicing within the exterior boundaries of the Nation to suspend in-person services, and instead find other ways to spread their messages in a safe manner during this health pandemic. Mask requirements remain applicable to all religious services, in accordance with order. Additionally, all CDC Guidelines should be adhered to, including by not limited to social distancing, hand washing or hand sanitizing stations readily available, frequent disinfecting of facilities/communal spaces, etc.

**ORDERED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of July, 2020 in Sells, Arizona.



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### Unified Command

#### Current and Planned Objectives:

- Identify, assign, 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) non-congregate and congregate facilities to increase the capacity for housing potential COVID-19 positive patients. Low level medical needs.
- Develop, implement, update processes, procedures, and policies to support decision making authority for the Unified Command, stakeholders, Policy Group
- 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, supporting personnel, and stakeholders
- 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:

- Ensure all orders for PPE requests are synchronized, tracked and distributed. EOC resource orders must be submitted using a 213-RR and submitted via [eoc@tonation-nsn.gov](mailto:eoc@tonation-nsn.gov)
- Integrate additional stakeholders to operational briefings with the intent to foster a common operating picture and enhance working partnerships
- Maintain COVID-19 situational awareness of impacts, response actions, and gap analysis for effective support
- Identification and assessment of staffing and supply needs for alternate care sites
- In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic public safety will still need to coordinate response to day-to-day (LE, Fire, EMS)
- The Unified Command must acknowledge and recognize sensitive political, legal, and security issues and develop strategies and or solutions to help establish: clear 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
- 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 Tuesday, July 14, 2020, Unified Command conducted a Drive-Thru Mask Distribution at the BUSD Primary Campus.
- TON-HC and Unified Command continue to coordinate in supporting the COVID-19 cases. 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 Compliance Team continues to monitor the department's compliance with all required safety precautions and assist departments with implementing safety measures.
- Unified Command continues to submit resource requests through the State for testing and warehouse support.

### Public Information:

- PSA: Free Face Masks (AZHDS)
- Video: How can I keep myself healthy?
- Admin: PO established for printing
- Content development
- Audio for airing on KOHN

### Statewide Outlook:

E.O. 2020 – 47, Reducing the Risk, Slowing the Spread *Limiting Indoor Dining*

1. Every restaurant with indoor seating in the State of Arizona shall operate at less than 50 percent of the permitted fire code occupant load. Restaurants shall ensure at least six (6) feet of separation between parties or groups at different tables, booths or bar tops, unless the tables are separated by glass or plexiglass. Restaurant staff shall not be counted against the occupancy limit.
2. Every restaurant establishment with outdoor dining areas shall ensure at least six (6) feet of physical distance between tables, benches or other areas for patrons to sit while dining or waiting to be seated.
3. Restaurants shall eliminate any indoor standing room where patrons can congregate and are encouraged to use reservation systems to limit capacity and congregating of patrons.
4. For purposes of this Executive Order, facilities with retractable roofs or garage type windows or doors that open up to the outdoors shall be considered indoor facilities, whether the roof or windows are opened or closed.
5. All buffets, cafeteria style and self-serve food bars at restaurants shall be closed.
6. For purposes of this order, the term "restaurant" is defined as an establishment regularly open for the serving of food to guests for compensation and that has kitchen facilities connected with the restaurant for keeping, cooking and preparing foods required for ordinary food service.



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7. This Executive Order supersedes provisions of Executive Orders 2020-34, paragraph 2 and is in addition to requirements of businesses in Executive Orders 2020-36 and 2020-40. All other existing orders regarding precautionary measures required of businesses remain in effect.

8. In addition to penalties and enforcement provided by A.R.S. §§ 26-316 and 26-317, failure to comply with this order and any other guidance issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services related to precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 shall constitute a public nuisance dangerous to the public health pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-601(A) and action is authorized and shall be taken to abate the nuisance by the county health inspectors pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-183.06 or other law enforcement or state agencies as mandated by the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, including the immediate closure of such facility, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(E)(2).

E.O. 2020 – 48 Enhanced Surveillance Advisory *Slowing the Spread of COVID-19*

In addition, Governor Ducey and Arizona Department of Health Services Director Dr. Cara Christ announced new initiatives to boost staffing in underserved areas, get test results to Arizonans faster, and further enhance hospital staffing and capacity.

