



Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care (TONHC)

COVID-19 Situation Update: September 8, 2021

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This is a rapidly evolving situation. Information is based upon data as of September 8 at 7:00 and may change as more data becomes available.

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

Total Pandemic Cases	New Cases This Week	TONHC Percent Positive Tests This Week*	Total Pandemic Deaths **
1,986	14	5%	83

September 08, 2021: TONHC COVID-19 Vaccination Program is currently in Phase 1A – 1C

Number of people fully vaccinated	Total Doses Given to date	Points of Distribution (PODs) Completed	PODs Open This Week
9,522	18,529	263	9

What's New?

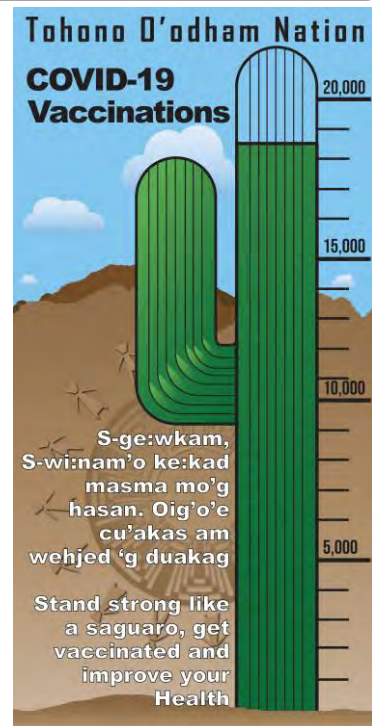
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION CURRENT RISK LEVEL: MODERATE

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
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COVID-19 vaccines continue to be highly effective in preventing serious COVID-19 disease. Among cases on the Tohono O'odham Nation, unvaccinated persons make up 93% of cases and 100% of the deaths and hospitalizations associated with COVID-19. Young adults and children now account for most of the COVID-19 cases on the TON. Until COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use in children, their best protection is for adults to be vaccinated. FDA and CDC are still reviewing the COVID-19 vaccine studies in children and we expect vaccines to be available by early 2022.

COVID-19 vaccination continues to be recommended for all persons ages ≥12 years, people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant now, or might become pregnant in the future, and for people who have been infected with COVID-19 once they recover. A 3rd dose is recommend for persons with severely weakened immune systems who were fully vaccinated with either Moderna or Pfizer. CDC has not yet announced if the general population should receive a booster dose.

October is usually the best time to start getting vaccinated for influenza (Flu). Persons may receive flu vaccine at the same time as COVID-19 and other vaccinations.



Positive COVID-19 Cases

	Enrolled Member of Tohono O'odham Nation	Enrolled Member of Another Tribe or Other	Total
Residing within Boundaries of TON	1342	51	1393
Residing outside Boundaries of TON	644	290	934
Total	1986	341	2327

*Includes non-TON members tested at TONHC

**Total Pandemic Cases & Deaths include non-tribal community members

COVID-19 Vaccinations	Completed COVID-19 Vaccine Series		At Least 1 COVID-19 Vaccine Administered		Population
	Percent (%)	(n)	Percent (%)	(n)	(n)
US Population 12 years & over**	62%		73%		
American Indian/Alaska Native	43%	8,227	49%	9,374	18,790*
Tohono O'odham Nation Member	48%	7,037	55%	8,038	14,541†
Residing on TON	52%	4,468	60%	5,073	8,519#

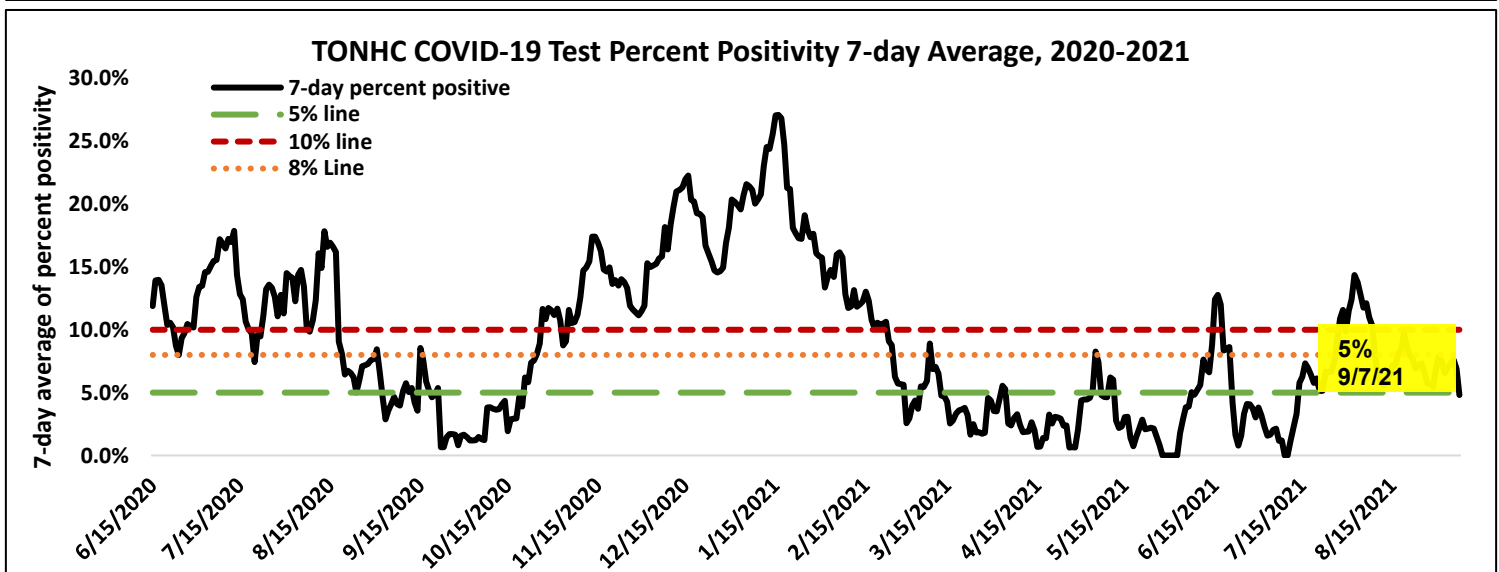
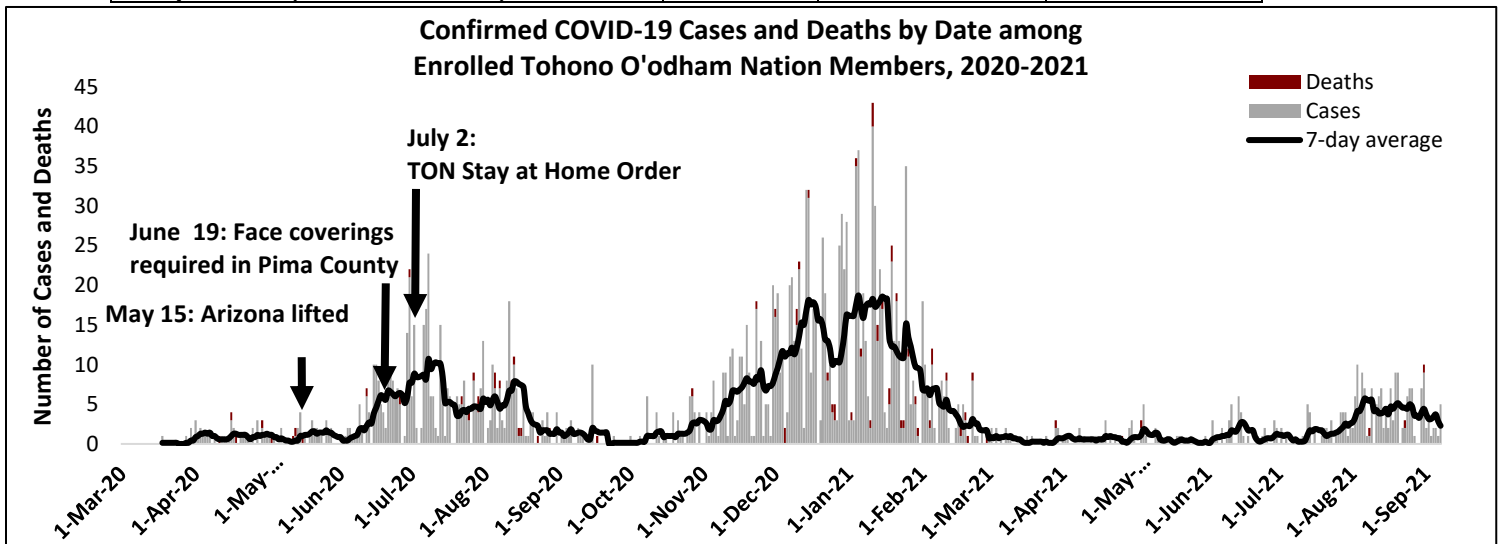
*American Indian/Alaska Native, vaccine eligible ages 12 years and older, at least 1 visit at TONHC in last 3 years, and TON members receiving vaccine through PIMC

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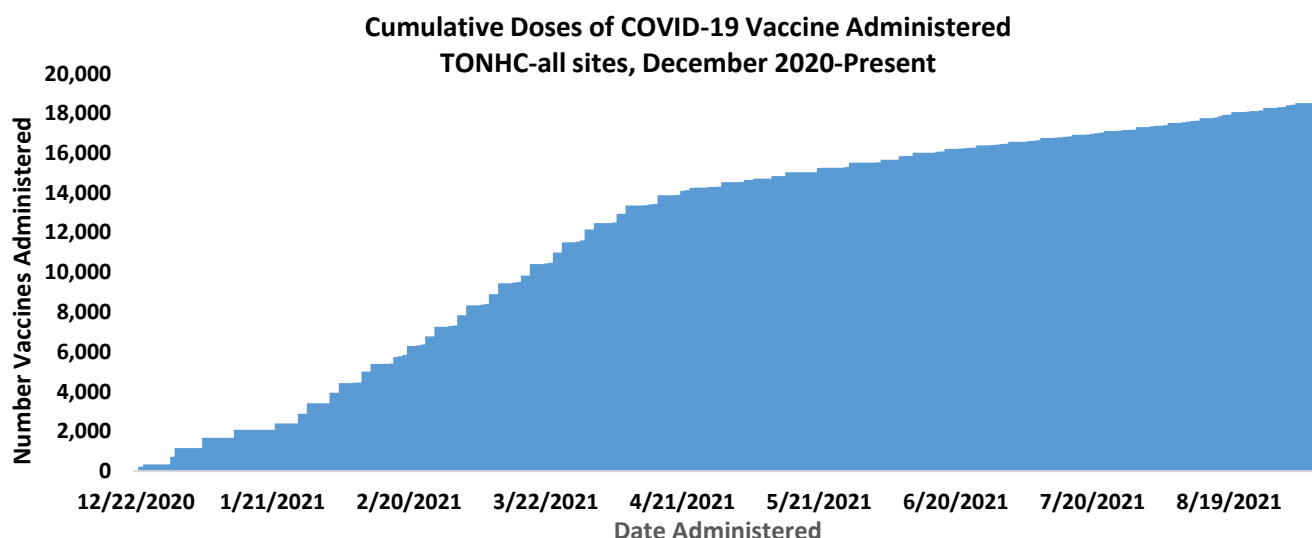
#Enrolled TON members and non-members, vaccine eligible ages 12 years and older, at least one visit at TONHC in last 3 years, residing on TON, including TON members receiving vaccine through PIMC

** CDC | Data as of: September 1, 2021 6:00am ET. Posted: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:39 PM ET

COVID-19 Case data	TON	Pima County	AZ
Total Cases	1986	129,788	1,039,492
Number of cases in last 7 days	14	2,037	22,829
Incidence Rate last 7 days (per 100,000)	46	173	260
Percent Positivity last 7 days	4.8%	7.8%	10.4%
Cumulative Incidence Rate (per 100,000)	10,280	12,424	14,459
Number Deaths (% of total cases)	83 (4%)	2,535 (2%)	19,141 (2%)
Number Hospitalized	259	8,021	73,380
Hospitalized (% of total cases)	13%	6%	7%



COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Dispensing (PODs) in TON



Vaccination of all community members is needed to block COVID-19 transmission, protect personal and public health, and preserve healthcare. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and recommended for all everyone aged 12 years and older, even for people who have had a prior COVID-19 infection.

