



# Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

COVID-19 Situation Update: October 14, 2020

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This is a rapidly evolving situation. Information is based upon data as of October 14, 2020 at 7:00 and may change as more data becomes available.

## COVID-19 Data among Members of Tohono O'odham Nation (TON)

Total Cases

555

Percent Positive  
Tests This Week

5%

Recovering

437

Recovering (%)

79%

Deaths

28

## COVID-19 Contacts Interviewed

1,453

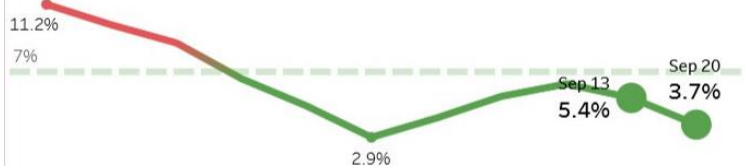
## Pima County COVID-19 School Reopening Benchmarks Not Met (10/8/20)

### Benchmark Not Met

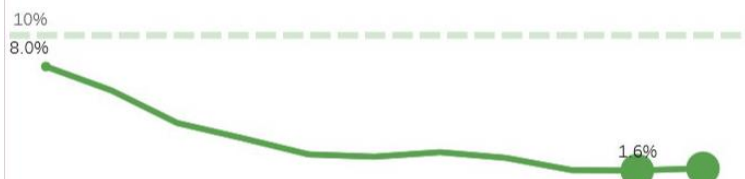
- 1 a) ☒ Decline in cases: **Not Met** OR
- 1 b) ☒ Less than 100 cases per 100,000 individuals for two consecutive weeks: **Not Met**



- 2) ☒ Two consecutive weeks with percent positivity below 7%: **Benchmark Met**



- 3) ☒ Two consecutive weeks with hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses in the region below 10%: **Benchmark Met**



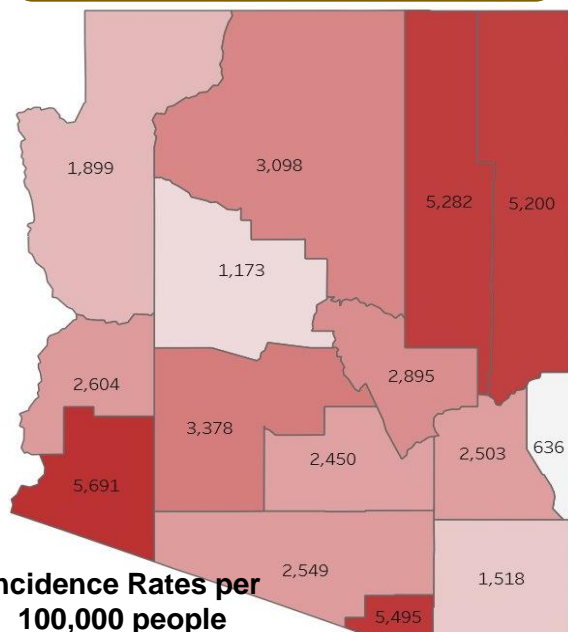
Incidence rate is the number of new cases of COVID-19 in the population over a specified period of time. This allows comparison of areas with different population sizes. Population size is from <http://www.tonation-nsn.gov/districts/> (Fall 2016), accessed 8/26/20.

## COVID-19 Cumulative Incidence Rate among TON members residing on the Tohono O'odham Nation

2,650 per 100,000

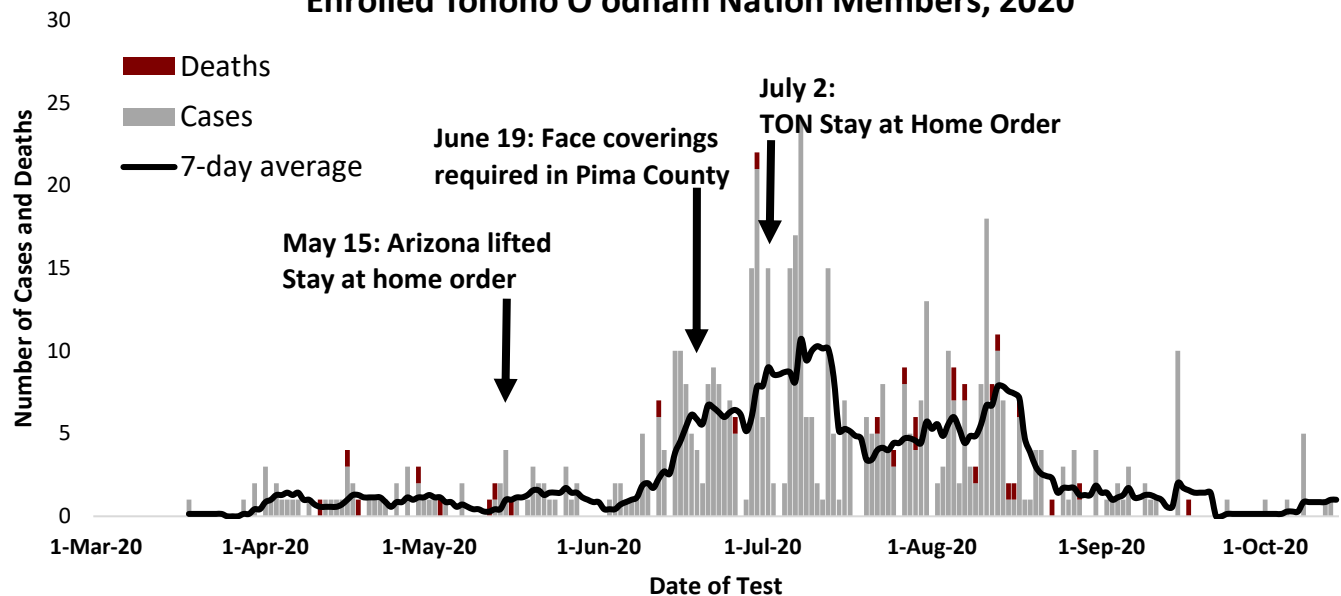
### Arizona

3166 per 100,000



Incidence Rates per  
100,000 people

## Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Date among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation Members, 2020



7-day average is the average of cases for that day and the 6-days prior

### What's NEW?

**COVID-19 case counts decrease, yet pandemic continues. The majority of cases continue to occur among young adults.** There were no recorded deaths in the last two weeks among tribal members. Several vaccines for COVID-19 continue to be studied and must be approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) before distribution. State and local health departments, including TONHC are collaborating with plans to provide vaccine when a safe and effective product is available. **Seasonal flu (influenza) vaccine is available at all our clinics. TONHC recommends the flu vaccine for all persons 6 months old and older.**

	Enrolled Member of Tohono O'odham Nation (TON)	Pima County	Arizona
Total Cases	555	26,632	227,635
Incidence Rate (per 100,000)	2,650	2,549	3,166
Number Deaths	28	633	5,772
Deaths (% of total cases)	5%	2%	3%
Number Hospitalized	95	2,095	20,366
Hospitalized (% of total cases)	17%	8%	9%

Please continue public health efforts to control the spread, such as:

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

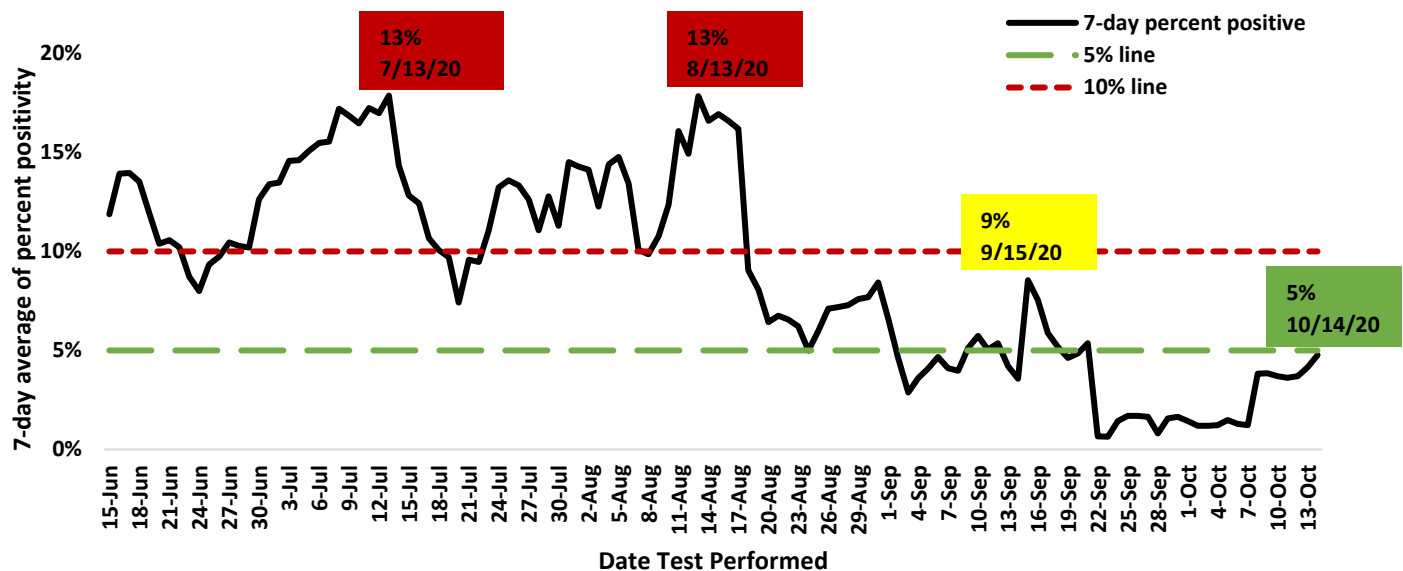
**TONHC is a safe place for care.** Your health and wellness is important to us. Our mission is to provide healthcare with a focus on quality, safety, and trust. TONHC is following all national and

local guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that our facilities are number one in safety. We invite you to schedule a Primary Care, Same Day visit, or testing appointment today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people and especially children got behind on their routine vaccines, so we urge the public to ask their provider to help get them updated as soon as possible.

## 5,018 COVID-19 Tests Performed at TONHC

### TONHC COVID-19 Test Percent Positivity 7-day Average, 2020



Weekly test percent positivity is calculated using the day tests were performed and 6-days prior (7-day detected "positive" results)/(7-day total tests performed) x 100

### Arizona Department of Health Services Benchmarks

Benchmarks	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Cases	<10 cases/100,000	10-100 cases/100,000	>100 cases/100,000
Percent Positivity	<5%	5-10%	>10%
COVID-like Illness	<5%	5-10%	>10%

# World, USA, Arizona COVID-19 Information

## World (WHO):

Total cases: 38,002,699  
Total deaths: 1,083,234  
Updated: 13 October 2020, 17:00 GMT-7

## USA (CDC): Total cases: 7,787,548

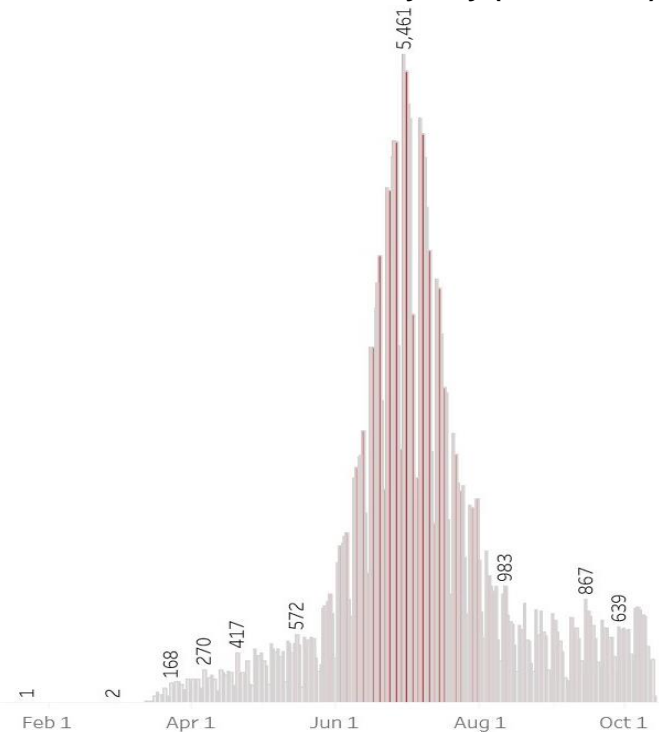
Total deaths: 214,446  
Updated: Oct 13 2020 3:00PM

## Arizona (AZDHS): Total cases: 222,538 (10/7) --> 227,635 (10/14)

Total deaths in Arizona:  
5,733 (10/7) --> 5,772 (10/14)