**July 16, 2020 - Governor Ducey issued E.O. 2020-49 *Continued Postponement of Eviction Enforcement Actions***



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### Community Lifelines:

On Thursday, July 17, 2020 the Unified Command conducted the seventeenth food distribution for Districts. OIM (O'odham in Mexico) received a tenth distribution. The distribution included the following contents:

17th Distribution - COVID 19 - 07/16/20		
Shamrock - 10 DISTRICTS & OIM		
Quantity	Description	Unit Case/Size/Unit
4	MILK, 1% ORGANIC UHT SHELF STABLE	18/8/OZ
2	MILK, CHOC 1% ORGANIC UHT SHELF STABLE	18/8/OZ
2	BEAN, PINTO PREWASHED	1/50/LB
2	BEAN, LIMA BABY	1/20/LB
3	LENTIL, GRN TO BRN DEPENDING ON SEASON	1/20/LB
3	POTATO, RUSSET 70CT	1/50/LB
2	ONION, YLW JMBO #2	1/50/LB
2	ORANGE, CHOICE 138 CT	1/138/PK
2	APPLE, GALA FUJI WXFCY	1/150/CT
2	JUICE, ORANGE PINEAPPLE 100% PAPER CRTN	70/4/OZ
2	JUICE, GRAPE 100% W-VIT C PAPER CRTN	70/4/OZ
2	CEREAL, CHEERIOS	4/29/OZ
2	CEREAL, FROOT LOOPS	4/31/OZ
2	CEREAL, FRSTD FLAKES	4/40/OZ
2	EGG, FRESH MED AA LOOSE 1/2 CS	1/15/DZ
2	CHICKEN, BRST B&S RNDM FZN	4/10/LB
3	BACON, SGL APPLWD CC 10-12 SLI	1/15/LB
1	SAUSAGE, LINK CKD SMKD HOT LOUISIANA	5/12/PK
2	BREAD, WHITE ROUNDTOP 1/2" BKD FZN	14/20/OZ
2	FLOUR, AP H&R	2/25/LB
2	PANCAKE MIX, BTRMLK	6/5/LB
2	BISCUIT MIX, BTRMLK	6/5/LB
2	SYRUP, MAPLE FLVR PC CUP 1.5Z	200/1.5/OZ
250ct	CONTAINER, PLS DELI RND 16Z CLR	10/50/PK
200ct	CONTAINER, PLS DELI RND 32Z CLR	20/25/PK
450ct	LID, PLS DELI RND 8Z-32Z TRANSL	1/500/PK
2	CLEANER, AP ORNG RTU	6/32/OZ
2	CLEANSER, DEODORIZING PWDR	24/21/OZ
2	CLEANER, DISINFECTANT TB	12/32/OZ
2	WET WIPE, CLEANING TABLE TURNER	12/80/PK
3	DETERGENT, LAUNDRY PWDR	1/45/LB
3	DETERGENT, WAREWASH POT & PAN LEMON	4/1/GL
2	TISSUE, BATH CORELESS 2PLY	36/1000/PK
10	FOOD BOXES	EA
1200	SAND BAGS	EA
25	HAND SANITIZER	1/GAL



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#### Wildfires (3)

**Thumb**, Coconino County – Size: 6,726 acres / Containment: 0%

- On July 20 at 1400 the Arizona Central West Zone Type Three Incident Management Team was delegated the management of the fire and is providing inter-agency support to Grand Canyon National Park, Truxton Canon Agency, and the Havasupai Tribe.
- The team will continue to the strategy of suppressing the lightning caused fire while providing for point protection of identified sensitive natural and cultural resources.
- Smoke from the Thumb Fire is visible from Supai and both the North and South Rims of Grand Canyon National Park. Visitors may see increased smoke or haze filling the canyon.
- The Havasupai Reservation is under an emergency closure due to the COVID-19 virus. Public entry into the reservation is prohibited and will be strictly enforced by the Havasupai Tribe.
- A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the fire area.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6870/>

For more information about air quality at Grand Canyon National Park visit,

<https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Grand%20Canyon&state=AZ&country=USA>

For information about wildland fire at Grand Canyon National Park, visit:

<https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/management/firemanagement.htm> or call 928-638-7819 for recorded fire information.

**Horse**, Gila County – Size: 228 acres / Containment: 90%

**Jackson**, Gila County – Size: 2,946 acres / Containment: 90%

- Both fires continue in mop operations today.
- Both fires are now at 90% containment thanks to the work crews performed on the Horse Fire yesterday.