TONHC follows guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to vaccinate in phases. ADHS distributes vaccines to health jurisdictions, including Tohono O'odham Nation (TON), based on population.

COVID-19 Vaccine is currently available through TONHC to members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and other tribes in Phases 1A, 1B, and 1C eligible groups:

- TON members or other American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes regardless of employment status or medical diagnoses (photo ID, tribal ID preferred)
- Non-Native persons who work with or live on the TON (bring employee ID or letter from supervisor stating your name, employer, and occupation)
- Non-Native persons who reside in a household with a tribal member (bring proof of residence)
- Must be 12-17 years for Pfizer vaccine or at least 18 years for Moderna and J&J/Janssen vaccines

Vaccine PODs

TONHC continues to vaccinate through scheduled PODs. Vaccines are also available at all TONHC clinics. Safety is a priority. We have medical providers and infection control monitors onsite at all times. Moderna vaccine requires an injection into the upper arm, with a booster shot four weeks later. Pfizer vaccine requires an injection into the upper arm, with a booster shot three weeks later. Janssen vaccine requires one injection into the upper arm, with no booster needed.

Upcoming POD events:

Tuesday, September 14th - BUSD COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at IOES Intermediate School, Campus Gym from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - Santa Rosa Health Center Vaccine Clinic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - After Hours Flu Vaccination Event at Basha's Plaza from 4p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - Santa Rosa Health Center Vaccine Clinic from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

COVID-19 Vaccine types

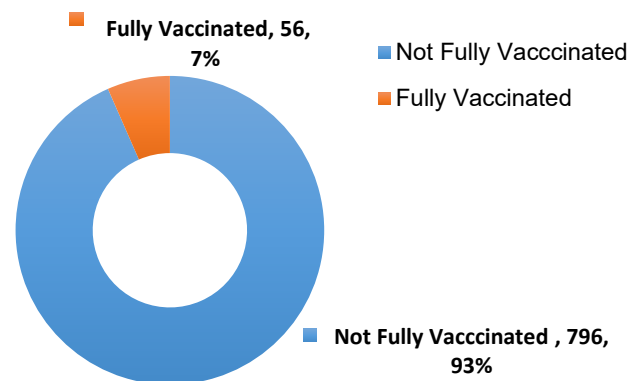
Currently, Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J/Janssen vaccines have Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) in the USA. TONHC currently uses Moderna and J&J/Janssen vaccines for adults and the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12-17. These vaccine brands are shown to be safe and effective to prevent COVID-19 infection and most importantly, prevent very serious cases.

COVID-19 Brief

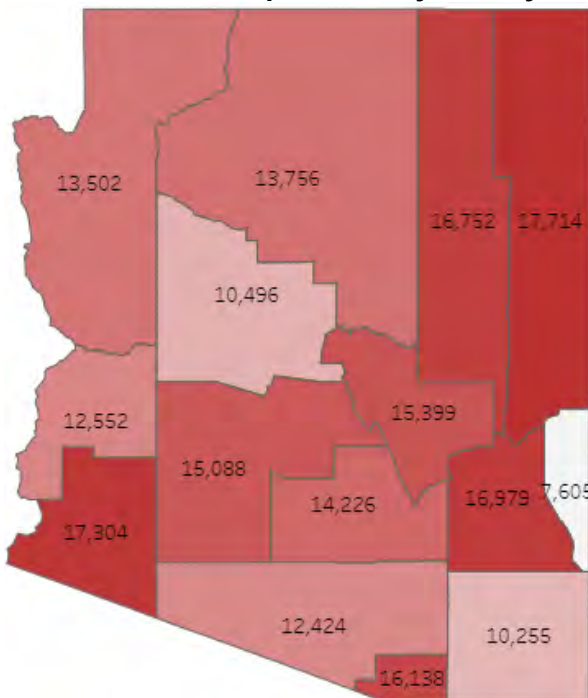
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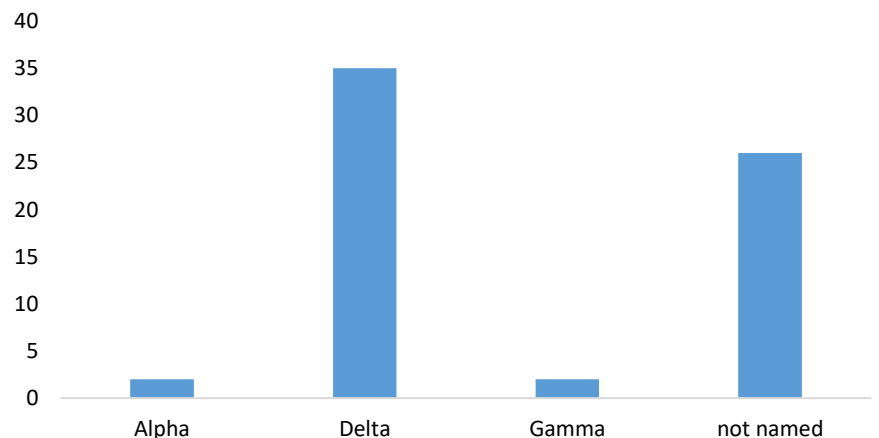
COVID-19 Cases among TON Members by
Vaccination Status, 2021



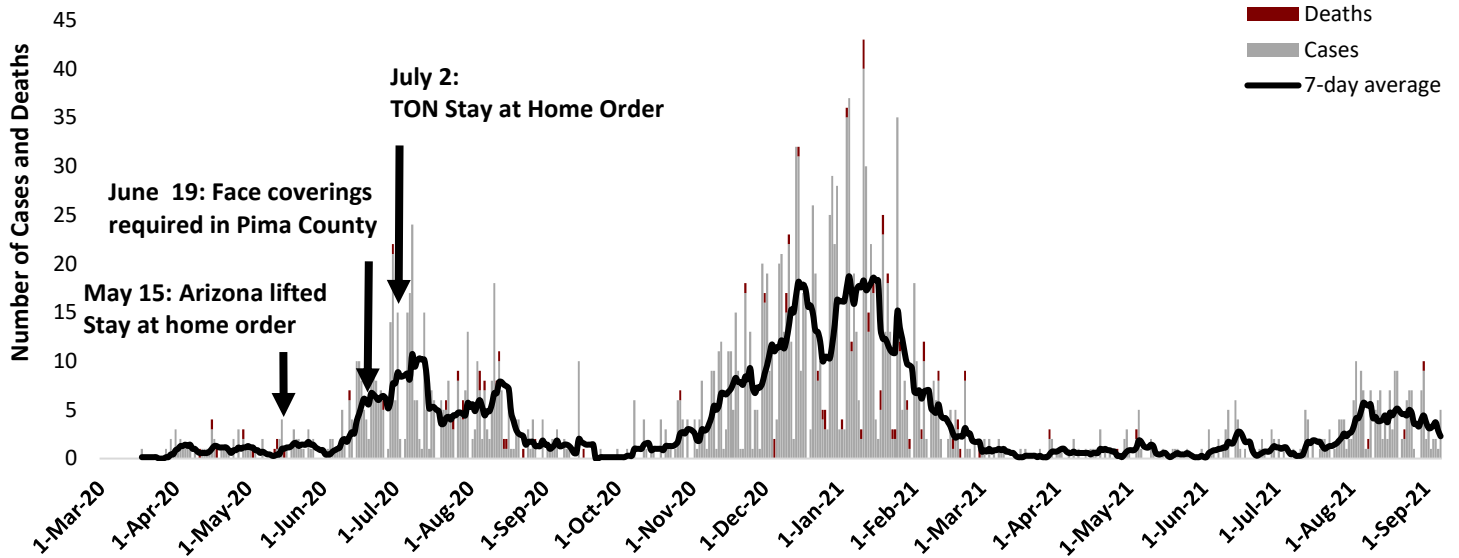
Cumulative Incidence
Rate per 100K by County



COVID-19 Variants reported from TONHC cases,
Arizona Department of Health Services 2021

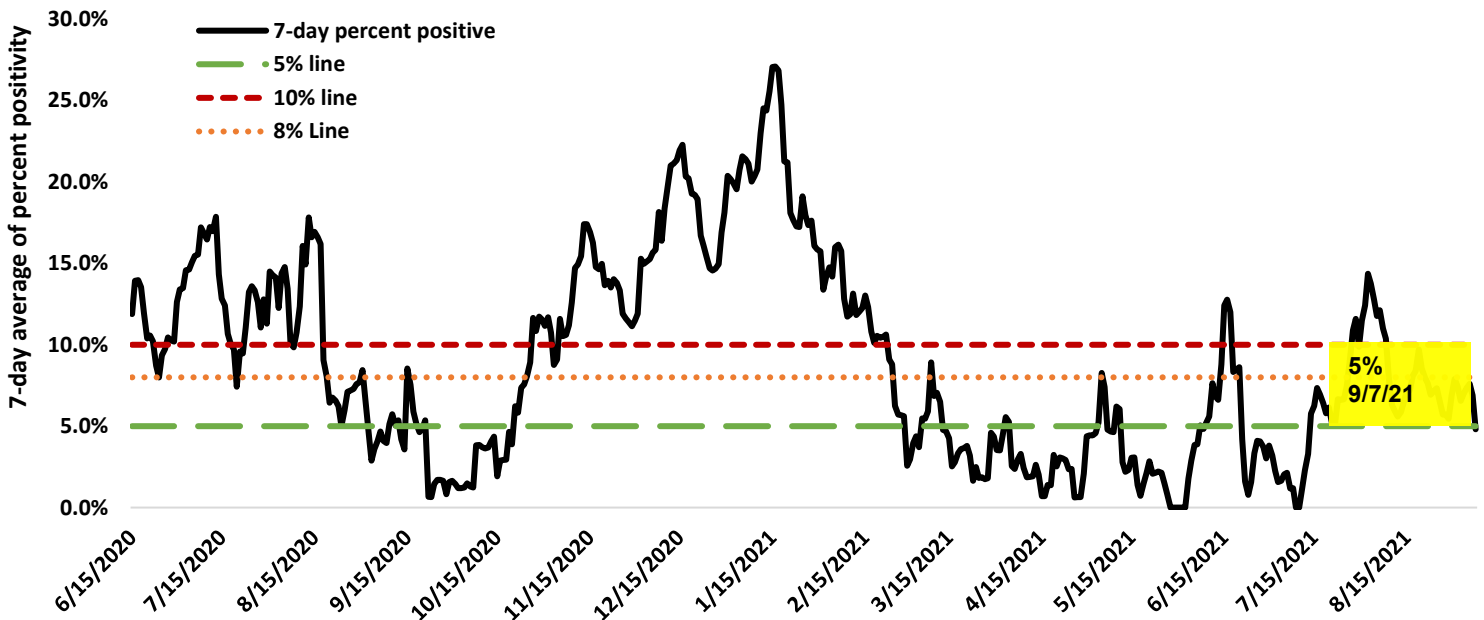


Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by Date among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation Members, 2020-2021



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 10

TONHC COVID-19 Test Percent Positivity 7-day Average, 2020-2021



17,501 COVID-19 Tests Performed at TONHC
272 Tests Performed in the Past 7 Days

Tohono O'odham Nation COVID-19 Positive Case Information

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1,986 members of the Tohono O'odham Nation have tested positive* for COVID-19 (as of 9/8/2021 at 7:00). On 9/1/2021, there were 1,972. This represents a **1%** increase over the last week. † The number of positive cases is **28x** the number 65 weeks ago (72 on 6/9/2020).

1,342 members of the Tohono O'odham Nation who tested positive reside in the Tohono O'odham Nation. On 9/1/2021, there were 1,337. This represents a less than **1%** increase† over the last week. The number of persons who reside in the Tohono O'odham Nation and tested positive for COVID-19 is **56x** the number 65 weeks ago (24 cases on 6/9/2020).