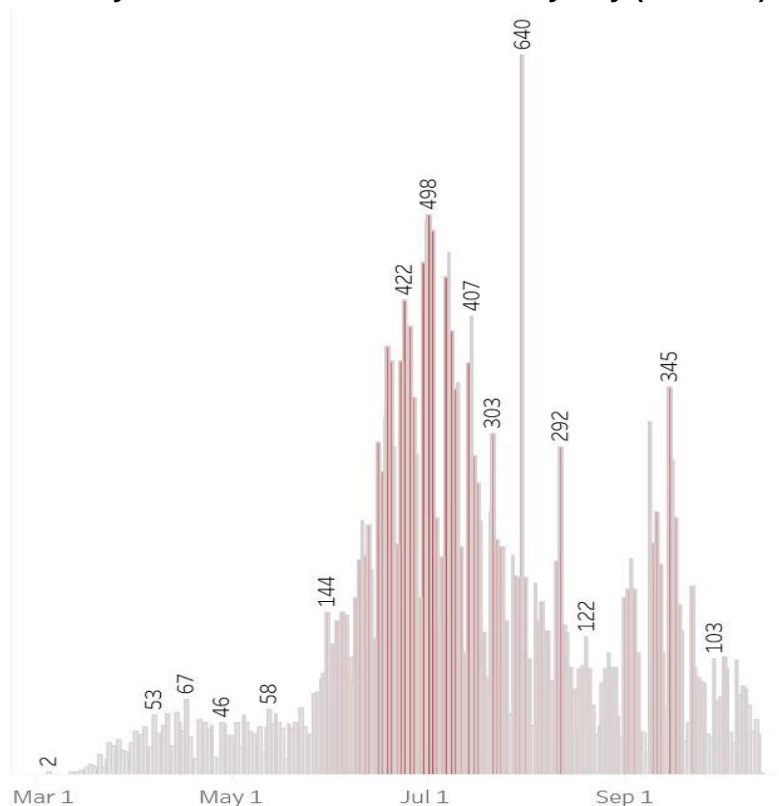
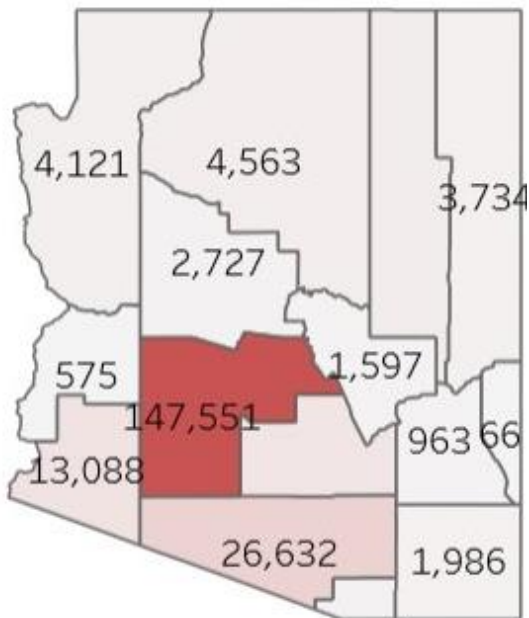
## Total cases in Pima County: 26,092 (10/7) --> 26,632 (10/14)

## Arizona (AZ) Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day (10/14/2020)



\*Illnesses in the last 4-7 days may not be reported yet

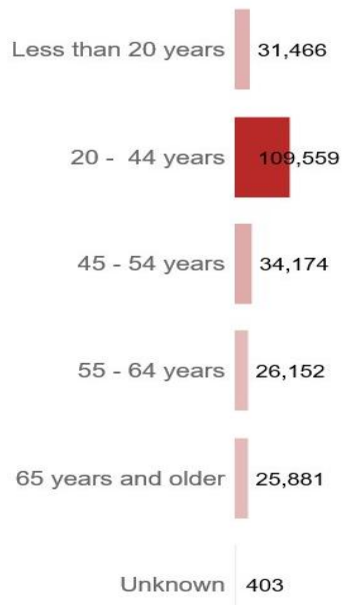
## COVID-19 Cases by County (10/14) Pima County Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day (10/14/20)



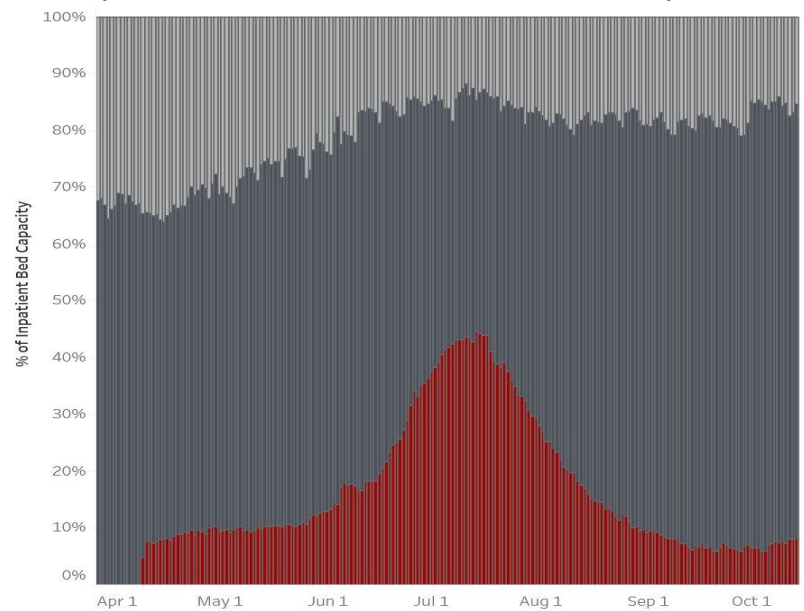
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**Wear a mask, physically distance, and wash your hands to protect Tohono O'odham Nation**

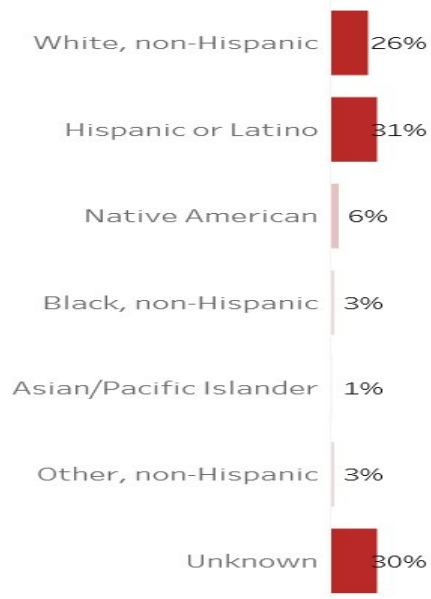
### AZ COVID-19 Cases by Age Distribution (10/14)



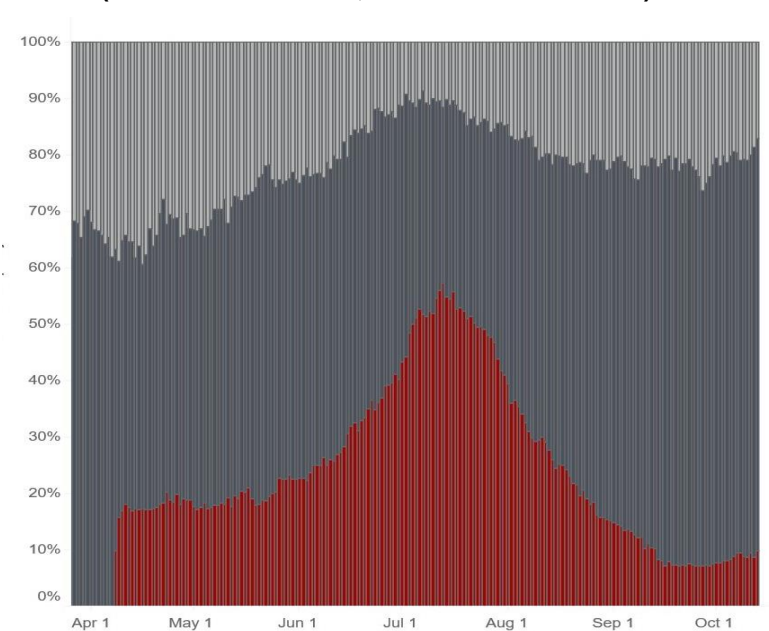
### Number of Inpatient Beds in Use in AZ (85% in use on 10/13/20, 8% due to COVID-19)



### AZ COVID-19 Cases by Race/Ethnicity

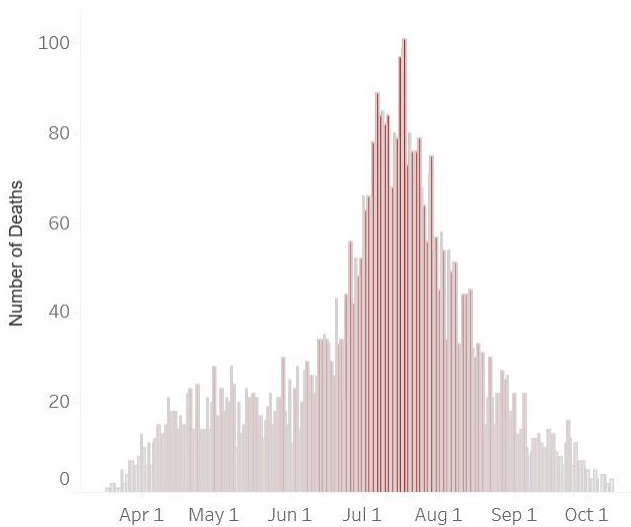


### Number of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Beds In Use AZ (83% in use 10/13/20, 10% due to COVID-19)



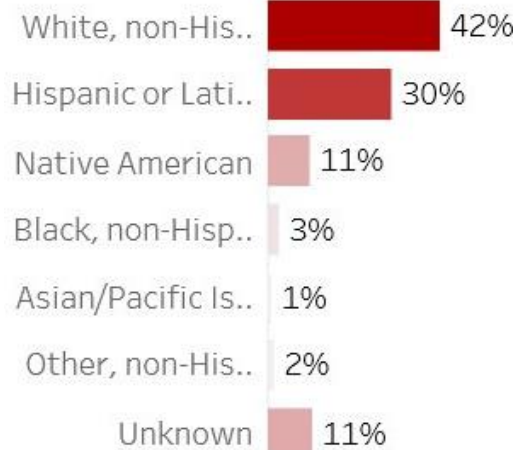
## Arizona (AZDHS): 5,772 deaths, Updated October 14, 2020

### COVID-19 Deaths by Date in Arizona



### AZ COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity (10/14/2020)

#### COVID-19 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity



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

	Enrolled Member of Tohono O'odham Nation	Enrolled Member of Another Tribe or Other	Total	Enrolled Member of Tohono O'odham Nation Incidence Rates (per 100,000 persons)
Residing within Boundaries of Tohono O'odham Nation	346	21	367	2,650
Residing outside Boundaries of Tohono O'odham Nation	209	78	287	1,015
Unknown residence	0	0	0	
Total	555	99	654	1,650

**555** members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have tested positive\* for COVID-19 (as of 10/14/20 at 7:00). On 10/7/2020, there were 547. This represents a **1.5%** increase over the last week.<sup>†</sup> The number of positive cases is **7.7X** the number 18 weeks ago (72 on 6/9/2020).

**346** members of the Tohono O’odham Nation who tested positive reside in the Tohono O’odham Nation. On 10/7/2020 there were 338. This represents a **2.4%** increase<sup>†</sup> over the last week. The number of persons who reside in the Tohono O’odham Nation and tested positive for COVID-19 is **over 14x** the number 18 weeks ago (24 cases on 6/9/2020).

This is consistent with a surge in cases beginning approximately 6/15/2020.

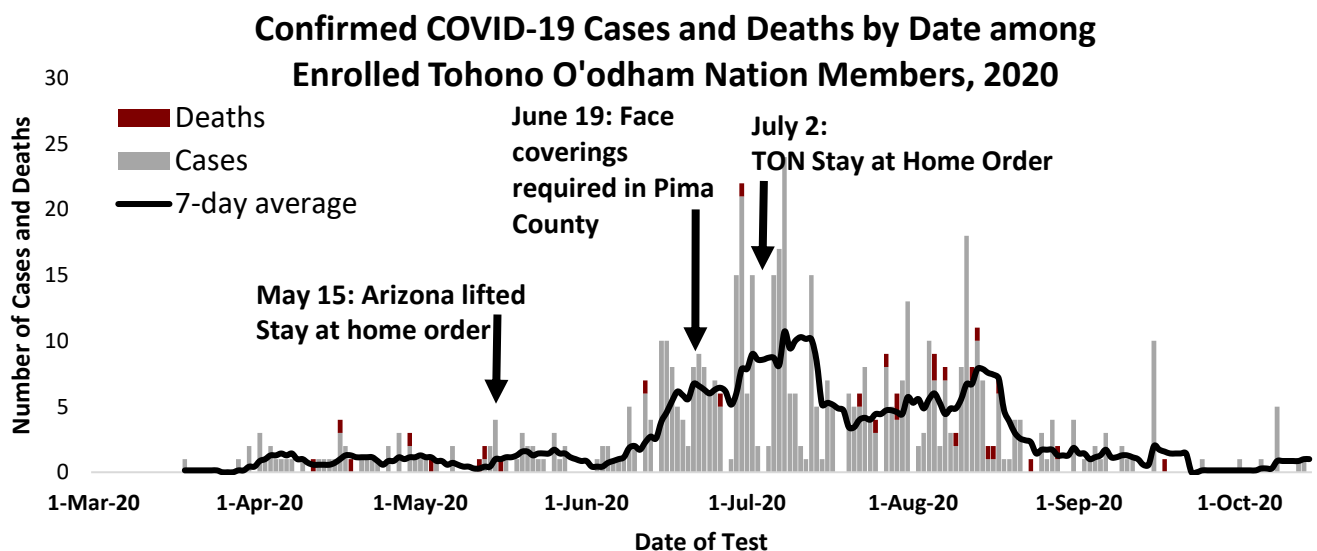
- **437** members (79%) are recovering (among members of the Tohono O’odham Nation)<sup>‡</sup>
- **28** deaths among members of the Tohono O’odham Nation and **3** members of another tribe.
- **1** death in hospital in Tohono O’odham Nation, 30 in hospitals outside the Tohono O’odham Nation.

