

SIF-OIDAK DISTRICT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION



January 18, 2021

Rita A. Wilson Chairwoman

Joshua A. Albert Vice-Chairman To: General Public,
Tohono O'odham Nation Departments,
All Districts,

Subject: Cockleburr Community Health and Safety Restriction Plan

As we navigate through this time of unprecedented uncertainty, the Sif-Oidak District is concerned about the safety and well-being of our families that live within this vibrant District. Our hearts are with those who have been affected personally by the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as the many communities around the world that are facing extreme measures in the attempt to slow its spread.

The Community of Cockleburr, along with the; the Tohono O'Odham EOC, Tohono O'odham Health Care, Tohono O'Odham Law Enforcement and the Sif-Oidak District Administration have developed the "Cockleburr Community Health and Safety Restriction Plan". This plan outlines restrictions developed by the community to slow the spread of the virus. Please assist the community by adhering to the plan that has been developed. Please find the Cockleburr Community plan attached to this letter.

Together we can overcome this virus and protect each other. And some day soon we can embrace one another, until then we must keep our distance to ensure everyone's safety. I pray that the Lord continues to protect us and guide us through this difficult time. Please stay safe by wearing a mask, washing your hands, keeping your distance and by following all other CDC guidelines.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chairwoman Rita Wilson at (520) 840-4899 or myself at (520) 840-4826.

Respectfully

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Sif-Oidak District

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P.O BOX 12038 CASA GRANDE, AZ 85130 OFFICE: (520) 361-2360 (520) 383-3000 FAX: (520) 361-2358 Cockleburr Community Health and Safety Restriction Plan Effective Monday, January 18, 2021 to February 1, 2021.

The spread of COVID-19 is a public health emergency. Positive cases have been diagnosed within the Cockleburr Community. We are working collaboratively with the Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care, Tohono O'odham Nation Unified Command and the Sif-Oidak District officials to contain the spread and are following the procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Community takes into consideration compliance of HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).

Based upon the Community input at an emergency community meeting held on January 15, 2021 the following stipulations were accepted and must be adhered to:

Executive Order No. 2020-09:

All residents in the Cockleburr Community shall follow the Executive Order to stay at home or a shelter in place. Anyone violating this order will be reported to the Tohono O'odham Police Department.

Quarantined Families/Self - who tested positive to COVID-19 shall quarantine at their home and shall not leave during the quarantine period. A family member (who is not in quarantine), friend or Community Representative should be designated to obtain food/essential items.

Curfew – 8pm to 6am (daily), exception: persons who are employed and not under quarantine.

Families/person not in Quarantine – may leave their place of residence for medical, work (a work schedule must be submitted noting the work hours), emergencies, groceries/essential items and outdoor activities.

Social Gatherings - prohibited.

School – school bus will be allowed to enter for children who are attending in person as long as the family/families are not in quarantine. The family/families under quarantine should attend school via virtual.

Entrance – the north entrance to the community will only be open for entry and exit access. This entrance will be monitored by the Tohono O'odham Police Department. South entrance is an archeological area and will be closed indefinitely.

COVID-19 Testing – persons who are awaiting test results will remain at their place of residence and shall not leave the community.

Anyone violating this plan will be reported to the Tohono O'odham Police Department.

Cockleburr Community Health and Safety Restriction Plan may be modified and amended upon recommendation by the Community.

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