- **1,328** members (67%) are recovering (among members of the Tohono O'odham Nation) ‡
- **76** deaths among members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and **7** members of another tribe.
- **3** deaths in hospital in Tohono O'odham Nation, **74** in hospitals outside the Tohono O'odham Nation.

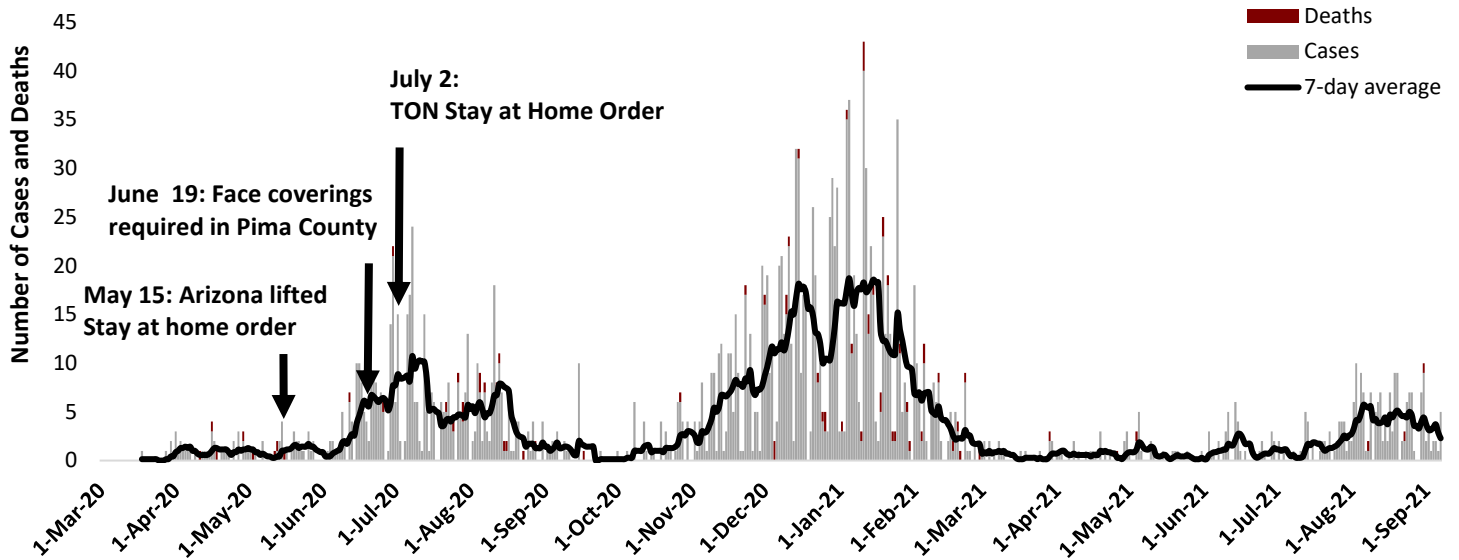
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†Defined as percentage change (most recent number – previous number)/previous number * 100

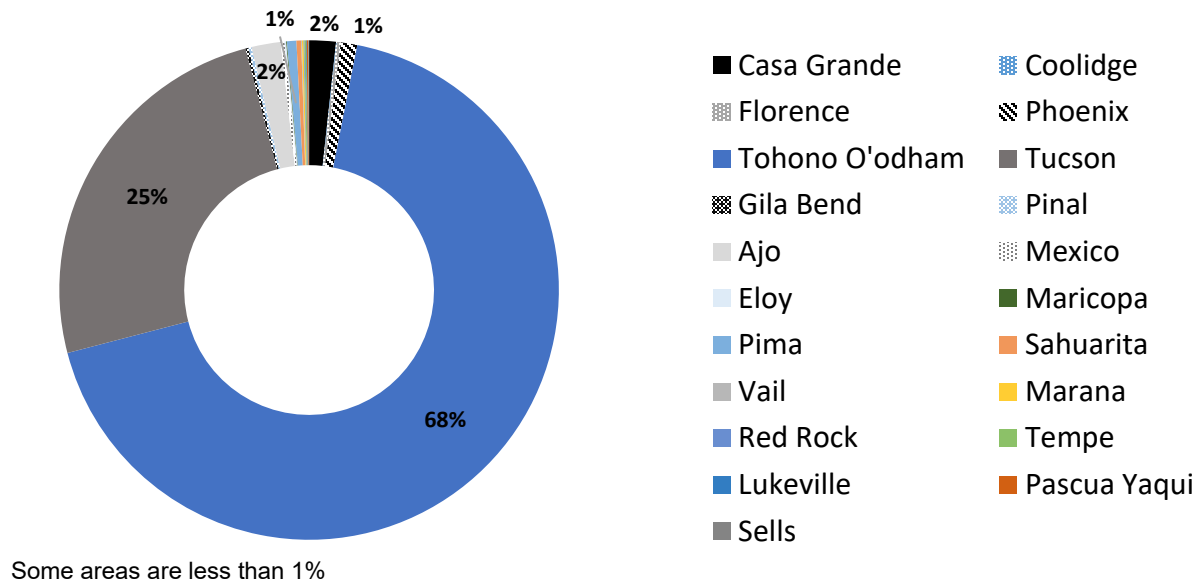
‡Absolute change in cumulative case count is the number of cumulative cases through week 2 subtracted from the number of cumulative cases through week 1, [week2 – week1]

¶Recovering is defined as having diagnosis/symptom onset 14-days ago, improving, and no longer hospitalized
7-day average is the average of cases for that day and the 6-days prior

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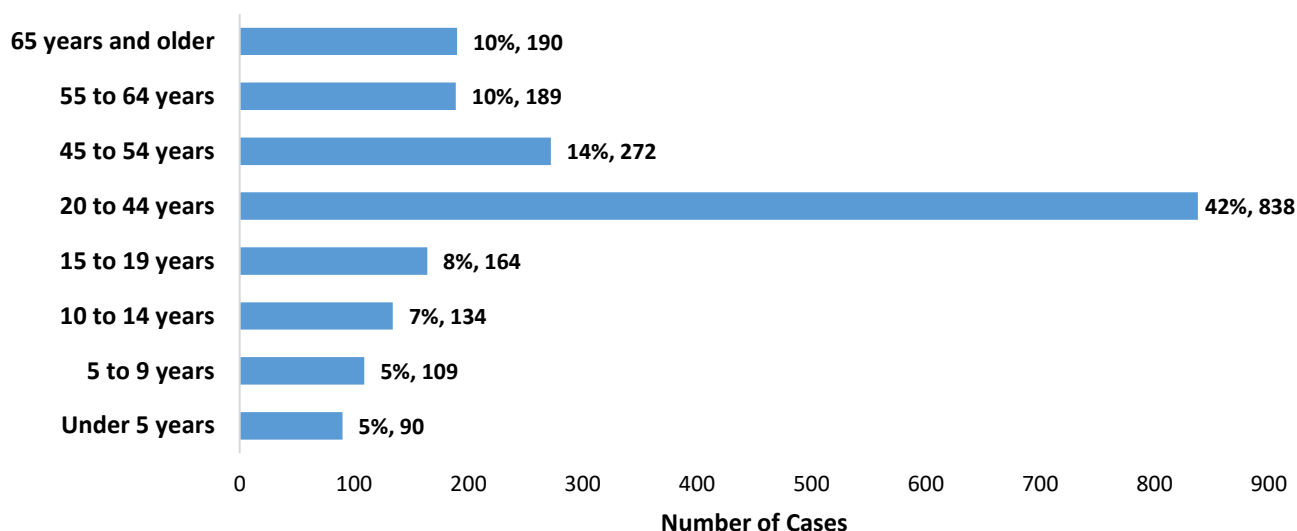


Region of Residence for COVID-19 Cases among Members of the Tohono O'odham Nation



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, 2020-2021



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

	Count (n)	Percent (%)	State of Arizona Percent (%)
TON members tested positive for COVID-19	1986		
Asymptomatic/Pre-symptomatic	376	19%	
TON Reside in Reservation	1342	68%	
Hospitalized	259	13%	7%
Recovering	1328	67%	
Died	76	4%	2%

	Median (years)	Minimum (months)	Maximum (years)
Age	34	0	102

	Male	Percent (%)	Female	Percent
Sex	808	41%	1178	59%

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

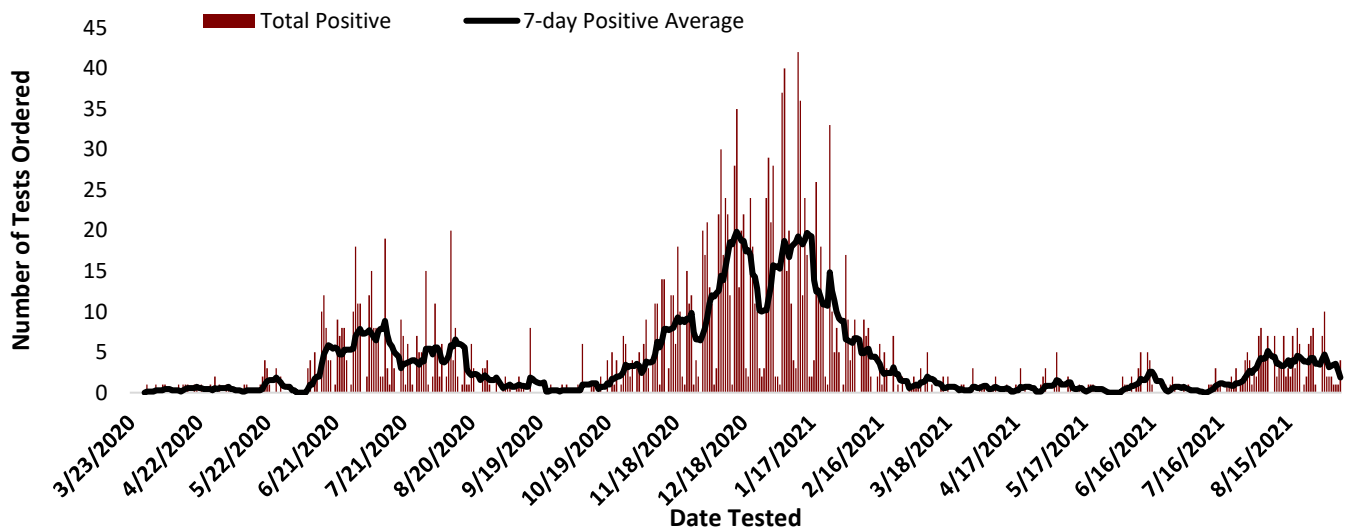
TONHC total number of COVID-19 testing (as of 9/8/2021 at 7:00): **17,501** tests performed:

- 16,296 = patients (anyone who receives care at a TONHC facility)
- 1,105 = employees
- 100 = first responders

On 9/1/2021, 17,229 tests were performed. In the past seven days, TONHC performed 272 tests. As of 9/8/2021, **1,978** tests results were positive* for COVID-19. On 8/25/2021, there were 1,965 positive tests. The number of positive test results are **52x** the amount compared to 65 weeks ago (since 6/9/2020). 38 total tests were positive on 6/9/2020. There have been **87** positive cases among TONHC employees.