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

<sup>†</sup>Defined as percentage change (most recent number – previous number)/previous number \* 100

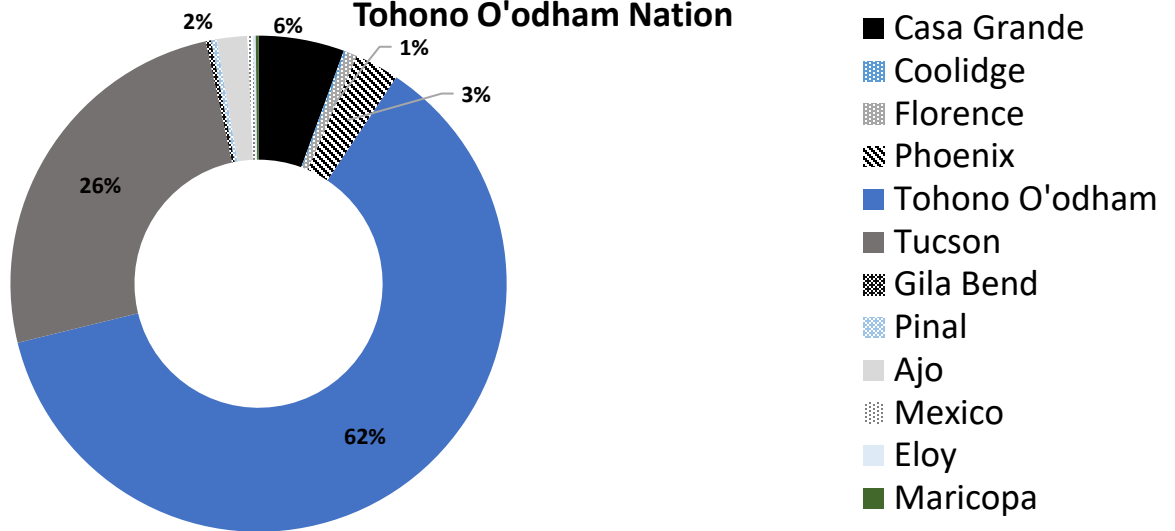
<sup>§</sup>Absolute change in cumulative case count is the number of cumulative cases through week 2 subtracted from the number of cumulative cases through week 1, |week2 – week1|

<sup>‡</sup>Recovering is defined as having diagnosis/symptom onset 14-days ago, improving, and no longer hospitalized.



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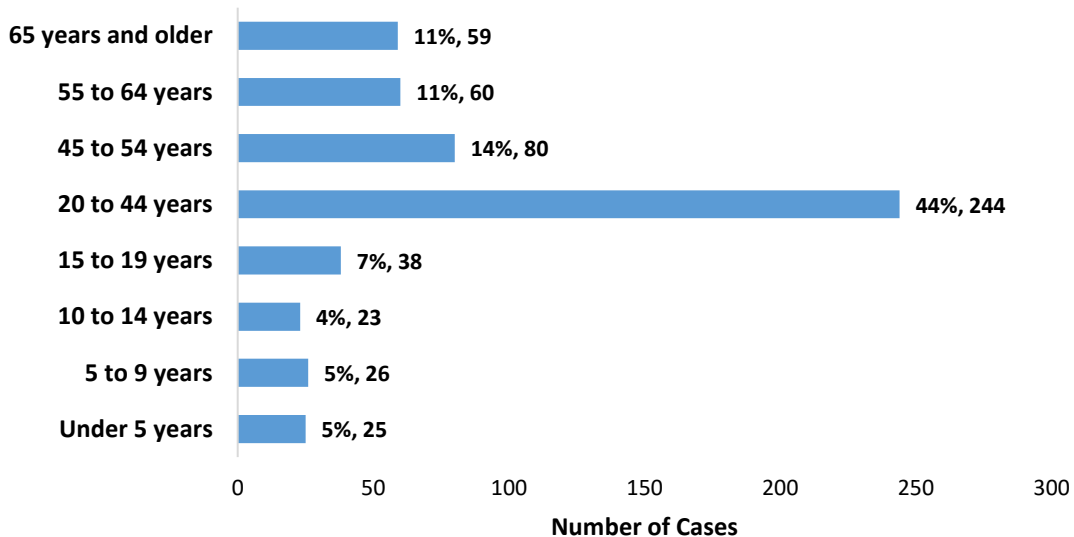
### Region of Residence for COVID-19 Cases among Members of the Tohono O'odham Nation



Some areas are <1%

**7/22/2020** was the first week that the percentage of persons residing in the Tohono O'odham Nation was over 50% of the cases.

### Age Distribution of COVID-19 Cases among Tohono O'odham Members, 2020





## 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	555		
Asymptomatic/Pre-symptomatic	54	10%	
TON Reside in Reservation	346	62%	
Hospitalized	95	17%	9%
Recovering	437	79%	
Died	28	5%	3%

	Median (years)	Minimum (months)	Maximum (years)
Age	36	1	93

	Male	Percent (%)	Female	Percent
Sex	223	40%	332	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

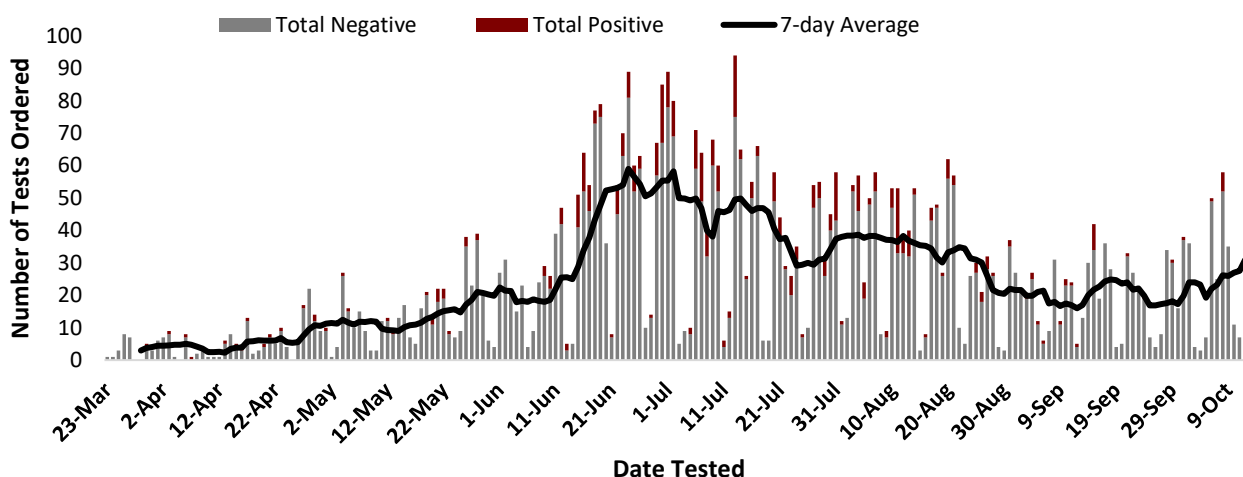
TONHC total number of COVID-19 testing (as of 10/14/2020 at 7:00): **5,018** tests performed:

- 4,633 = patients (anyone who receives care at a TONHC facility)
- 339 = employees
- 46 = first responders

We continue to increase our testing capacity. On 10/7/2020, there were 4,812 tests.

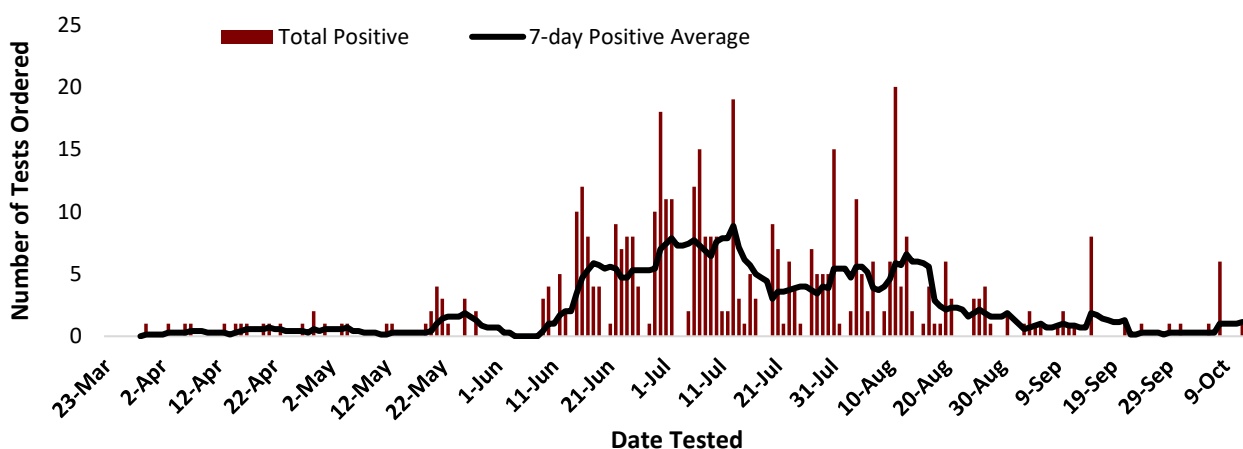
As of 10/14/2020, **457** tests results were positive\* for COVID-19. On 10/7/2020, there were 449 tests. The number of positive test results are **12x** the amount compared to 18 weeks ago (since 6/9/2020). 38 total tests were positive on 6/9/2020. **12** TONHC employees have tested positive.

## COVID-19 Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care by Result, 2020



7-day average is the average of cases for that day and the 6-days prior

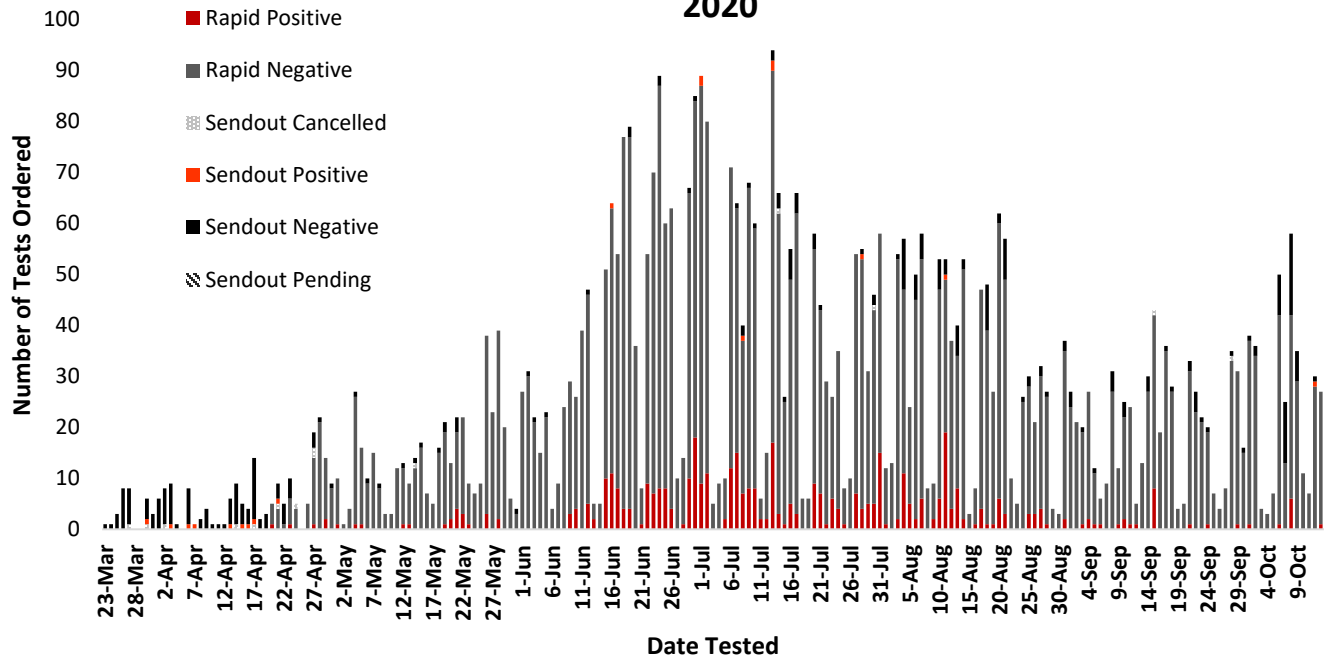
## COVID-19 Positive Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care by Result, 2020