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6849/>





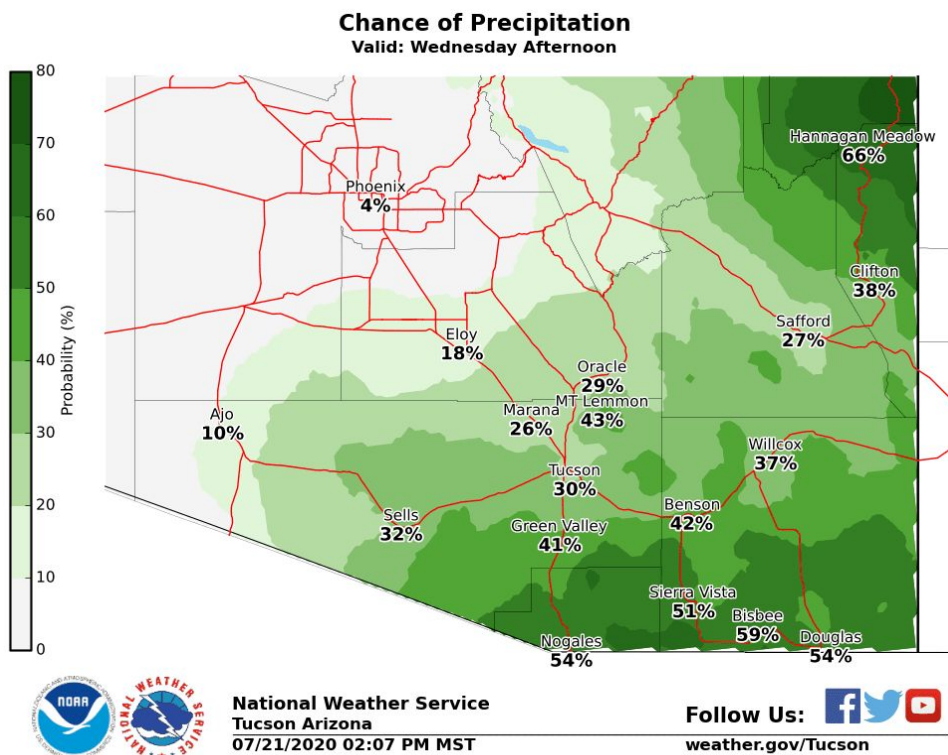
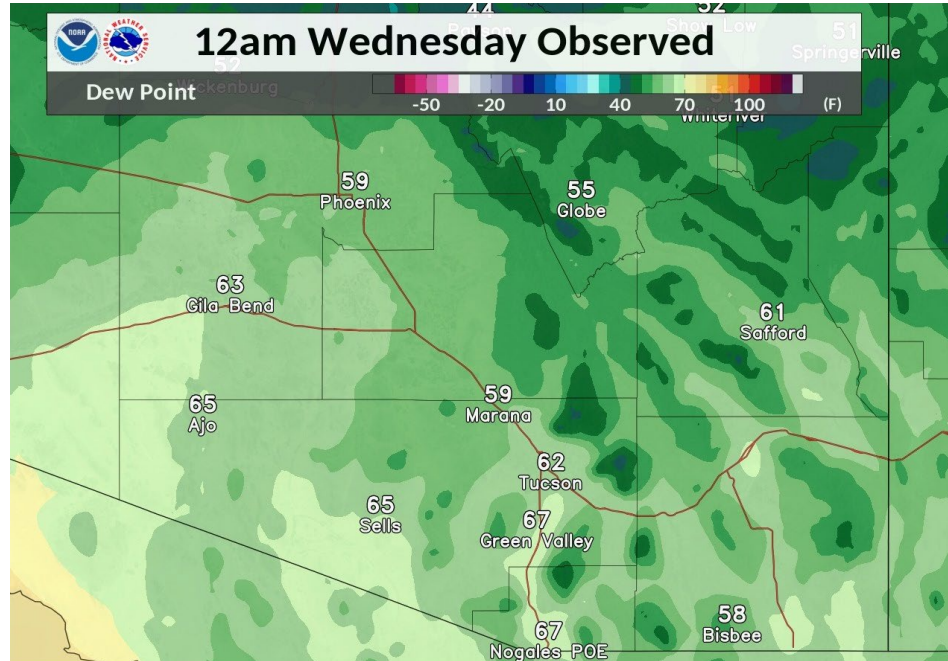
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### Weather:

An increase of thunderstorm activity in Southeast Arizona is expected to start this afternoon and continue into the weekend.

Strong moisture increase is right on schedule as shown by this dew point map. Shower and thunderstorm chances will continue to ramp up.