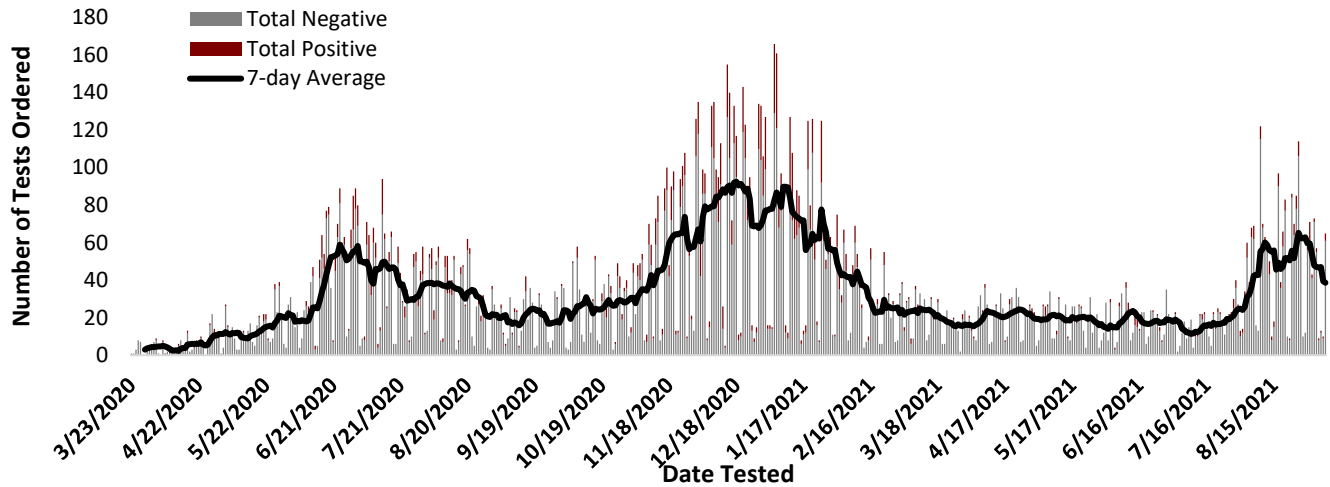
As of 9/8/2021 at 7:00, 9,844 individual TONHC patients have tested for COVID-19. This comprises **49%** of the TONHC User Population. User Population consists of patients who have received care at TONHC at least twice in the past three years.

COVID-19 Positive Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care, 2020-2021



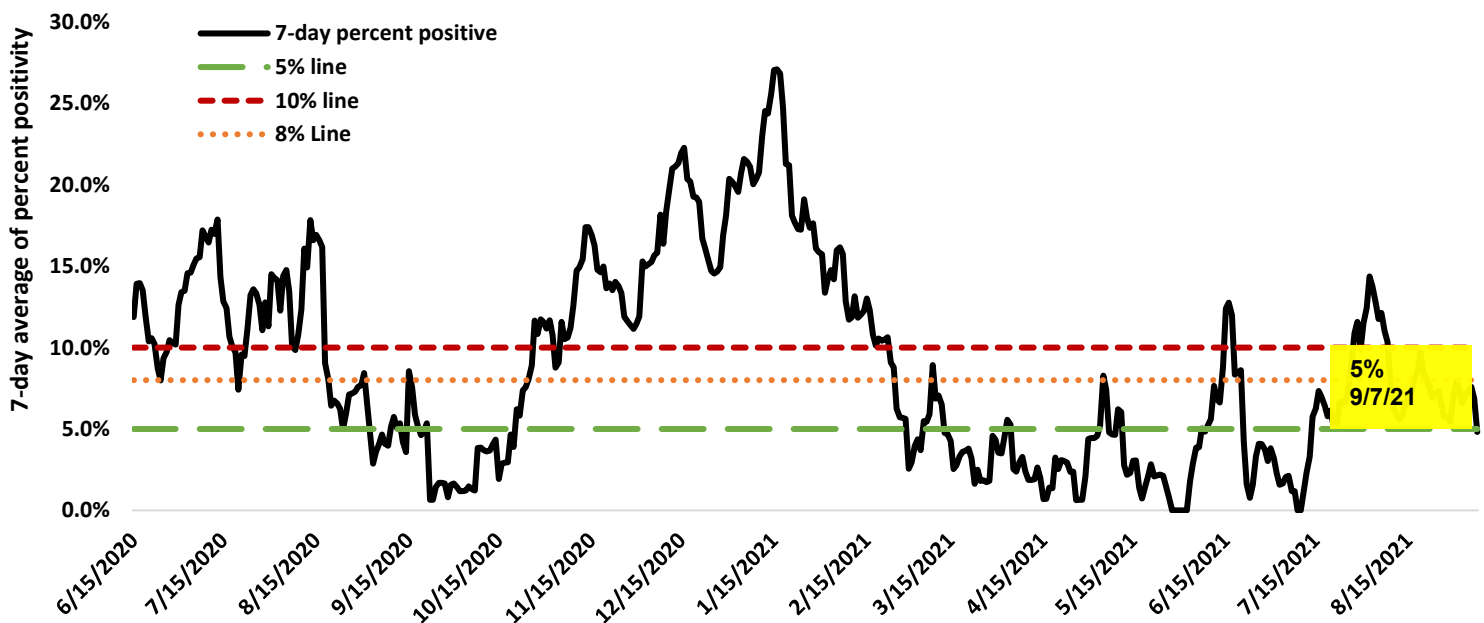
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COVID-19 Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care by Result, 2020-2021



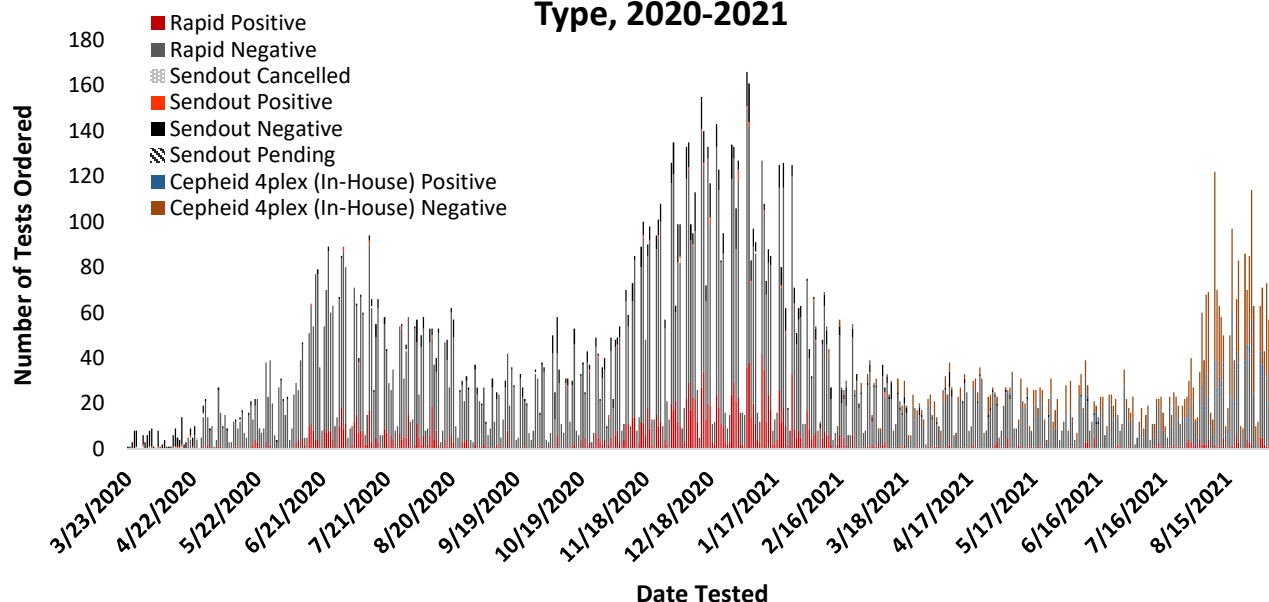
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TONHC COVID-19 Test Percent Positivity 7-day Average, 2020-2021



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COVID-19 Tests Performed at Tohono O'odham Health Care by Type, 2020-2021



COVID-19 testing began at TONHC on March 23, 2020. Same-day testing is available at San Xavier, Sells, San Simon, and Santa Rosa. This means all the equipment to run tests are in the clinical laboratories. We began on-site same-day testing on April 20, 2020. There are two different in-house testing platforms currently; same-day/rapid test for symptomatic patients or same-day PCR testing (testing for SARS CoV-2, Flu A, Flu B, and RSV using one swab, starting February 1, 2021). Send-out testing is used for specific cases. Effective 8/1/21, in-house antibody testing was discontinued, however testing can still be ordered and sent to the reference laboratory.

We have eleven on-site Abbott ID NOW™ machines that are used for same-day symptomatic testing and 4 Cepheid analyzers that can perform up to 52 PCR tests at one time for non-symptomatic patients. We continue to pursue additional avenues for more on-site PCR testing. In addition to expanding our testing capabilities, medical assistants at TONHC completed competencies in performing COVID-19 nasal swab testing to assist with performing testing.

*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, $|\text{week2} - \text{week1}|$

Staying Safe at HOME

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 exposure 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 in the Community Setting



How to make sure your mask works the best it can

1. **Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face.** Gaps can let air with respiratory droplets leak in and out around the edges of the mask
2. **Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others' out.** A mask with layers will stop more respiratory droplets getting inside your mask or escaping from your mask if you are sick.

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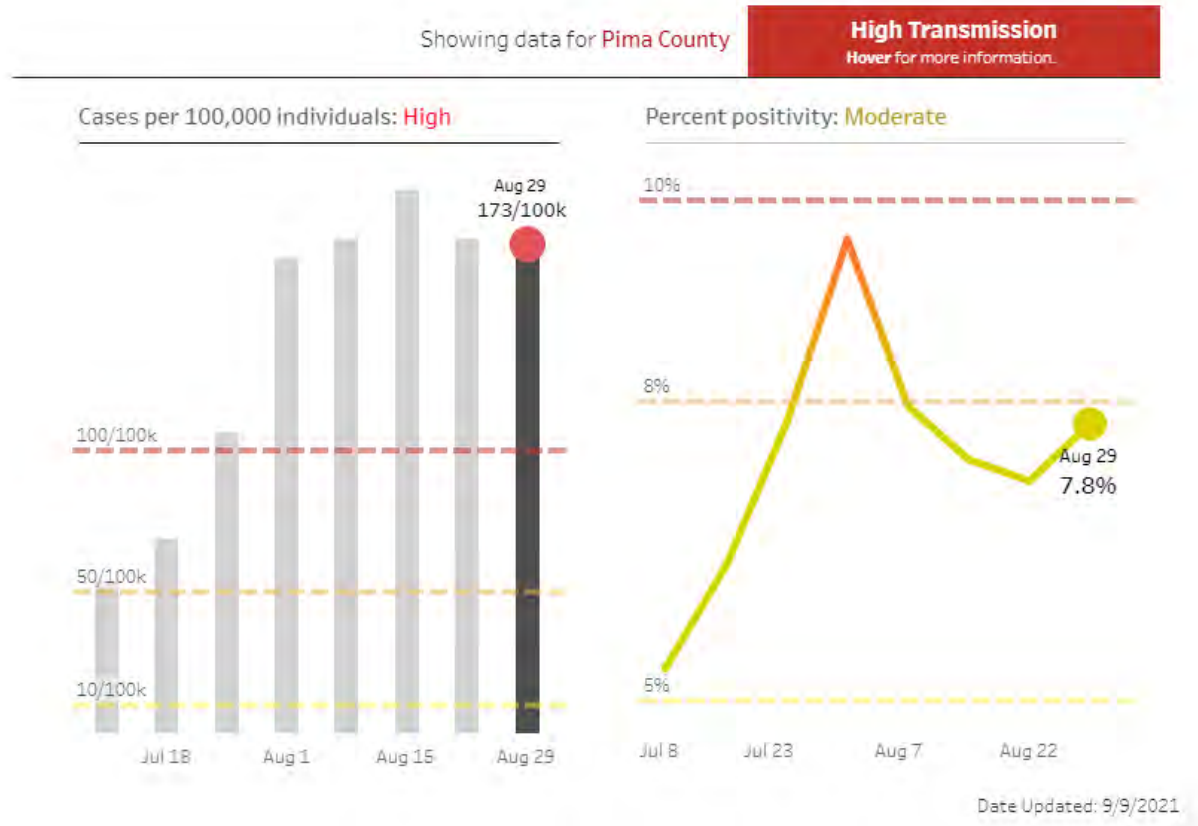
- Choose a mask with a **Nose Wire**
 - A nose wire is a metal strip along the top of the mask
 - Nose wires prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask.
 - Bend the nose wire over your nose to fit close to your face.
- Use a **Mask Fitter or Brace**
 - Use a mask fitter or brace over a disposable mask or a cloth mask to prevent air from leaking around the edges of the mask.
- Check that it **Fits Snugly** over your nose, mouth, and chin
 - Check for gaps by cupping your hands around the outside edges of the mask.
 - Make sure no air is flowing from the area near your eyes or from the sides of the mask.
 - If the mask has a good fit, you will feel warm air come through the front of the mask and may be able to see the mask material move in and out with each breath.
- Add **Layers** of material
 - 2 ways to layer
 - Use a cloth mask that has multiple layers of fabric.
 - Wear one disposable mask underneath a cloth mask.
 - The second mask should push the edges of the inner mask against your face.
- **Make sure you can see and breathe easily**
 - **Knot and Tuck** ear loops of a 3-ply mask
 - Knot the ear loops of a 3-ply face mask where they join the edge of the mask
 - Fold and tuck the unneeded material under the edges
- For video instructions, see: <https://youtu.be/UANi8Cc71A0>**external icon**.