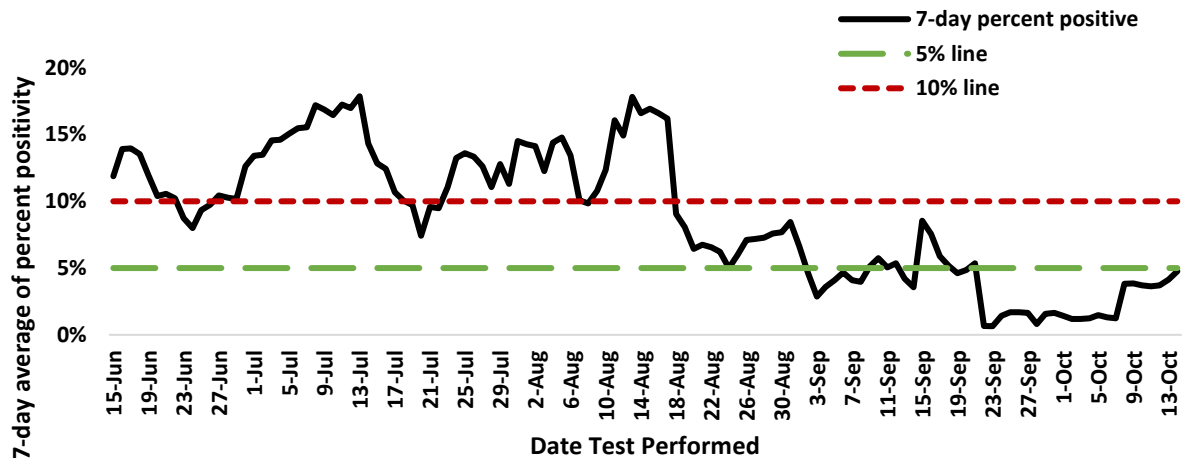
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COVID-19 testing began at TONHC on March 23, 2020. There is now same-day testing at San Xavier, Sells, and San Simon. This means all the equipment to run the tests are in the clinic laboratories at San Xavier, Sells, and San Simon. We began on-site 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. As of 9/1/2020 on-site qualitative total antibody testing is available in specified cases.

## COVID-19 Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care by Type, 2020



## TONHC COVID-19 Test Percent Positivity 7-day Average, 2020



\* Weekly test percent positivity is calculated using the day tests were performed and 6-days prior (7-day detected "positive" results)/(7-day total tests performed) x 100%

We have nine 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.

**Effective 9/24/2020, patients with no symptoms and no known exposure to someone with COVID-19 can be tested at TONHC. For all testing, please call and schedule an appointment at your clinic.**

Please note testing criteria is accurate as of 9/25/2020 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|

## Off-Site COVID-19 Testing Events

We are strategically expanding testing. To date, four testing clinics have been performed off-site in collaboration with TON unified command and the Arizona National Guard. At the last two testing clinics, flu vaccines were also provided. In addition we have performed testing clinics at Sells on Saturday 6/20/20 and 6/24/20 for exposed individuals.

Event Location	Date	Tested (n)	Positive (n)	Percent positive (%)	Flu vaccines administered (n)
Sells Rodeo	7/8/2020	316	17	5%	0
Santa Rosa Clinic	8/13/2020	139	5	4%	0
San Xavier Rec Center	9/24/2020	102	0	0%	215
Baboquivari High School	9/29/2020	35	0	0%	48
<b>Total</b>		<b>592</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>263</b>

## Arizona COVID-19 School Benchmarks

### Pima County COVID-19 School Reopening Benchmarks Not Met (10/8/20)

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) recommends county-specific public health benchmarks to be in the moderate or minimal transmission category in all three benchmarks for two weeks in order to provide Hybrid (virtual and in-person) learning.

The ADHS further defines community spread levels with the thresholds outlined below. These thresholds are consistent with the national standards set by the Coronavirus Task Force.

The ADHS Schools Toolkit defines community spread levels with the thresholds outlined below.

- CASES: a two-week decline in the number of cases OR a two-week of a case rate of less than 100 cases per 100,000 population within the county;
- PERCENT POSITIVITY: for initial opening, two weeks of percent positivity less than 7% within the county; and


Benchmarks	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Cases	<10 cases/100,000	10-100 cases/100,000	>100 cases/100,000
Percent Positivity	<5%	5-10%	>10%
COVID-like Illness	<5%	5-10%	>10%

Showing data for **Pima County** (Southeastern Region)

### Benchmark Not Met

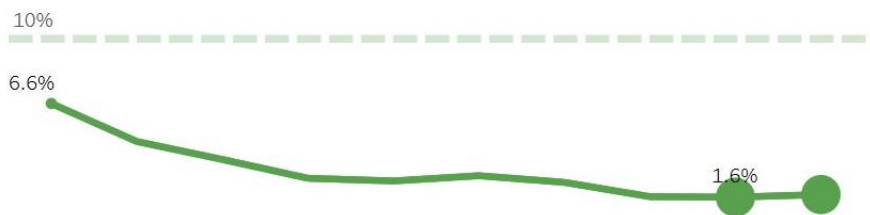
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- 2)  Two consecutive weeks with percent positivity below 7%: **Benchmark Met**



- 3)  Two consecutive weeks with hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses in the region below 10%: **Benchmark Met**



## Updated COVID-19 GUIDANCE ON HOME ISOLATION

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Arizona Department of Health Services, and Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care updated guidance on home isolation. Accumulating evidence supports ending isolation and precautions for persons with COVID-19 using a symptom-based strategy. Researchers have reported that people with mild to moderate COVID-19 remain infectious no longer than 10 days after their symptoms began, and those with more severe illness or those who are severely immunocompromised remain infectious no longer than 20 days after their symptoms began. Therefore, CDC has updated the recommendations for discontinuing home isolation.

**If you tested positive for COVID-19, you need to stay in ISOLATION:**

- If you tested positive for COVID-19 or are waiting for results, you should be in **isolation**. Isolation means you need to stay away from others as much as possible. You should stay in a specific “sick room,” if possible, and away from other people in your home.
- If you cannot separate from others at home, you should wear a mask.
- Do not attend work, school, be in public areas, or use public transportation.
- Do not share household items like dishes, cups, eating utensils, and bedding.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow. Throw away used tissues in the trash and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean high-touch surfaces (tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, etc.) daily.
- Reschedule all non-essential medical appointments.
- If you need medical care, call your provider **before going**, and tell them about your illness.

**The number of days you should isolate at home depends on your SYMPTOMS, how SICK you were, and whether you are SEVERELY IMMUNOCOMPROMISED.**

Please **look at the chart on the back of this sheet** to help you figure out how long you should stay isolated at home.

- 1) If you **had any symptoms** consistent with COVID-19 **and** had **mild or moderate illness**, you should isolate at home until:
  - At least **10 days** have passed since your symptoms first started **and**
  - At least 24 hours have passed since your fever resolved (without the use of medication) **and**
  - Your other symptoms have improved.
- 2) If you **had any symptoms** consistent with COVID-19 **and** had **severe or critical illness** **or** are **severely immunocompromised**, you should isolate at home until:
  - At least **20 days** have passed since your symptoms first started **and**
  - At least 24 hours have passed since your fever resolved (without the use of medication) **and**
  - Your other symptoms have improved.
- 3) If you **did not have any symptoms** consistent with COVID-19, you should isolate at home until;
  - **10 days** have passed since your first COVID-19 test was done.
- 4) If you **did not have any symptoms** consistent with COVID-19 **and** are **severely immunocompromised**, you should isolate at home until:
  - **20 days** have passed since your first COVID-19 test was done.

Contact your healthcare provider or Public Health Nursing for any questions.

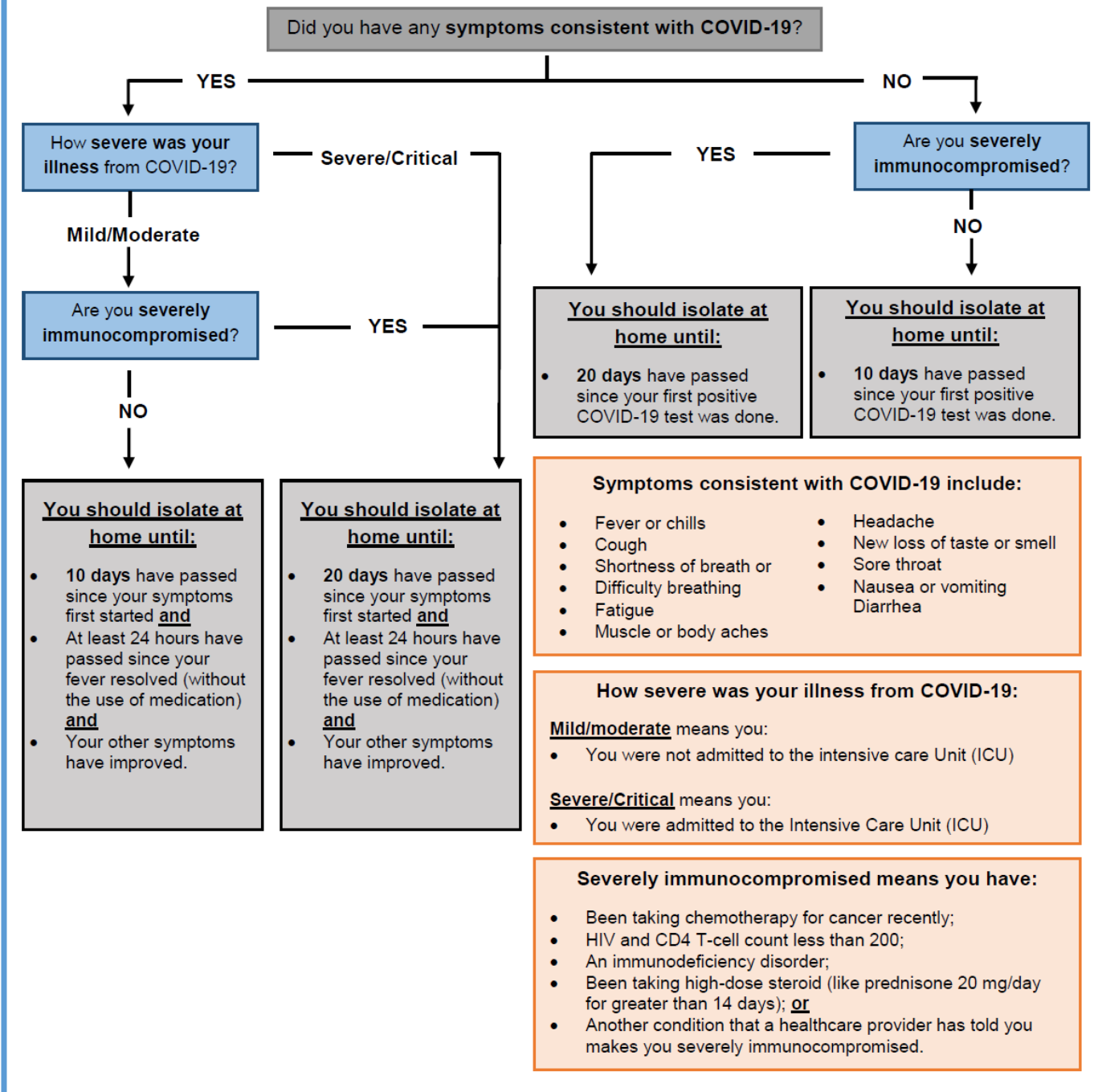
Guidance may change as new information becomes available. Please look for the most up-to-date recommendations.

**TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION HEALTH CARE**

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## How long should I isolate at home if I **tested positive** for COVID-19?



