

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

"Putting Our People First"

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I issued an Executive Order (now referred to as Executive Order No. 1 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic), declaring a public health State of Emergency regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and measures to be taken in the Gila River Indian Community to address the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, from March 13, 2020 through the present, I have issued various Executive Orders to address the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Community must continue diligence in its efforts and direct measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor of the Gila River Indian Community, through the authority granted to me in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community and Title 1 of the Gila River Indian Community Code, hereby order as follows:

First, in order to achieve stability to the Community in the time of an emergency and to prevent the further spread of coronavirus within the Community, as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 1680c(d), I hereby direct that all employees of the Gila River Indian Community are to be tested for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as soon as possible as follows:

- This order applies to all employees who have been working at the Community workplace during the partial Community government shutdown, including employees working on rotating schedules, or any employees who will return to work at the Community prior to May 31, 2020.
- Employees will receive additional information from their Department Directors regarding how testing will be conducted.
- The results of any testing will be kept confidential in accordance with applicable law and positive test results will be reported as required by Community or federal law.
- Employees who have already been tested for COVID-19 do not need to be retested, but will be required to provide documentation of prior testing.

- Employees who refuse testing may be required to utilize their employee leave banks to remain away from the workplace until permitted to return.

Second, I also encourage that essential employees of any Community-owned corporation or entity also be tested for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes the Community's tribally-controlled schools (Blackwater Community School, Casa Blanca Community School, and Gila Crossing Community School).

Third, testing will also be available to Community Council and elected and appointed officials of the Community.

DONE THIS 2th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

BY

GOVERNOR STEPHEN ROE LEWIS