Adapted from: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html> Accessed 2/24/2021

Arizona COVID-19 School Benchmarks

On March 2nd, 2021 CDC announced updated school guidance. The Arizona Department of Health Developed Community Transmission to Reflect Level of Community Risk: CDC recommends the use of two measures of community burden to determine the level of community transmission. These measures assess the incidence and spread of COVID-19 in the community, not the school itself. Risk is dependent on community level transmission **and** implementation of school and community mitigation strategies.



Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the last 7 days	0 – 9	10 – 49	50 – 99	≥ 100
Percentage of nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0% – 7.9%	8.0% – 9.9%	≥ 10.0%

Arizona Department of Health Services, <https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/novel-coronavirus/schools/school-benchmarks.pdf>, accessed 3/11/21.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE ON HOME ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

Tohono O'odham Nation Health Care has updated guidance on isolation and quarantine to align with recent changes to CDC recommendations. For reference, quarantine is defined as separating yourself from all persons in your home if you may have been exposed to the virus. Isolation refers to being symptomatic or infected with the virus, and separating yourself from all persons in your home.

Quarantine Guidance (as of 8/5/2021)

Health care workers at TONHC: if fully vaccinated and close contact exposure, and no symptoms (asymptomatic)

- Get tested by COVID-19 PCR on Day 5 (or as close to day 5 as possible) to determine if transmission occurred
- Can continue to go to work
- Facemask to be worn at all the time around others for 14-calendar days post exposure and per TONHC policy. Note: all health care workers are required to wear a surgical facemask at all times at TONHC.
- If healthcare worker develops COVID-19 related symptoms (e.g., fever of ≥ 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or respiratory symptoms), they must cease patient care activities immediately, notify their supervisor and employee health, and leave worksite to prevent exposure of others.

Note: all health care workers are to check for symptoms and fever prior to working. Do not come to work if you have symptoms.

Community members: if fully vaccinated and close contact exposure, and no symptoms (asymptomatic)

- Quarantine immediately, stay home until end of quarantine.
- Get tested by PCR at least 5 days from exposure (test at 5 days after exposure and up to day 14)
- In some cases, quarantine can end after 7 full days, if negative test result and no symptoms (if test done within 48 hours of end of quarantine date). Your medical provider or public health team will let you know the end of the quarantine date.
- If not tested for any reason or at the recommendation of public health nursing or medical provider, quarantine may end 10 full days from COVID-19 exposure
- Facemask to be worn at all times when around other people for 14-calendar days post exposure

Community members: if unvaccinated and close contact exposure, and no symptoms (asymptomatic)

- Quarantine immediately, stay home until end of quarantine.
- Get tested by PCR at least 5 days from exposure (test at 5 days after exposure and up to day 14)
- Quarantine will end 10 full days from COVID-19 exposure
- In some special cases, quarantine can end after 7 full days, if negative test result and no symptoms (if test done within 48 hours of end of quarantine date). Your medical provider or public health team will let you know the end of your quarantine date.
- Facemask to be worn at all times when around other people for 14-calendar days post exposure

*Special exception: Must quarantine for 14 days if in a congregate setting

Close contact exposure: within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period

Close contact exposure for health care worker includes in addition: prolonged exposure to patients with COVID-19 infection when the health care workers eyes, nose, or mouth are not covered (not wearing appropriate PPE).

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assessment-hcp.html>

For more information on home isolation guidance, please contact TONHC Public Health Nursing Department.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): HOME ISOLATION GUIDANCE

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

Isolation is for people who have tested **positive** or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and are waiting to be tested or diagnosed. It prevents the spread of COVID-19 by asking people who have COVID-19 (or those with symptoms) to stay away from others until they have fully recovered and can no longer transmit the virus. You should stay in a specific "sick room," if possible, and away from other people in your home.

If you tested **POSITIVE** for COVID-19 **or** have symptoms of COVID-19, you should stay **isolated** at home for a specified period of time – usually around 10 days.

Stay isolated means you need to:

- **Separate** yourself from others in your home, as much as possible. Stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom, if possible. If you cannot separate from others at home, you need to wear a mask.
- **Do not attend** work, school, be in public areas or use public transportation.
- **Avoid sharing** 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.
- **Monitor** your symptoms and seek medical care if your illness is worsening.

The number of days you need to stay isolated at home depends on:

- Your COVID-19 test result;
- Your symptoms;
- If you were a close contact of someone with COVID-19;
- How sick you were; and
- If you are severely immunocompromised.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness, may appear 2 – 14 days after exposure and may include:

Fever or chills	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	New loss of taste or smell
Cough	Muscle or body aches	Headache
Nausea or vomiting, diarrhea	Sore Throat	Congestion or runny nose
		Fatigue

Close Contacts are people who were **within 6 feet** of a person with COVID-19 while infectious for a **cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period** or who had **physical contact** with a person with COVID-19 while infectious, regardless of whether masks were worn.

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

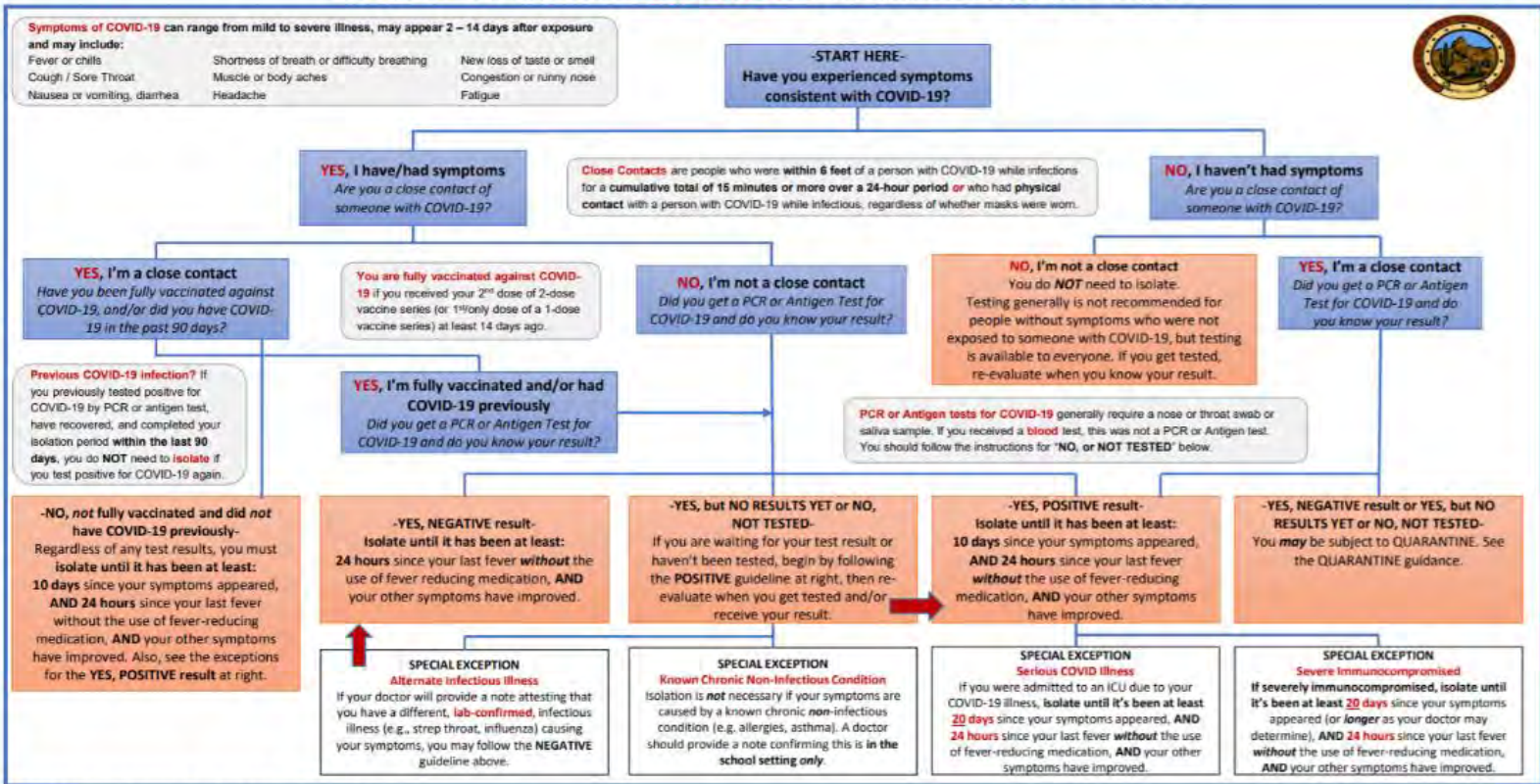
Contact your healthcare provider or Public Health Nursing for any questions. You can also review the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

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Updated 5/4/2021 (Subject to change as new information becomes available. Please look for the most up-to-date recommendations).



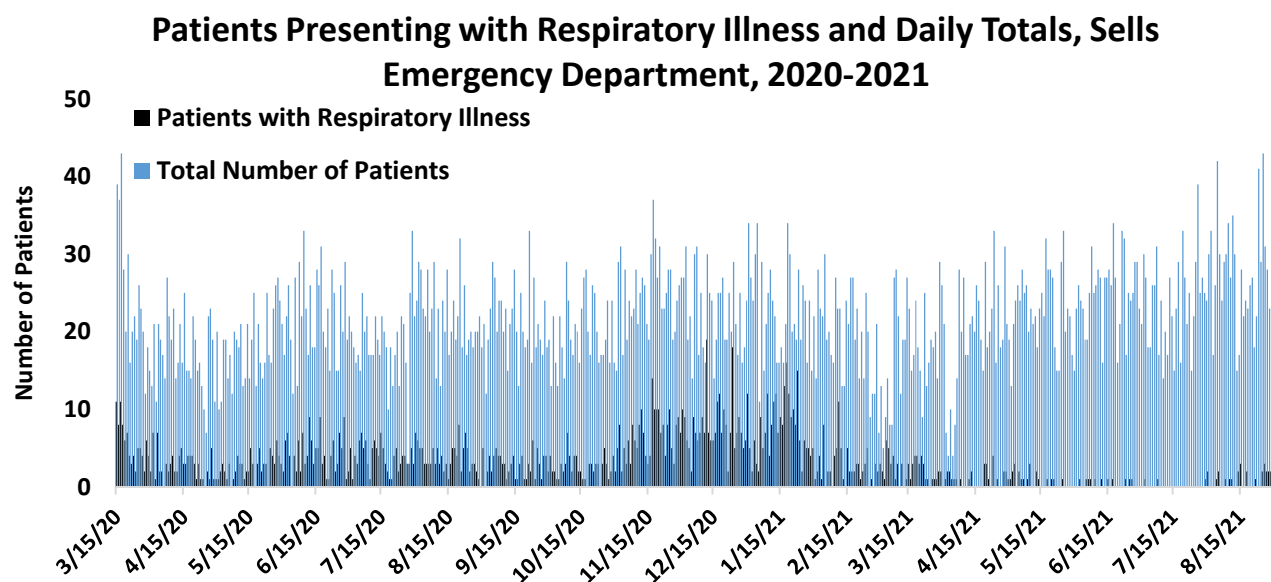
COVID-19 Home Isolation Guidance Flow Chart