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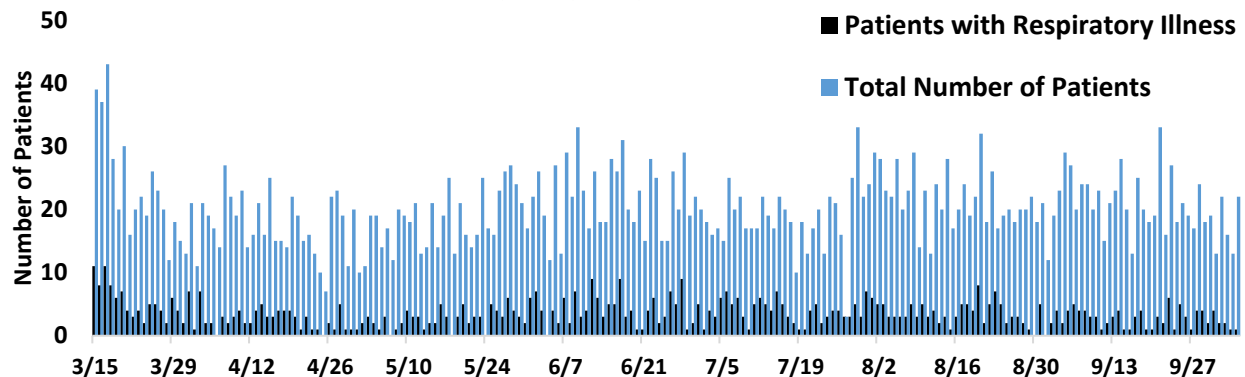




## Sells Emergency Department Syndromic Surveillance

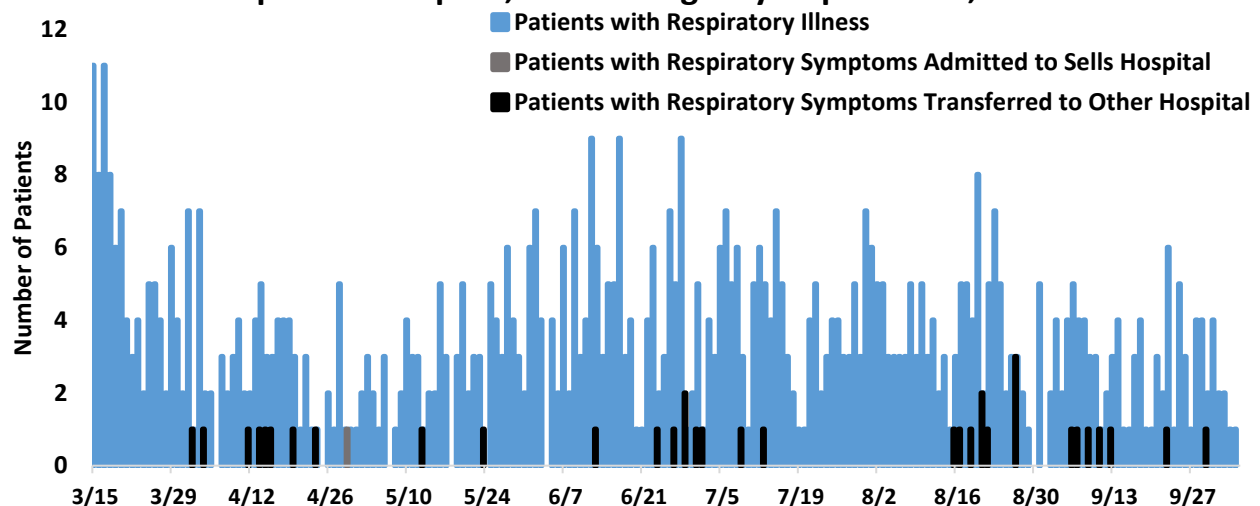
Syndromic surveillance refers to detection of indicators that are discernible before confirmed diagnoses are made. For example, an increase in the number of patients seen with respiratory symptoms could be an indicator of COVID-19. There were between 1 to 4 patients seen daily in Sells Emergency Department with respiratory symptoms during the week of 9/29/20–10/5/20. Same-day COVID-19 testing began on 4/20/20. From 9/29/20–10/5/20, between 13 and 22 patients were seen each day in the emergency department.

**Patients Presenting with Respiratory Illness and Daily Totals, Sells Emergency Department, 2020**

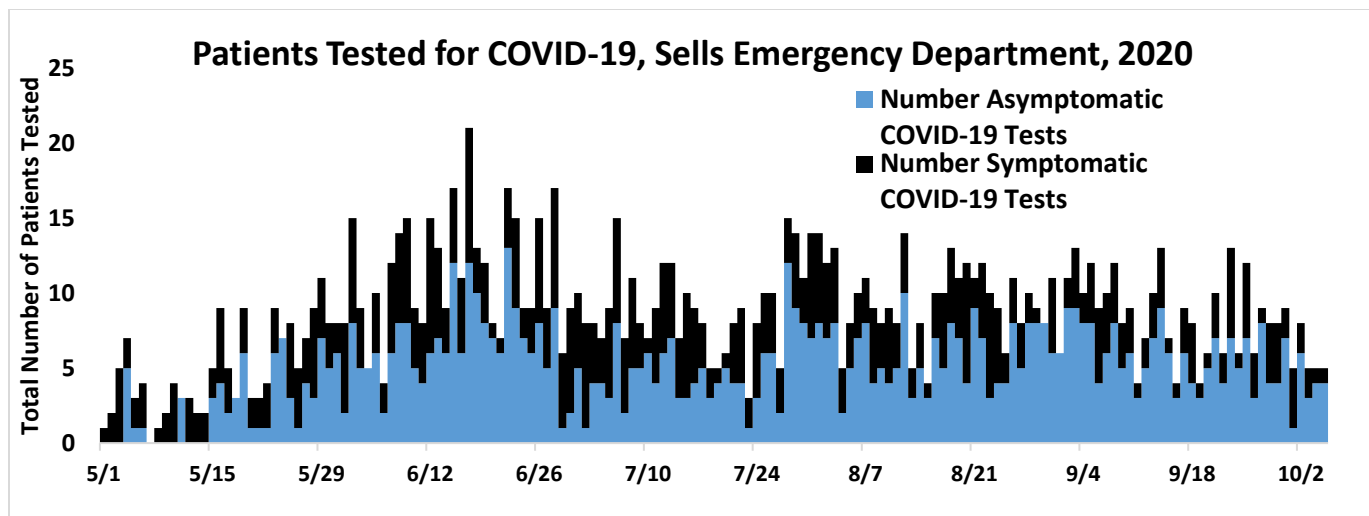


As of 10/5/2020, there was 1 admission to Sells Hospital and 35 outside transfers for respiratory symptoms from Sells Emergency Department. The number of patients transferred from the emergency department to hospital inpatient units helps to identify severity of disease among the population. This is a level of disease severity that requires a higher level of care, such that care must be managed in the hospital (e.g. with oxygen, mechanical ventilation, etc.).

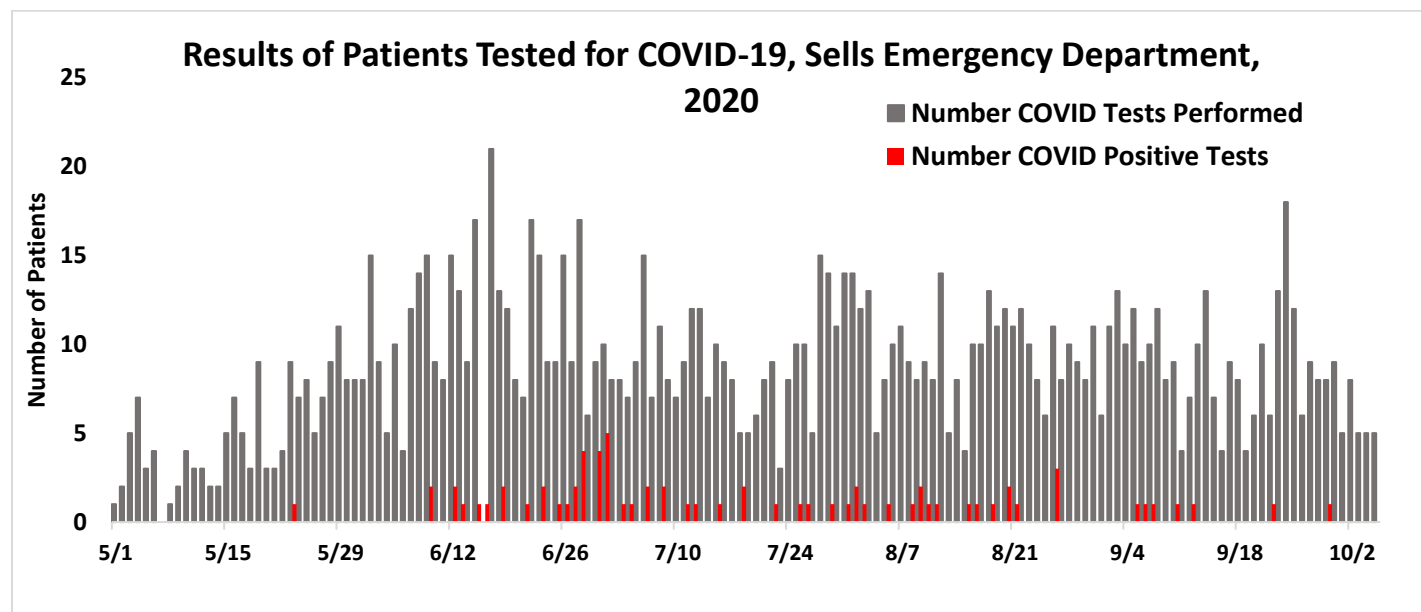
**Patients Presenting with Respiratory Illness and Number of Patients Transferred/Admitted from Emergency Department to Inpatient Hospital, Sells Emergency Department, 2020**







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.



The week of 9/29/20–10/5/20, 1 person seen in the emergency department tested positive for COVID-19. There have been a total of 71 positive test results from tests performed in Sells emergency department

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH

292 TONHC employees (395 encounters) have been evaluated by employee health for respiratory symptoms related to illness or other reasons (as of 7:00 10/14/2020).

11 TONHC employees are currently sick including 4% of TONHC nurses and 0% of medical providers (as of 7:00 10/14/2020).

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**Wear a mask, physically distance, and wash your hands to protect Tohono O'odham Nation**

**12 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 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 also required to contact their supervisor when they call out.

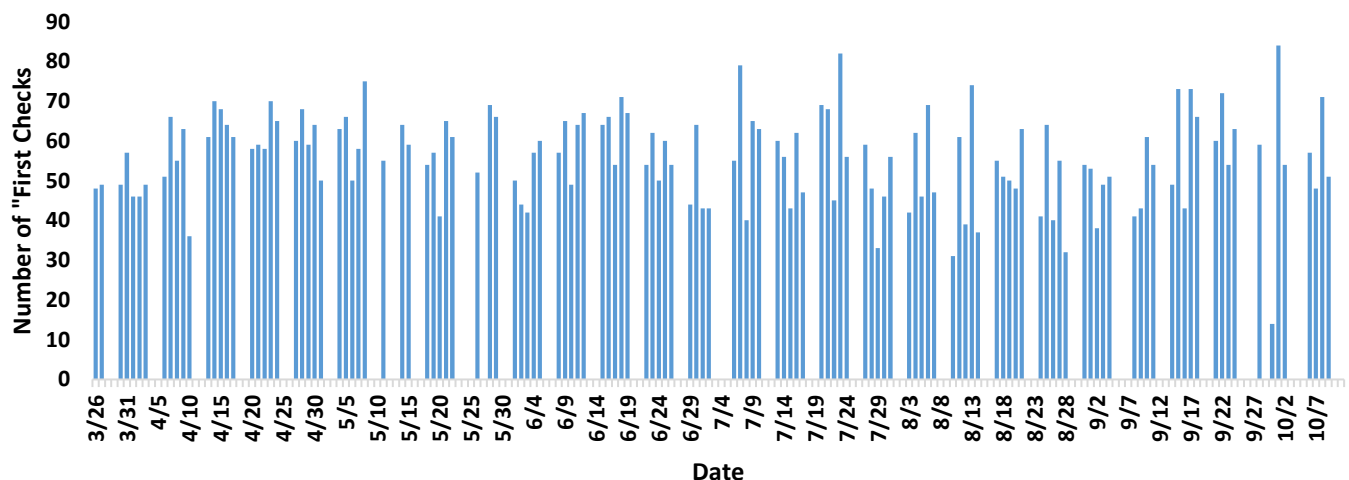
## TONHC Infection Control

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).

- At the San Xavier, Sells, and San Simon Health Care Centers, the Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™ is being used to decontaminate N95 respirators using concentrated, vapor phase hydrogen peroxide (Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) issued by US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)).
- All staff are wearing procedure/surgical masks, and staff caring for patients are also wearing eye protection.
- Staff caring for patients that have or may have been exposed to COVID-19 are wearing gowns, gloves, face shields or other eye protection, and N95 respirators or Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs).

## CLINIC – SAN SIMON

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



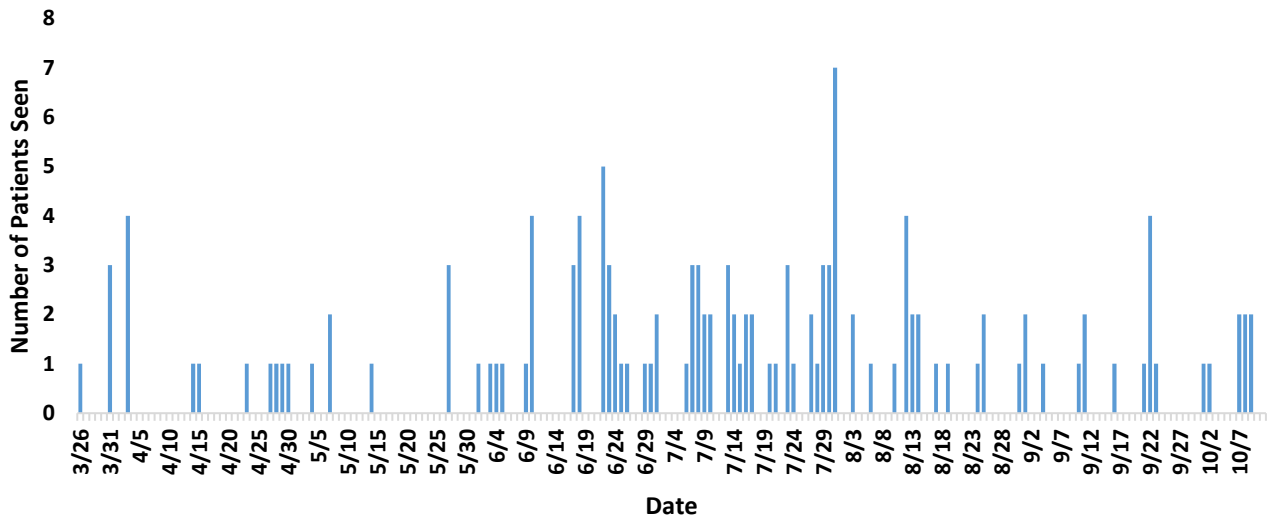
Some data are missing the month of August 2020

A "first check" is asking questions about loss of smell or taste, sore throat, fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing when anyone is entering the clinic or hospital grounds. First checks include employees and patients. As first checks are with entry, they occur multiple times per day for some

people. The number of first checks is the number of times questions of respiratory symptoms were asked.