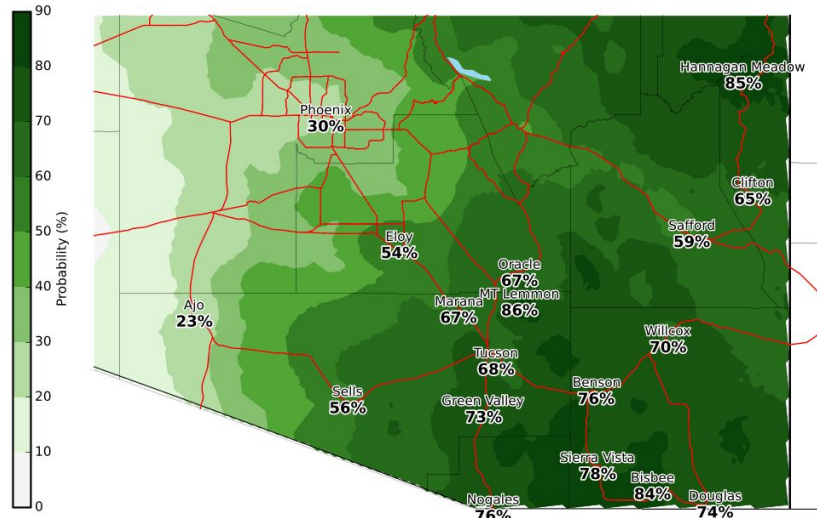
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At this time, the most active days appear to be on Thursday and Friday. A few storms can linger into the late night early morning to produce light to moderate rainfall

### Chance of Precipitation Thursday Afternoon

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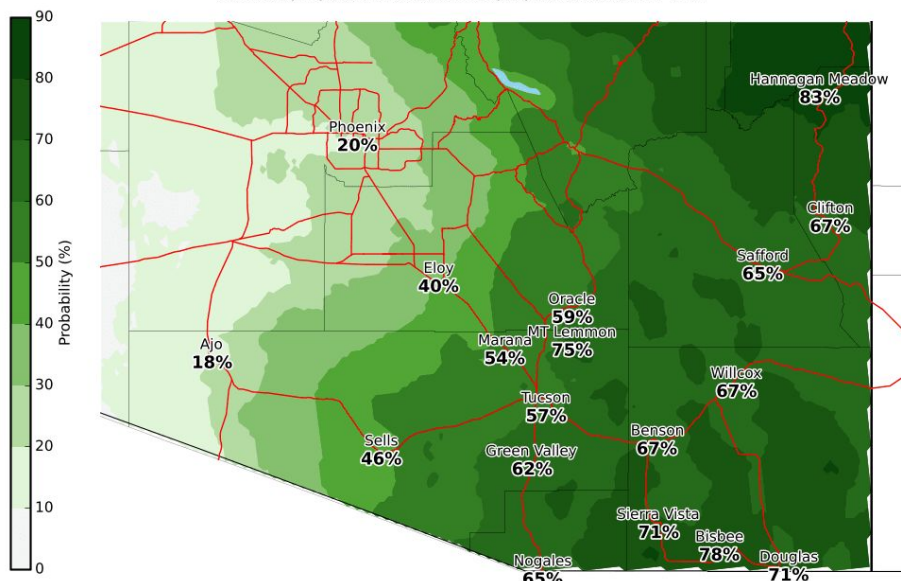


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### Chance of Precipitation Friday Afternoon

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### Monday July 27 to Sunday August 2




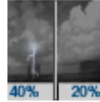
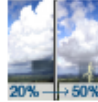
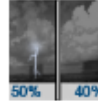



Daily rounds of strong to severe thunderstorms, some with heavy rain, are expected in parts of southeast Arizona. Did you know? On average, the last week in July and first week in August are the most active weeks of the monsoon.

National Hurricane Center and Central Pacific Hurricane Center: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/?epac>



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## COVID-19 Response Summary

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
								
20%	20%	20%	40% 20%	20% 50%	50% 40%	40%	40%	30%
Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Isolated T-storms then Mostly Clear	Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Scattered T-storms then Isolated Showers	Isolated Showers then Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms then Scattered Showers	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms
High: 103 °F	Low: 76 °F	High: 102 °F	Low: 76 °F	High: 98 °F	Low: 75 °F	High: 95 °F	Low: 74 °F	High: 95 °F

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Sunny, with a high near 103. South southeast wind 7 to 9 mph becoming west in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly clear, with a low around 76. West wind 6 to 11 mph becoming south southeast after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Sunny, with a high near 102. South southeast wind 7 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

**Wednesday Night:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms before midnight, then isolated showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. South southeast wind 8 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

**Thursday:** Isolated showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 98. South southeast wind 6 to 8 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Thursday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

**Friday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.

**Friday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 95.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 98.