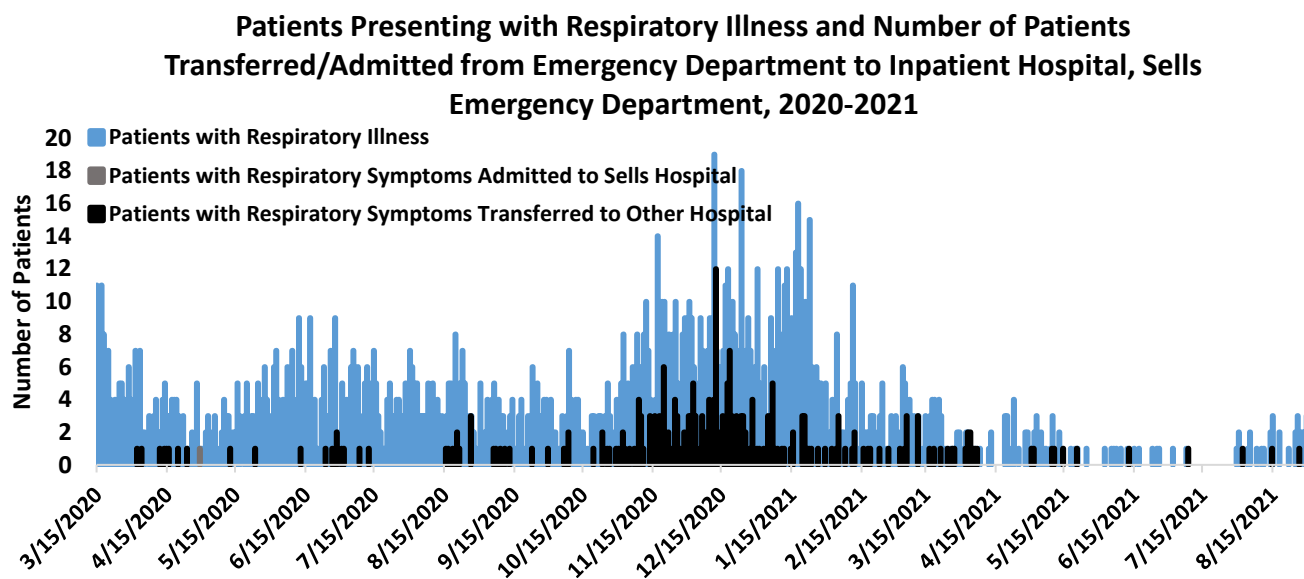
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Sells Emergency Department Syndromic Surveillance

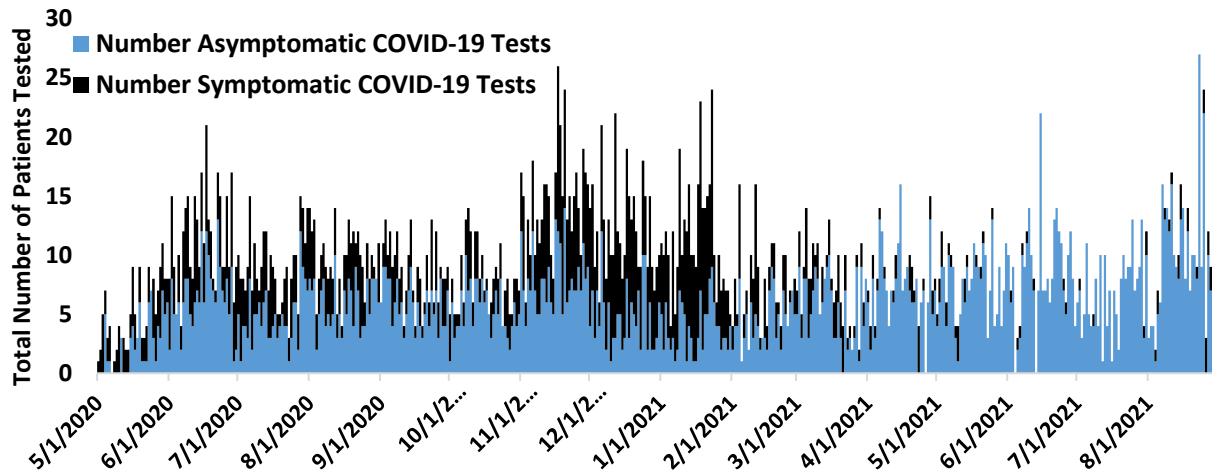


Syndromic surveillance refers to detection of indicators that are discernible before confirmed diagnoses are made. For example, an increase in the number of patients seen with respiratory symptoms could be an indicator of COVID-19. There were 11 patients seen in Sells Emergency Department with respiratory symptoms during the week of 8/23/2021- 8/29/2021.



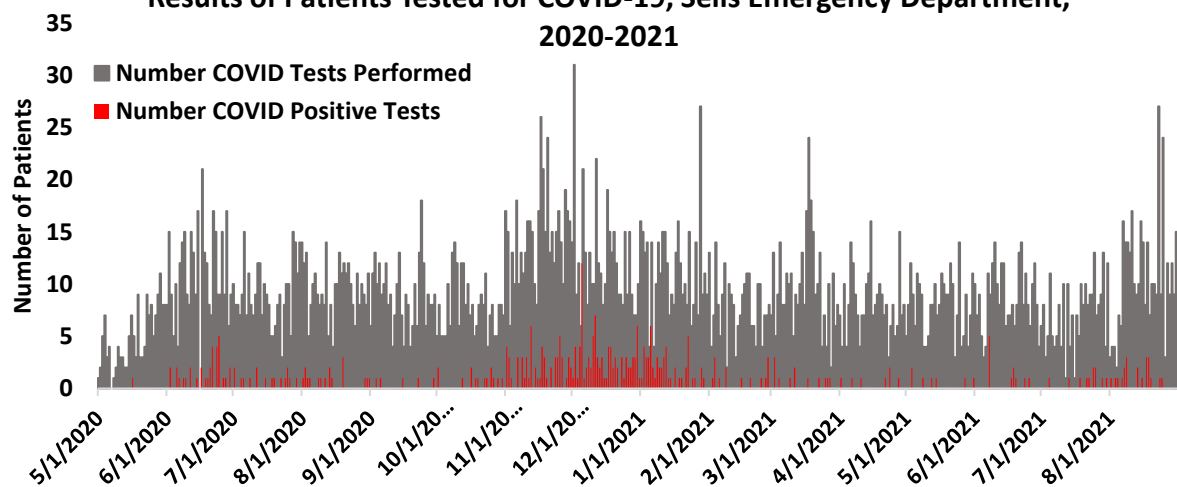
As of 9/1/2021, there were 2 admissions to Sells Hospital and 250 outside transfers for respiratory symptoms from Sells Emergency Department. The number of patients transferred from the emergency department to hospital inpatient units helps to identify severity of disease among the population. This is 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 Tested for COVID-19, Sells Emergency Department, 2020-2021



Same-day COVID-19 testing began on 4/20/20. From 8/23/21– 8/29/21, between 23 and 43 patients were seen each day 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, 2020-2021



The week of 8/23/21 – 8/29/21, 7 persons seen in the emergency department tested positive for COVID-19. There have been 371 total positive test results from tests performed in Sells emergency department as of 9/1/2021, 7:00.

For patients who need to be transferred to hospitals in town for level care, the time from the patient walking in the door to being transferred to another facility is called door to transfer time. With COVID-19, many hospitals have limited bed availability, and the door to transfer time has increased:

Door to transfer time in June 2021 was 262 minutes.

Door to transfer time in July 2021 was 292 minutes.

Door to transfer time in August 2021 was 402 minutes.

This means that many facilities are unable to receive the patient right away and so it may mean less beds are available.

TONHC Situation Update 09/01/2021 7:00

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EMPLOYEE HEALTH

All employees at TONHC must wear a procedure/surgical mask while at work. All employees in patient care areas must wear a procedure/surgical mask and eye protection. All employees in areas with patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 must wear N95 respirator, eye protection, gloves, and gown.

674 TONHC employees and TON first responders (1103 encounters) have been evaluated by employee health for respiratory symptoms related to illness or other reasons (as of 7:00 9/8/2021).

3 TONHC employees and TON first responders are currently sick (as of 7:00 9/8/2021).

There have been 87 Cases of COVID-19 among TONHC employees. 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.

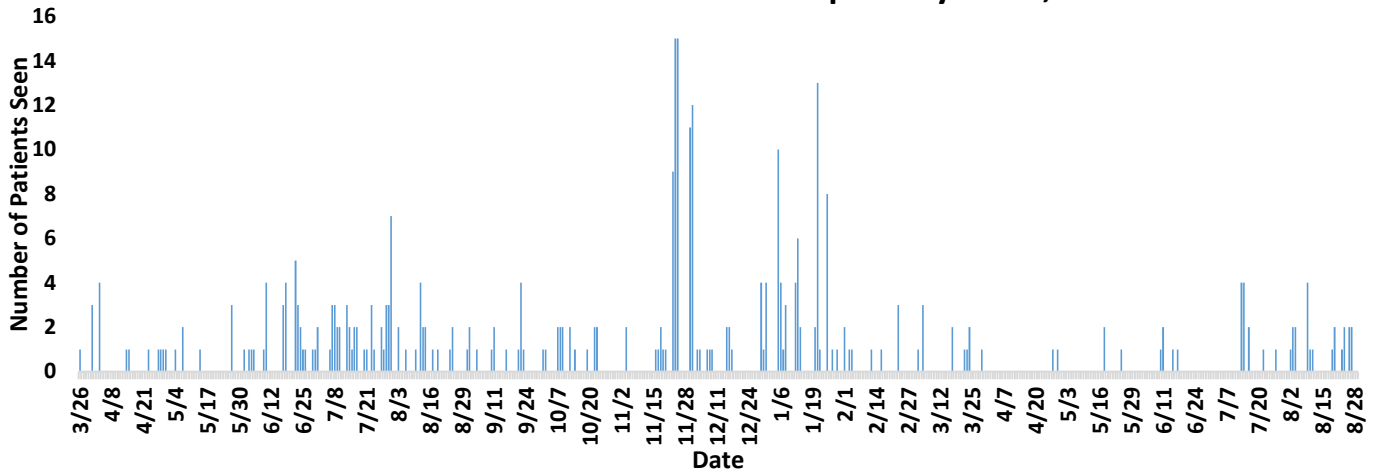
TONHC Infection Control

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).