Two patients from San Simon Clinic were admitted to the hospital for respiratory symptoms.

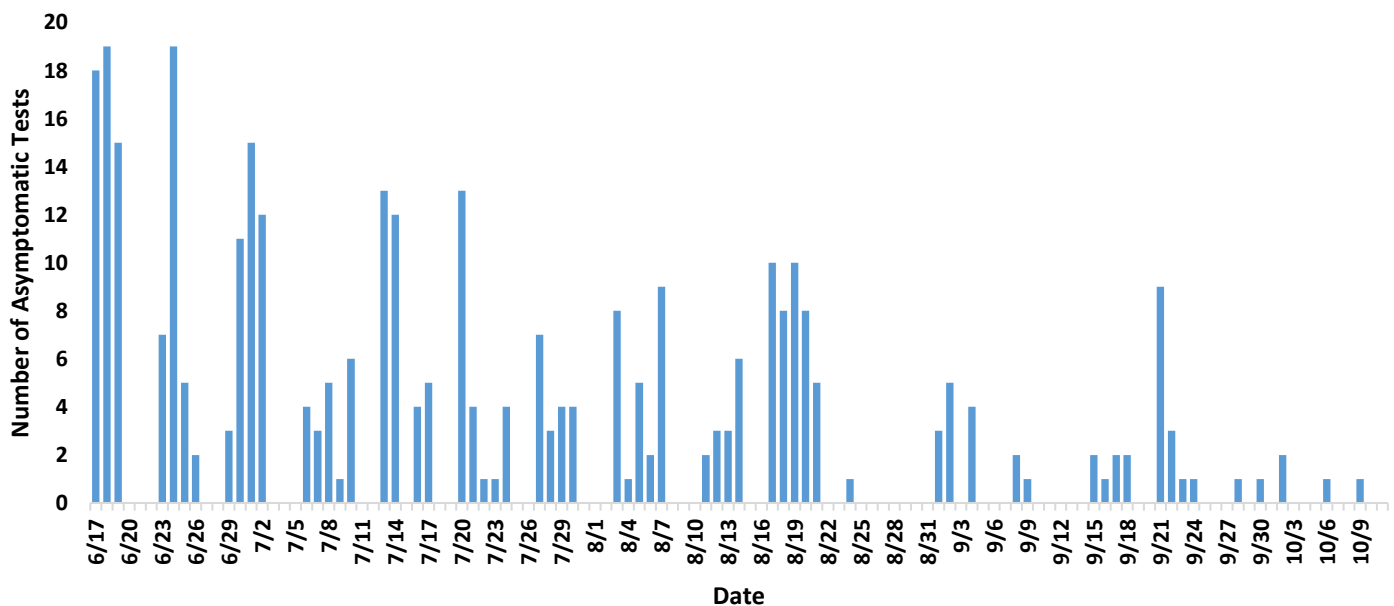
### Number of Patients seen at San Simon Respiratory Clinic, 2020



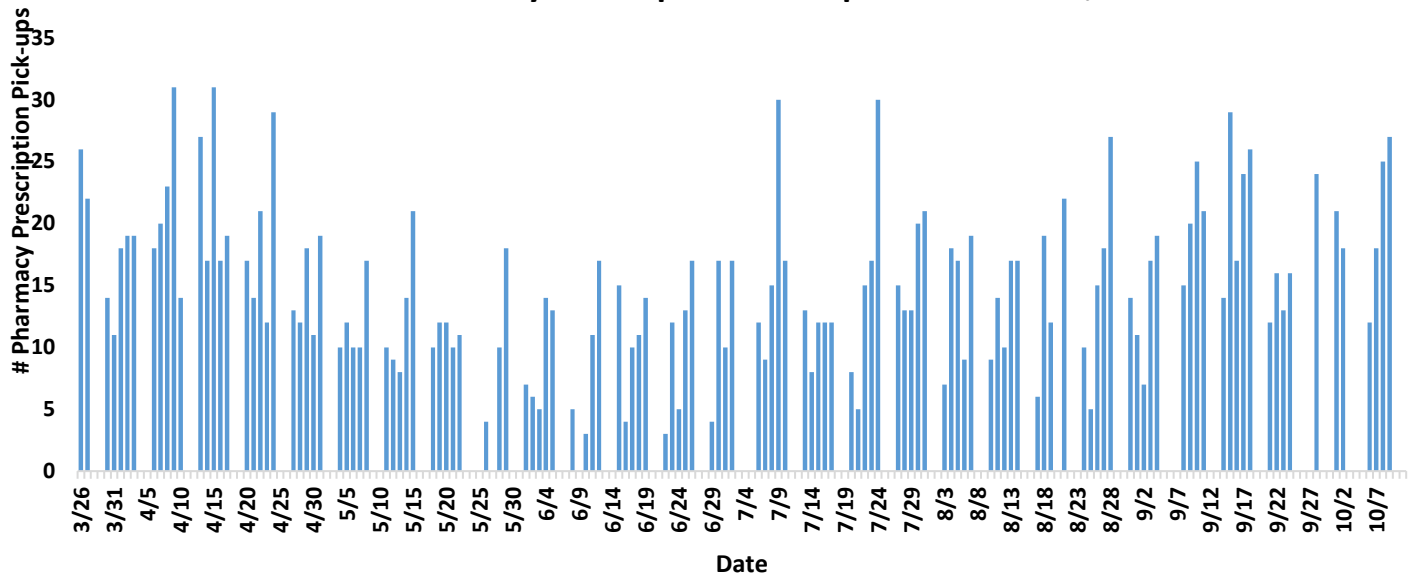
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These are the number of tests for COVID-19 performed on patients that have no symptoms of COVID-19 (no fever, no cough, no difficulty breathing, etc.). They are performed on people who have had exposure to COVID-19, are entering a congregate setting,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

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



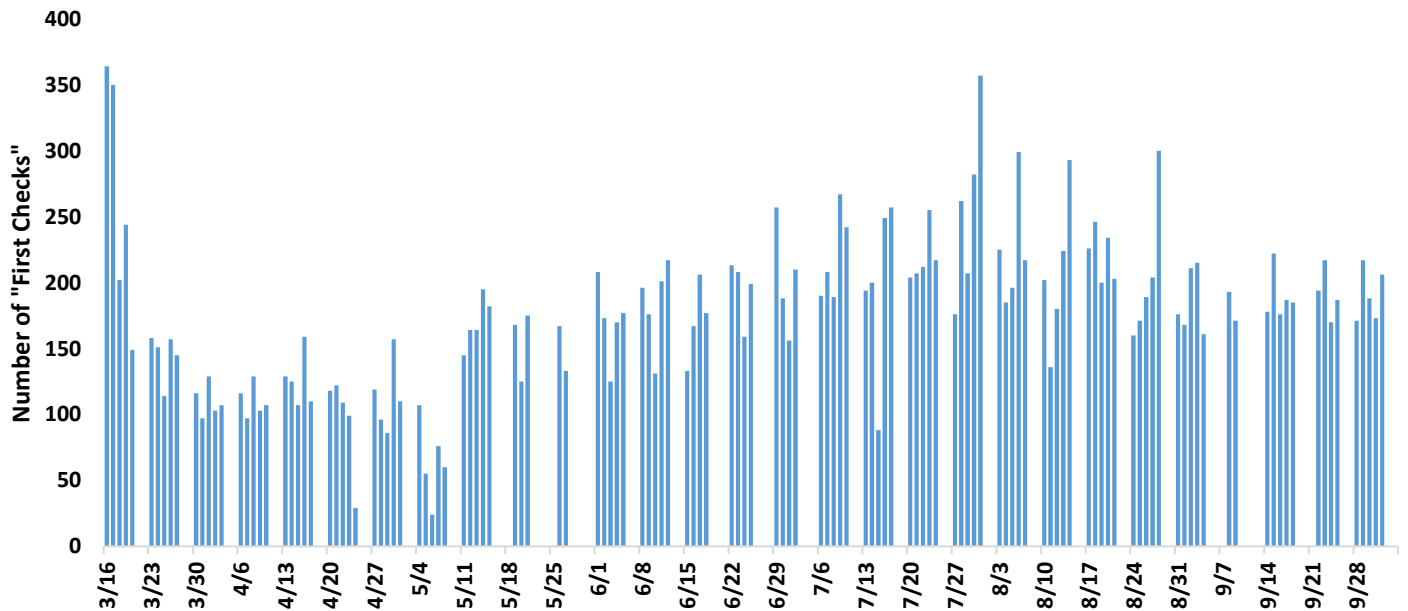
## Number of Pharmacy Prescription Pick-ups at San Simon, 2020



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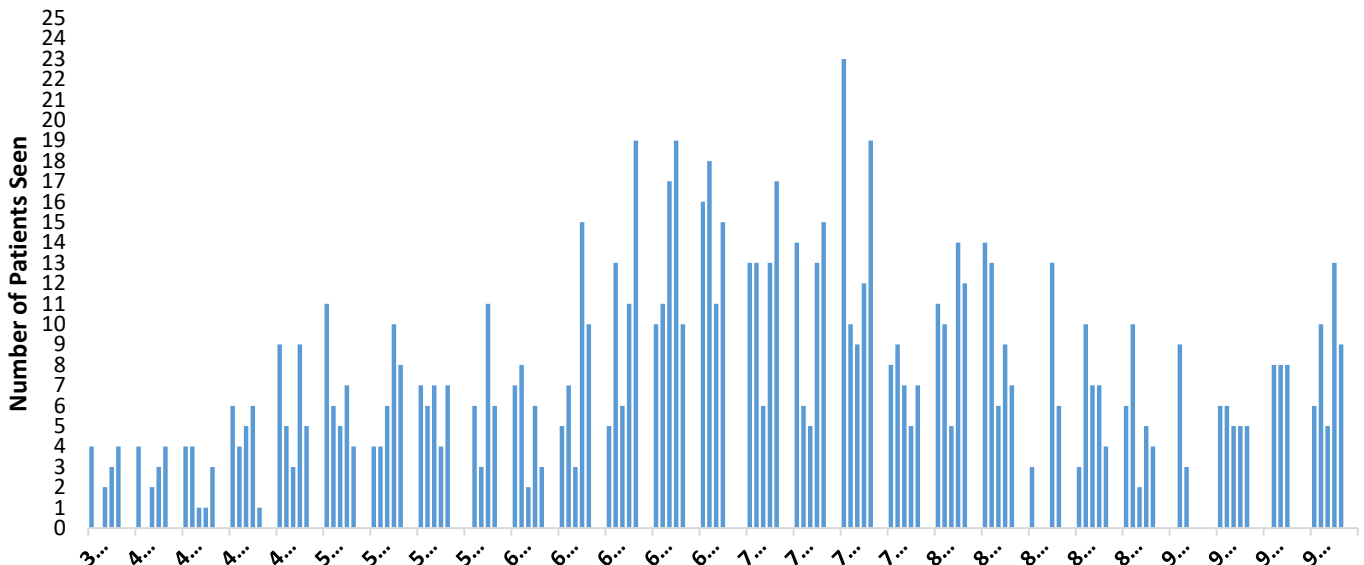
## CLINIC – SAN XAVIER

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



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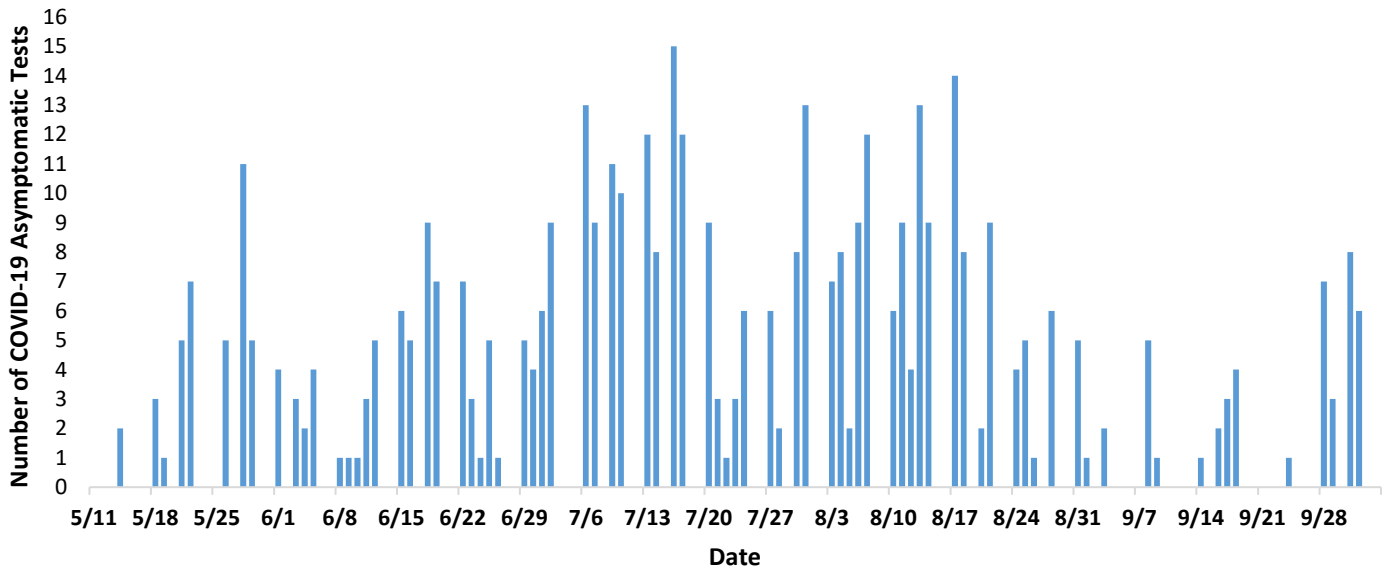
### Number of Patients seen at San Xavier Respiratory Clinic, 2020



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16 patients were seen in the same day respiratory clinic and transported to the hospital from San Xavier clinic.

