



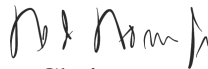

Tohono O'odham Nation  
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## Memorandum

To: Tohono O'odham Nation Members and the General Public

From: Ned Norris, Jr., Chairman   
Wavalene M. Saunders, Vice Chairwoman 

Date: July 2, 2020

Re: Fourth of July weekend Fireworks and Gatherings

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As the Fourth of July weekend approaches we must remind the public that the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is still very present on the Nation and poses an extreme threat to the health and safety of everyone. As we have learned through contact tracing, the virus is spreading rapidly on the Nation through gatherings and socializing with people who do not reside in the same household. It is important that we all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19, by continuing social distancing, practice regular hand washing, remain at home unless necessary, and wearing face coverings in public or when in the presence of others who do not reside in your household.

Please be advised, the following restrictions remain in effect during the holiday weekend:

# No Firework Displays during July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend

Fireworks displays are *prohibited* within the exterior boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation, unless individuals are issued a permit, approved by the Chairman of the Nation. No permits have been issued by the Chairman of the Nation for fireworks displays during the month of July. Any person operating a fireworks display on the Nation without a permit is in violation of the Nation's Code and will be subject to penalties under the law.

*Papago Fireworks Safety Ordinance, Tohono O'odham Nation Ordinance No. 07-82*

# No Gatherings

By Executive Order No. 2020-07 and reaffirmed by Executive Order No. 2020-08, Social Gatherings are *prohibited*. Social Gatherings have been defined as “all events and activities held for social and/or community purposes,” with persons who do not reside in the same household. Gatherings held in celebration of the Fourth of July holiday are considered Social Gatherings, and therefore, prohibited, unless attendees reside in the same household.

We understand that these are unprecedented times and we are all learning to operate in new way, including the way we celebrate holidays. Please remember that these changes are temporary, but necessary. We appreciate everyone’s understanding and cooperation.