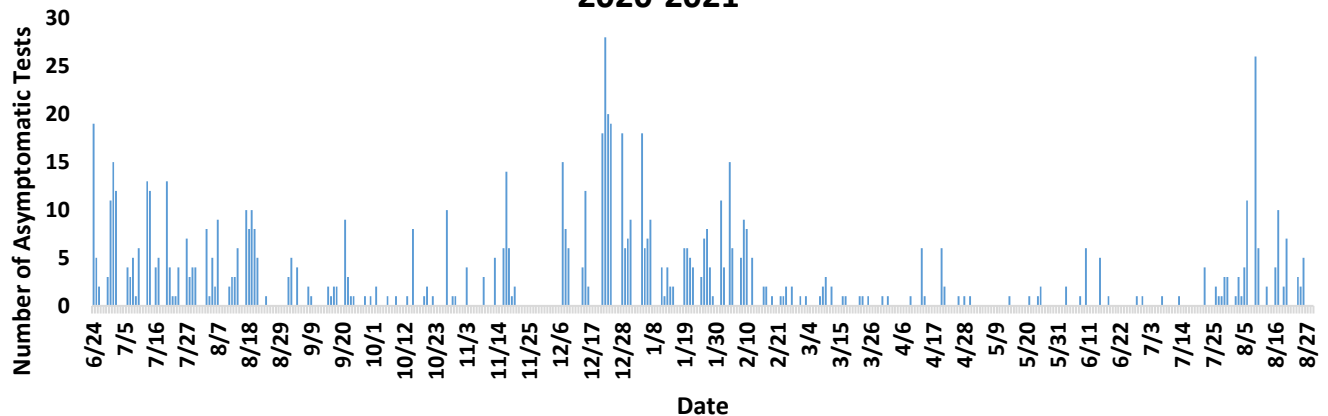
- At the San Xavier, Sells, and San Simon Health Care Centers, the Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™ program ended on 3/31/21 and now contingency N95 strategies are in use.
- All staff are wearing procedure/surgical masks, and staff caring for patients are also wearing eye protection.
- 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 Patients seen at San Simon Respiratory Clinic, 2020-2021



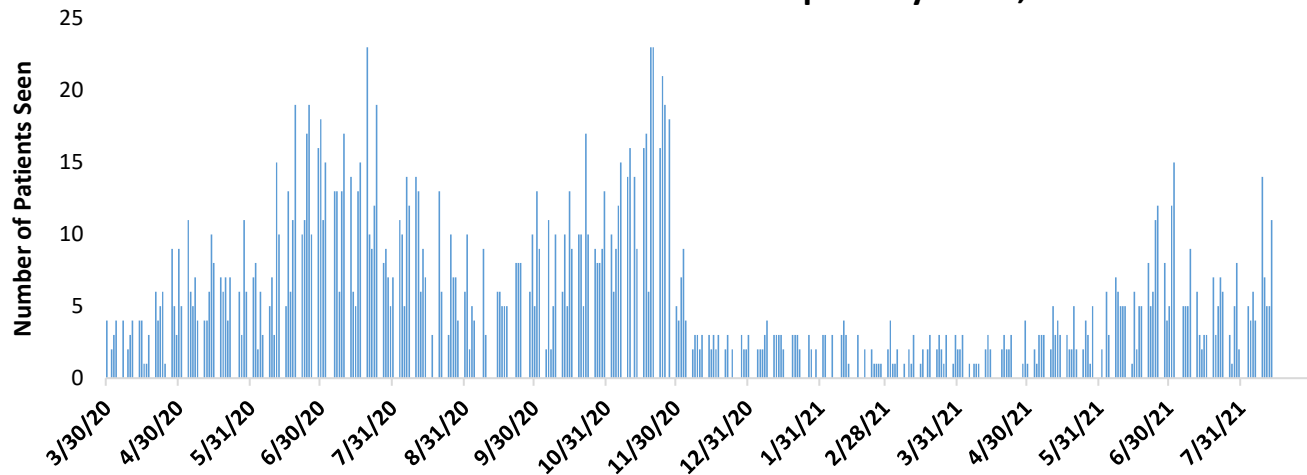
Number of COVID-19 Asymptomatic Tests Performed at San Simon, 2020-2021



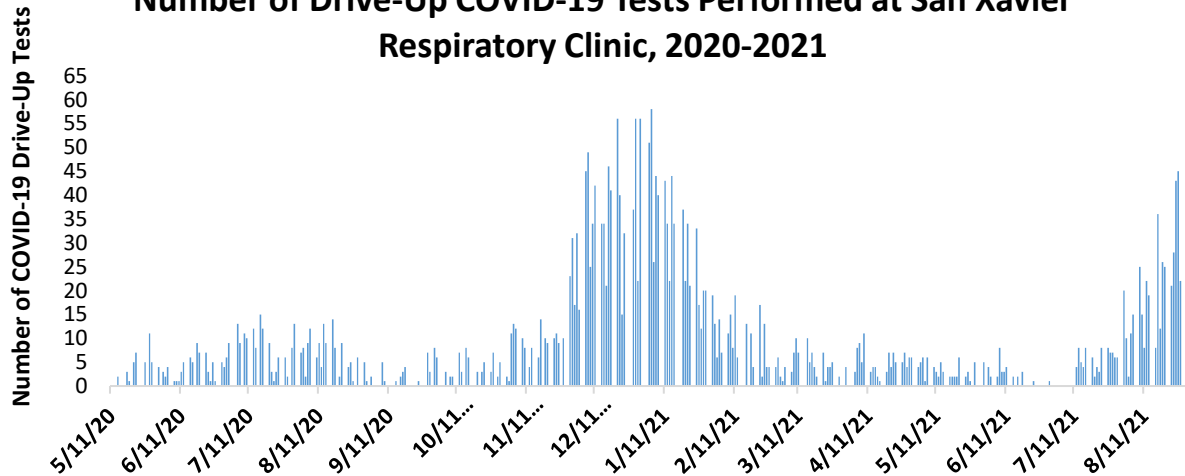
These are the number of COVID-19 tests performed on patients that have no symptoms of COVID-19 (no fever, no cough, no difficulty breathing, etc.), or patients who are symptomatic but only desire to be tested. They are performed on people who may have had exposure to COVID-19, are entering a congregate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

CLINIC – SAN XAVIER

Number of Patients seen at San Xavier Respiratory Clinic, 2020-2021



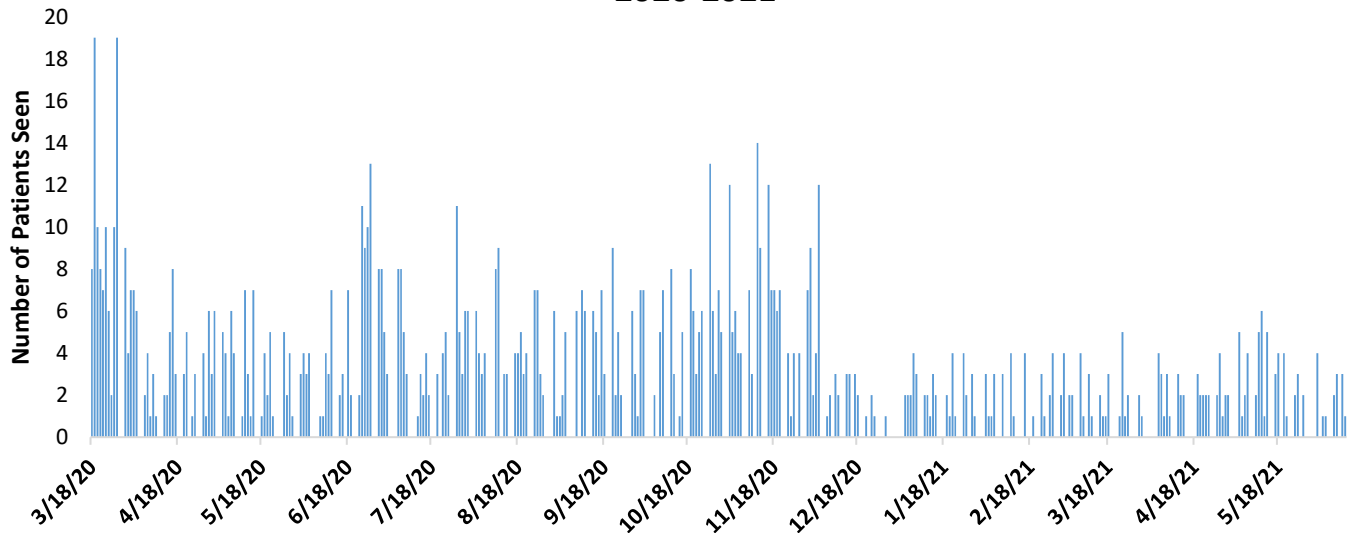
Number of Drive-Up COVID-19 Tests Performed at San Xavier Respiratory Clinic, 2020-2021



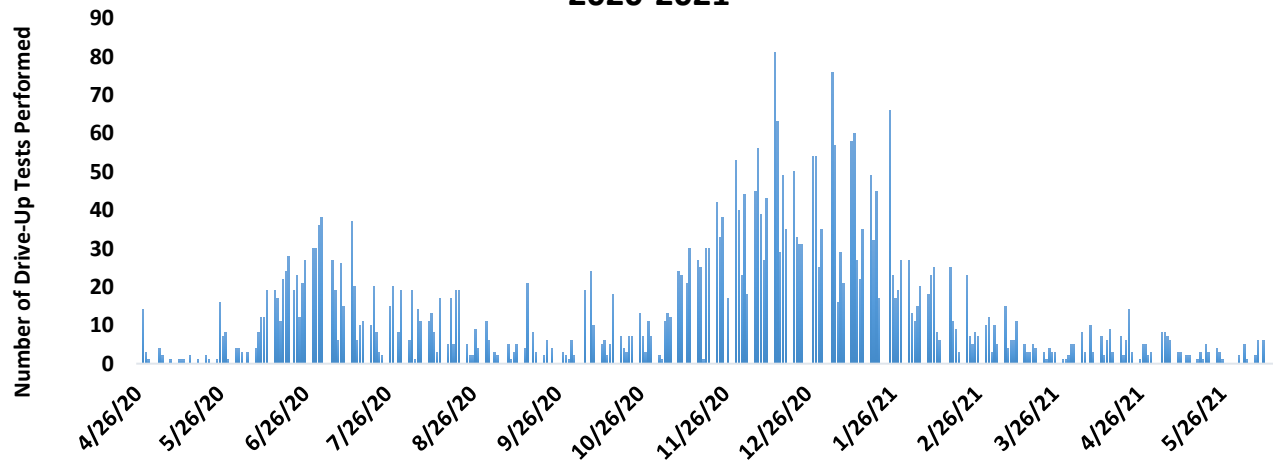
Drive-Up testing includes both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients, with testing for symptomatic patients beginning in November at San Xavier Clinic. Asymptomatic testing is for patients that have no symptoms of COVID-19 (no fever, no cough, no difficulty breathing, etc.). They are performed on people who may have had exposure to COVID-19, are entering a congregate setting, or are going to be admitted to the hospital. Patients who have COVID-19 symptoms may be offered a drive up test instead of a Respiratory Clinic visit.

CLINIC – SELLS

**Number of Patients seen at Sells Respiratory Clinic,
2020-2021**



**Number of Drive-Up COVID-19 Tests Performed at Sells Clinic,
2020-2021**



Drive-Up testing includes both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients, with testing for symptomatic patients beginning on 11/23/2020 at Sells Hospital. Asymptomatic testing is for patients that have no symptoms of COVID-19 (no fever, no cough, no difficulty breathing, etc.). They are performed on people who may have had exposure to COVID-19, are entering a congregate setting, or are going to be admitted to the hospital. Patients who have COVID-19 symptoms may be offered a drive up test instead of a Respiratory Clinic visit.

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 other special circumstances. In accordance with state enhanced surveillance advisory related to COVID-19, daily information is reported to Arizona State using EMResource.

5 patients were 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 – 13 (9/8/2021)

Med/Surge Bed Capacity – 14, with 5 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).

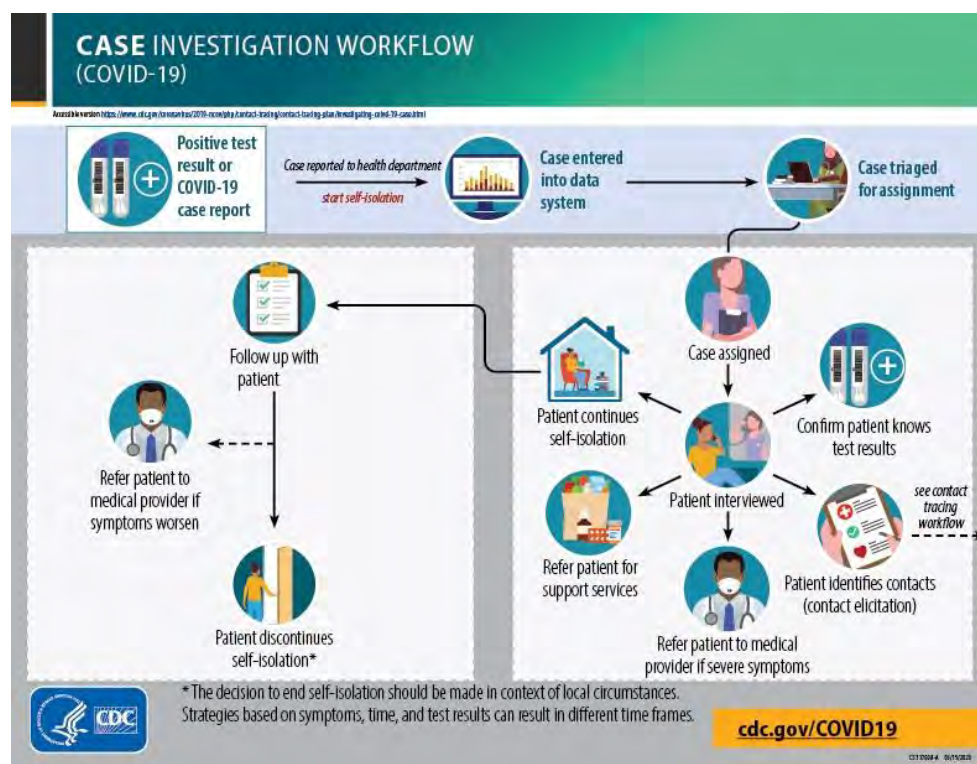
The Arizona Surge Line is used for all transfers outside of TONHC. The Arizona Surge Line is a 24/7 toll-free statewide system activated 4/22/20 to keep hospitals and regions of Arizona from being overwhelmed by facilitating COVID-19 patient admission, transfer, and discharge to appropriate levels of care.