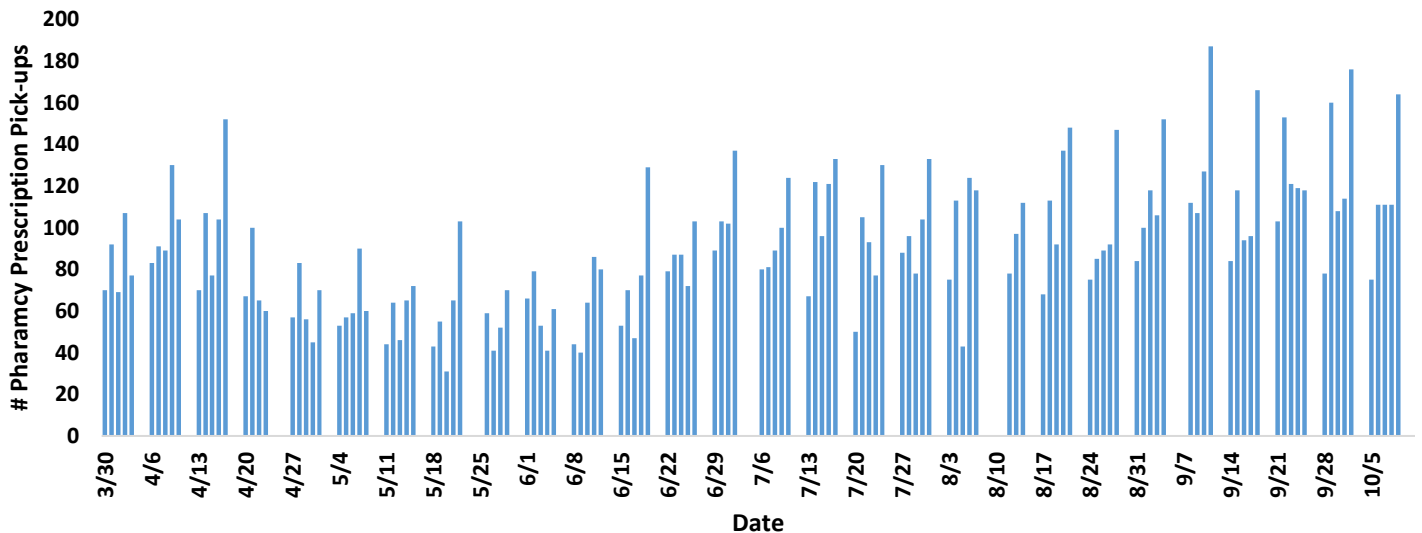
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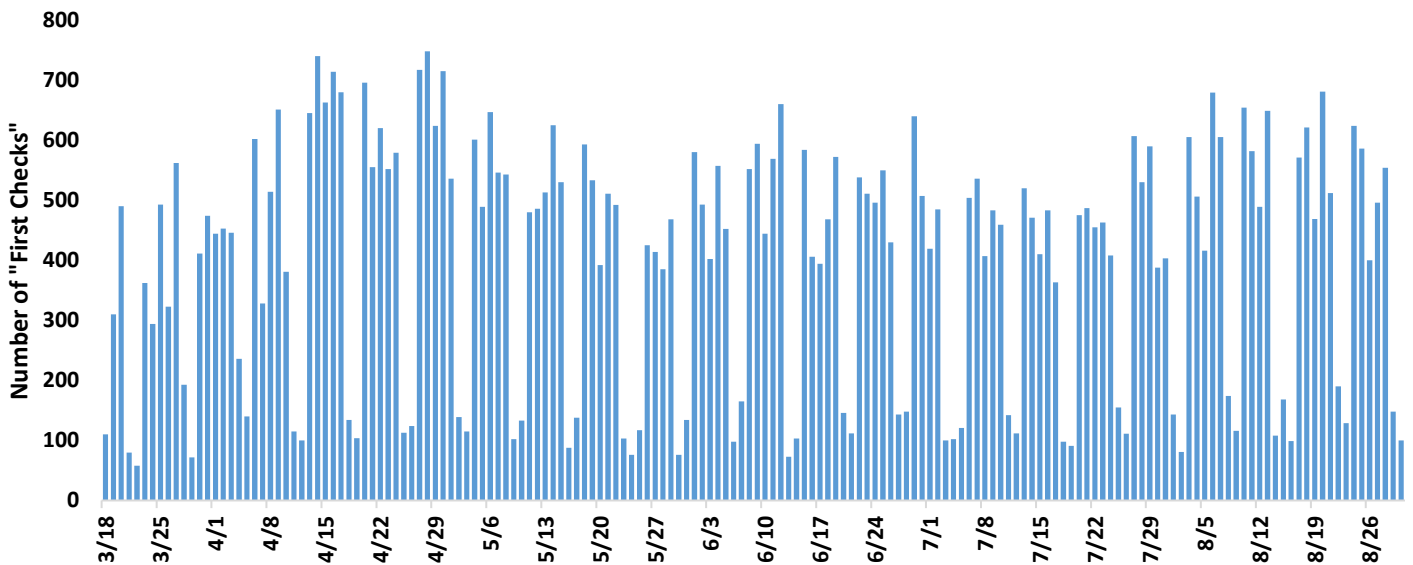
### San Xavier Clinic Number of Pharmacy Prescription Pick-ups, 2020



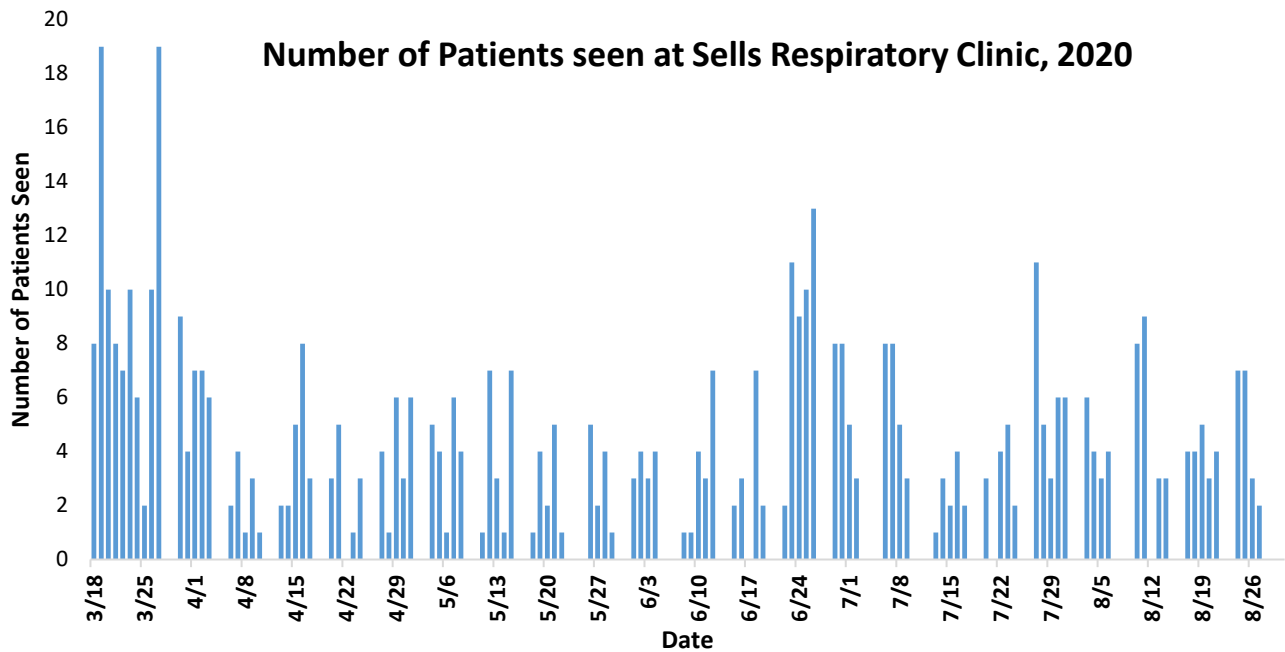
As of August 5, 2020, San Xavier Health Care Center has a drive-up pharmacy for patients to pick-up their pharmacy prescriptions.