Our outpatient clinic staff has been cross-trained in inpatient patient care. To date we have trained 16 members 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 are transferred to intensive care units at other sites.

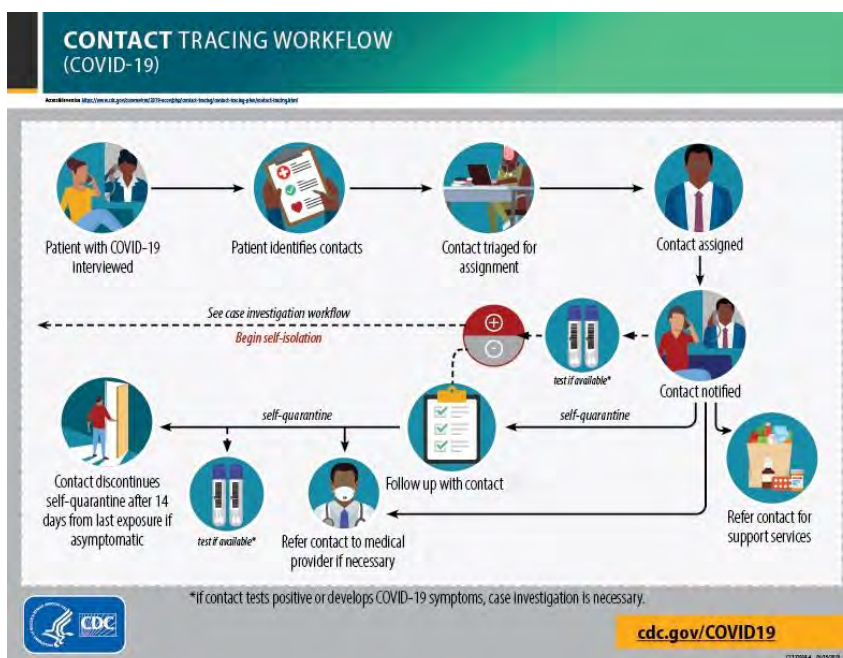
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING – CONTACT TRACING

As of 9/8/21 at 7:00, 4,321 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.



APPENDIX

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Absolute Change among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation Members by Week, 2020-2021*

Week (2020)	Cumulative COVID-19 Cases Among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Tribal Members	Absolute Change ^s in Cumulative Case Counts from Previous Week
June 24 th – June 30 th	208	
July 1 st – July 7 th	265	57
July 8 th – July 14 th	324	59
July 15 th – July 21 st	349	25
July 22 nd – July 28 th	382	33
July 29 th – August 4 th	421	39
August 5 th – August 11 th	468	47
August 12 th – August 18 th	501	33
August 19 th – August 25 th	513	12
August 26 th – September 1 st	523	10
September 2 nd – September 8 th	532	9
September 9 th – September 15 th	546	14
September 16 th – September 22 nd	546	0
September 23 rd – September 29 th	547	1
September 30 th – October 6 th	549	2
October 7 th – October 13 th	560	11
October 14 th – October 20 th	566	6
October 21 st – October 27 th	584	18
October 28 th – November 3 rd	597	13
November 4 th – November 10 th	635	38
November 11 th – November 17 th	685	50
November 18 th – November 24 th	742	57
November 25 th – December 1 st	803	61
December 2 nd – December 8 th	888	85
December 9 th – December 15 th	1015	127
December 16 th – December 22 nd	1107	92
December 23 rd – December 29 th	1189	82
December 30 th – January 5 th	1320	131
January 6 th – January 12 th	1441	121
January 13 th – January 19 th	1527	86
January 20 th – January 26 th	1621	94
January 27 th – February 2 nd	1668	47
February 3 rd – February 9 th	1702	34
February 10 th – February 16 th	1725	23
February 17 th – February 23 rd	1743	18
February 24 th – March 2 nd	1749	6
March 3 rd – March 9 th	1755	6
March 10 th – March 16 th	1756	1
March 17 th – March 23 rd	1758	2
March 24 th – March 30 th	1760	2
March 31 st – April 6 th	1761	1

April 7 th – April 13 th	1763	2
April 14 th – April 20 th	1767	4
April 21 st – April 27 th	1769	2
April 28 th – May 4 th	1777	8
May 5 th – May 11 th	1786	9
May 12 th – May 18 th	1787	1
May 19 th – May 25 th	1790	3
May 26 th – June 1 st	1791	1
June 2 nd – June 8 th	1797	6
June 9 th – June 15 th	1815	18
June 16 th – June 22 nd	1817	2
June 23 rd – June 29 th	1820	3
June 30 – July 6 th	1822	2
July 7 th – July 13 th	1829	7
July 14 th –July 20 th	1836	7
July 21 st – July 27 th	1847	11
July 28 th – August 3 rd	1873	26
August 4 th – August 10 th	1894	21
August 11 th – August 17 th	1921	27
August 18 th – August 24 th	1946	25
August 25 th – August 31 st	1972	26
September 1 st – September 7 th	1986	14

*changes due to added cases

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Absolute Change among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Nation Members Residing within the Tohono O'odham Nation by Week, 2020-2021*

Week (2020)	Cumulative COVID-19 Cases Among Enrolled Tohono O'odham Tribal Members Residing within the Tohono O'odham Nation Boundary	Absolute Change^s in Cumulative Case Counts from Previous Week
June 24 th – June 30 th	87	
July 1 st – July 7 th	116	29
July 8 th – July 14 th	163	47
July 15 th – July 21 st	182	19
July 22 nd – July 28 th	204	22
July 29 th – August 4 th	234	30
August 5 th – August 11 th	272	38
August 12 th – August 18 th	299	27
August 19 th – August 25 th	309	10
August 26 th – September 1 st	319	10
September 2 nd – September 8 th	326	7
September 9 th – September 15 th	340	14
September 16 th – September 22 nd	340	0
September 23 rd – September 29 th	340	0
September 30 th – October 6 th	341	1
October 7 th – October 13 th	349	8
October 14 th – October 20 th	352	3
October 21 st – October 27 th	358	6

October 28 th – November 3 rd	369	11
November 4 th – November 10 th	401	32
November 11 th – November 17 th	436	35
November 18 th – November 24 th	484	48
November 25 th – December 1 st	527	43
December 2 nd – December 8 th	588	61
December 9 th – December 15 th	684	96
December 16 th – December 22 nd	746	62
December 23 rd – December 29 th	795	49
December 30 th – January 5 th	883	88
January 6 th – January 12 th	968	85
January 13 th – January 19 th	1030	62
January 20 th – January 26 th	1106	76
January 27 th – February 2 nd	1136	30
February 3 rd – February 9 th	1164	28
February 10 th – February 16 th	1177	13
February 17 th – February 23 rd	1189	12
February 24 th – March 2 nd	1193	4
March 3 rd – March 9 th	1197	4
March 10 th – March 16 th	1198	1
March 17 th – March 23 rd	1200	2
March 24 th – March 30 th	1202	2
March 31 st – April 6 th	1202	0
April 7 th – April 13 th	1202	0
April 13 th – April 20 th	1205	3
April 21 st – April 27 th	1205	0
April 28 th – May 4 th	1209	4
May 5 th – May 11 th	1218	9
May 12 th – May 18 th	1219	1
May 19 th – May 25 th	1221	2
May 26 th – June 1 st	1222	1
June 2 nd – June 8 th	1226	4
June 9 th – June 15 th	1242	16
June 16 th – June 22 nd	1243	1
June 23 rd – June 29 th	1244	1
June 30 – July 6 th	1245	1
July 7 th – July 13 th	1251	6
July 14 th – July 20 th	1256	5
July 21 st – July 27 th	1261	5
July 28 th – August 3 rd	1280	19
August 4 th – August 10 th	1292	12
August 11 th – August 17 th	1311	19
August 18 th – August 24 th	1322	11
August 25 th – August 31 st	1337	15
September 1 st – September 7 th	1342	5

*Changes due to added cases and reclassification of residence

TONHC COVID-19 Positive Test Results and Absolute Change by Week, 2020-2021

Week (2020)	TONHC Cumulative Positive COVID-19 Test Results	Absolute Change [†] in Positive Test Results from Previous Week
June 24 th – June 30 th	153	
July 1 st – July 7 th	202	49
July 8 th – July 14 th	251	49
July 15 th – July 21 st	278	27
July 22 nd – July 28 th	302	24
July 29 th – August 4 th	342	40
August 5 th – August 11 th	382	40
August 12 th – August 18 th	403	21
August 19 th – August 25 th	416	13
August 26 th – September 1 st	426	10
September 2 nd – September 8 th	431	5
September 9 th – September 15 th	444	13
September 16 th – September 22 nd	445	1
September 23 rd – September 29 th	447	2
September 30 th – October 6 th	449	2
October 7 th – October 13 th	457	8
October 14 th – October 20 th	464	7
October 21 st – October 27 th	487	23
October 28 th – November 3 rd	505	18
November 4 th – November 10 th	549	44
November 11 th – November 17 th	604	55
November 18 th – November 24 th	667	63
November 25 th – December 1 st	725	58
December 2 nd – December 8 th	824	99
December 9 th – December 15 th	962	138
December 16 th – December 22 nd	1066	104
December 23 rd – December 29 th	1148	82
December 30 th – January 5 th	1276	128
January 6 th – January 12 th	1409	133
January 13 th – January 19 th	1497	88
January 20 th – January 26 th	1584	87
January 27 th – February 2 nd	1630	46
February 3 rd – February 9 th	1664	34
February 10 th – February 16 th	1689	25
February 17 th – February 23 rd	1706	17
February 24 th – March 2 nd	1711	5
March 3 rd – March 9 th	1723	12
March 10 th – March 16 th	1729	6
March 17 th – March 23 rd	1731	2
March 24 th – March 30 th	1736	5

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March 31 st – April 6 th	1739	3
April 7 th – April 13 th	1743	4
April 13 th – April 20 th	1747	4
April 21 st – April 27 th	1748	1
April 28 th – May 4 th	1755	7
May 5 th – May 11 th	1764	9
May 12 th – May 18 th	1765	1
May 19 th – May 25 th	1768	3
May 26 th – June 1 st	1768	0
June 2 nd – June 8 th	1774	6
June 9 th – June 15 th	1792	18
June 16 th – June 22 nd	1794	2
June 23 rd – June 29 th	1798	4
June 30 – July 6 th	1800	2
July 7 th – July 13 th	1803	3
July 14 th – July 20 th	1810	7
July 21 st – July 27 th	1823	13
July 28 th – August 3 rd	1853	30
August 4 th – August 10 th	1878	25
August 11 th – August 17 th	1906	28
August 18 th – August 24 th	1932	26
August 25 th – August 31 st	1965	33
September 1 st – September 7 th	1978	13