### CLINIC – SELLS

#### Number of "First Checks" at Sells Clinic, 2020

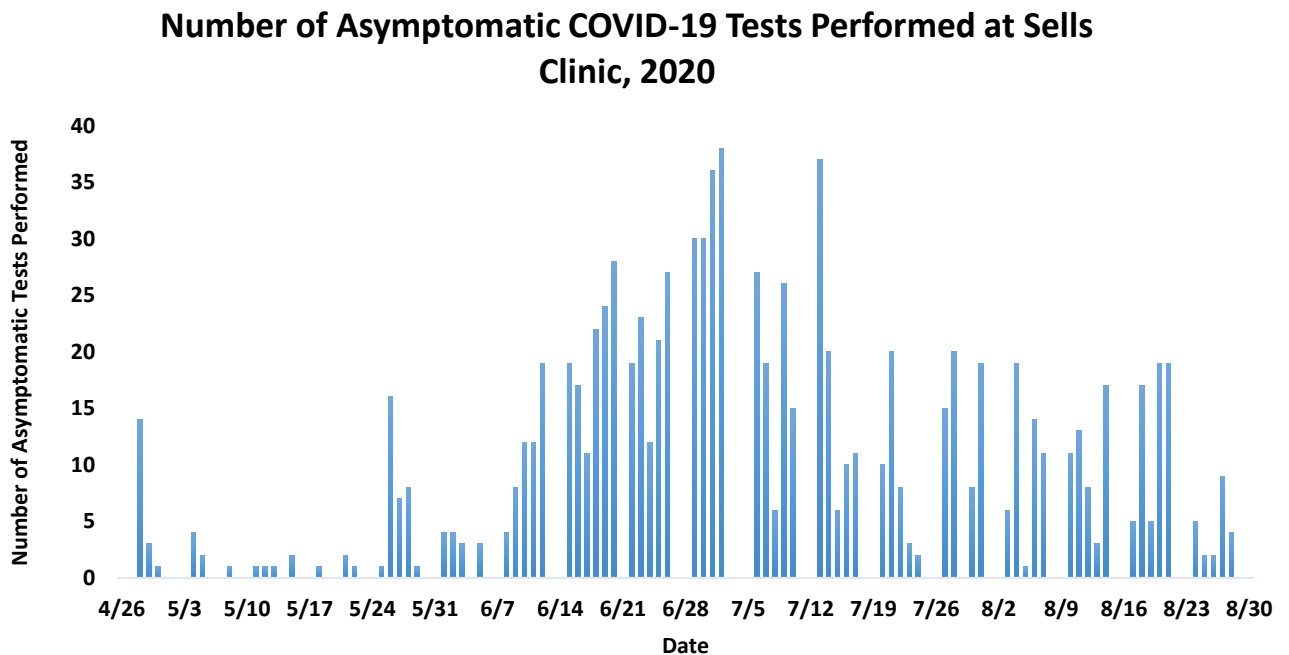


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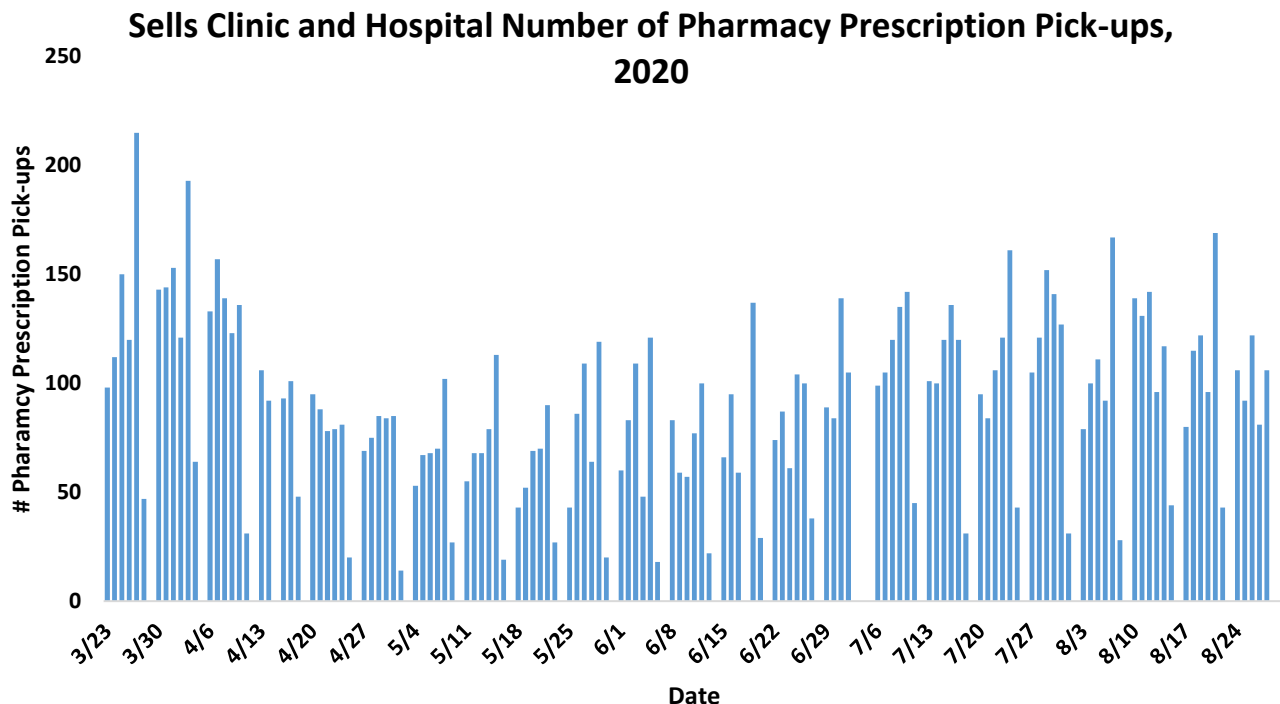
15 patients seen were transferred to the emergency room, 5 patients were directly admitted to the hospital. 3/21/20 and 3/22/20 included patients seen in the emergency department.



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have had exposure to COVID-19, are entering a congregate setting, or are going to be admitted to the hospital.



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As of August 25, 2020, Sells Health Care Center has a drive-up pharmacy for patients to pick-up their pharmacy prescriptions.

## 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 – 8 (10/14/20)

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).



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.

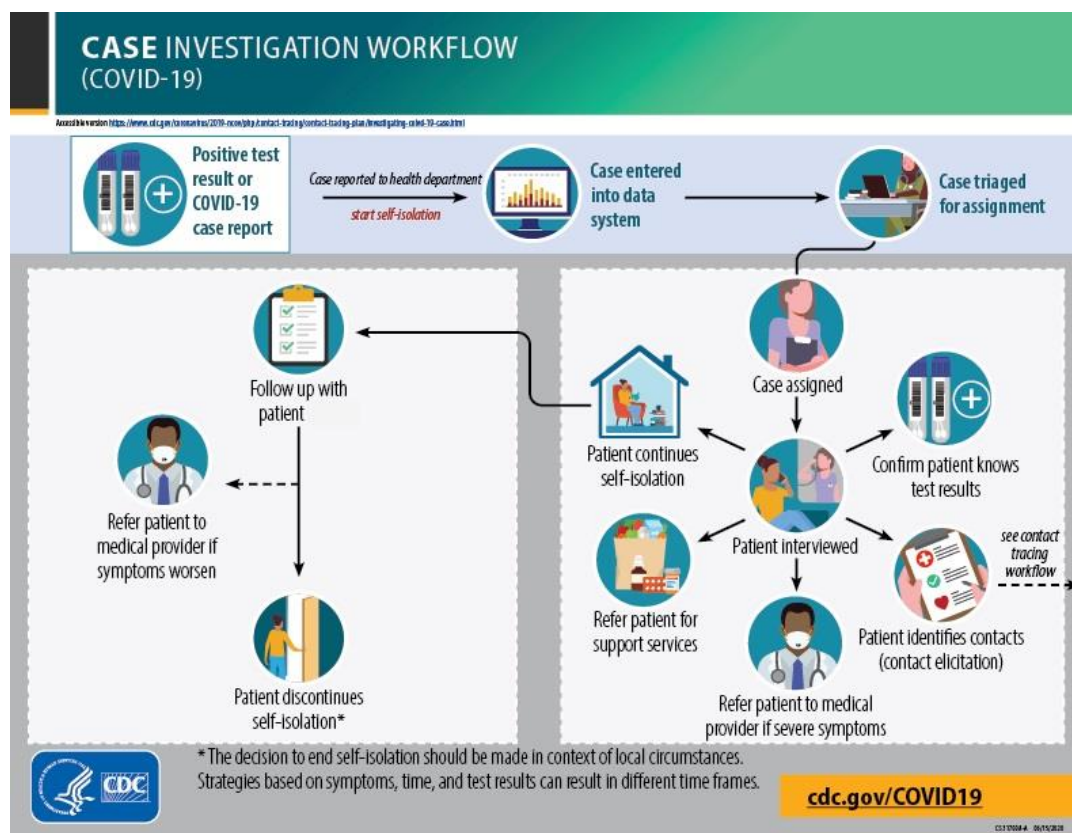
In preparation, our outpatient clinic staff has been cross-trained in inpatient patient care. To date we have trained 16 member of the healthcare workforce to manage patients in the hospital setting. Cross-training will allow us to increase the number of patients we can take care of on the inpatient unit. Please note that Sells hospital is not an intensive care unit, so we cannot take care of patients with COVID-19 requiring intensive respiratory treatment. These patients would be transferred to intensive care units at other sites.

From 7/20/20 to 7/30/20 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. As of 7/28/2020, 56 TONHC employees have been trained on ventilators and ventilator management. Visit evaluation was completed on 8/3/2020.

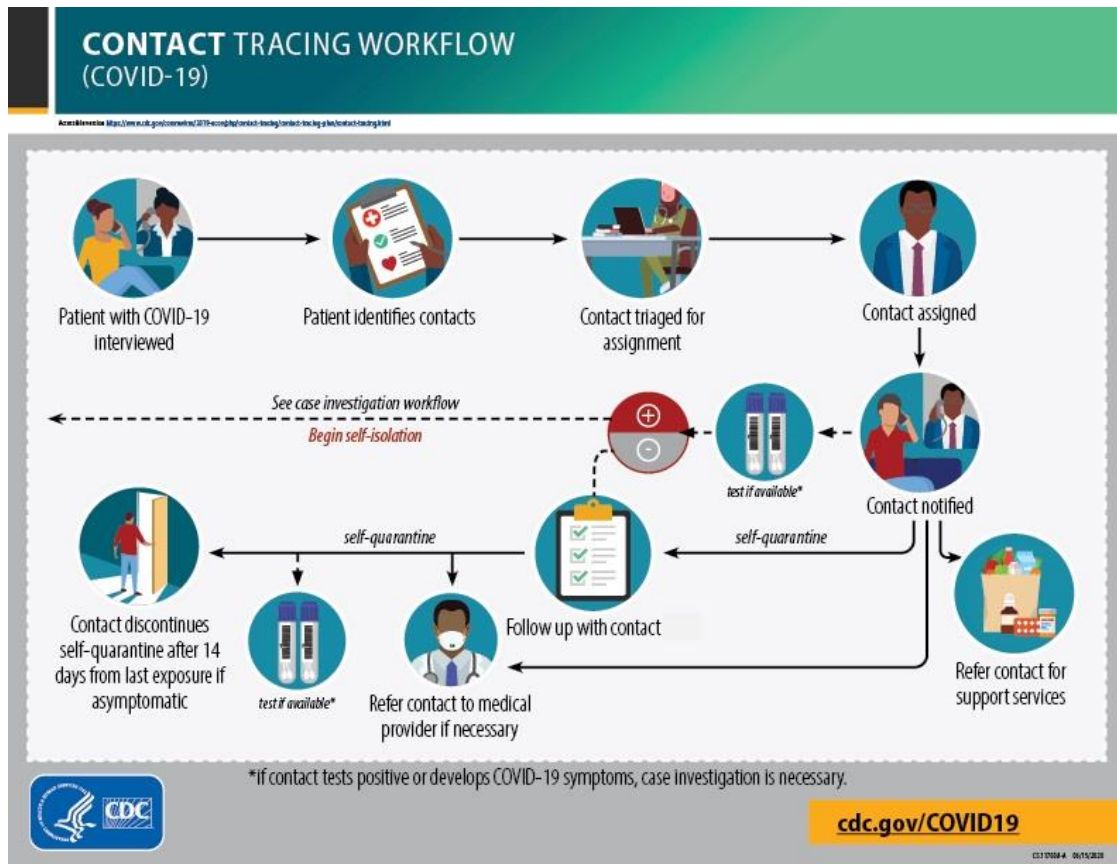
## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING – CONTACT TRACING

As of 10/14/20 at 7:00, **1,453** individual contact tracings have occurred in the Tohono O’odham Nation.

TONHC public health nursing conducts case investigation and contact tracing (involves interviewing). Case investigations are initiated on everyone who tests positive for COVID-19.



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 works with patients to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe in which 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, how to monitor themselves for illness, and the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.



## 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.

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**Wear a mask, physically distance, and wash your hands to protect Tohono O'odham Nation**

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.

## APPENDIX

### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Absolute Change among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation Members by Week, 2020

Week (2020)	Cumulative COVID-19 Cases Among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Tribal Members	Absolute Change <sup>s</sup> in Cumulative Case Counts from Previous Week
June 24th – June 30th	189	
July 1st – July 7th	241	52
July 8th – July 14th	297	56
July 15th – July 21st	320	23
July 22nd – July 28th	363	43
July 29th – August 4th	415	52
August 5th – August 11th	456	41
August 12th – August 18th	486	30
August 19th – August 25th	498	12
August 26th – September 1st	508	10
September 2nd – September 8th	509	1
September 9th – September 15th	535	26
September 16th – September 22nd	543	8
September 23rd – September 29th	545	2
September 30th – October 6 <sup>th</sup>	547	2
October 7 <sup>th</sup> – October 13 <sup>th</sup>	555	8

### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Absolute Change among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation Members Residing within the Tohono O'odham Nation by Week, 2020

Week (2020)	Cumulative COVID-19 Cases Among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Tribal Members Residing within the Tohono O'odham Nation Boundary	Absolute Change <sup>s</sup> in Cumulative Case Counts from Previous Week
June 24th – June 30th	82	
July 1st – July 7th	106	24
July 8th – July 14th	148	42
July 15th – July 21st	168	20
July 22nd – July 28th	193	25
July 29th – August 4th	227	34
August 5th – August 11th	256	29
August 12th – August 18th	285	29
August 19th – August 25th	294	9
August 26th – September 1st	299	5
September 2nd – September 8th	303	4
September 9th – September 15th	328	25
September 16th – September 22nd	337	9



September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – September 29 <sup>th</sup>	337	0
September 30 <sup>th</sup> – October 6 <sup>th</sup>	338	1
October 7 <sup>th</sup> – October 13 <sup>th</sup>	346	8

Changes due to added cases and reclassification of residence

#### TONHC COVID-19 Positive Test Results and Absolute Change by Week, 2020

Week (2020)	TONHC Cumulative Positive COVID-19 Test Results	Absolute Change <sup>†</sup> in Positive Test Results from Previous Week
June 24 <sup>th</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup>	153	
July 1 <sup>st</sup> – July 7 <sup>th</sup>	202	49
July 8 <sup>th</sup> – July 14 <sup>th</sup>	251	49
July 15 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>	278	27
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> – July 28 <sup>th</sup>	302	24
July 29 <sup>th</sup> – August 4 <sup>th</sup>	342	40
August 5 <sup>th</sup> – August 11 <sup>th</sup>	382	40
August 12 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>	403	21
August 19 <sup>th</sup> – August 25 <sup>th</sup>	416	13
August 26 <sup>th</sup> – September 1 <sup>st</sup>	426	10
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – September 8 <sup>th</sup>	431	5
September 9 <sup>th</sup> – September 15 <sup>th</sup>	444	13
September 16 <sup>th</sup> – September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	445	1
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> – September 29 <sup>th</sup>	447	2
September 30 <sup>th</sup> – October 6 <sup>th</sup>	449	2
October 7 <sup>th</sup> – October 13	457	8