

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. 8 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, in June 2020, the State of Arizona experienced a dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, emergency department visits and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present a serious threat to the Community, its residents, employees and visitors; 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, all persons within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation over 2 years of age, unless traveling through the Reservation on a federal or state right-of-way, shall wear a protective face mask in public areas of the Community. All Reservation-based employers and businesses shall provide appropriate personal protective equipment, including face masks, for employees and visitors.

Second, all Reservation-based employers shall immediately enact policies permitting employees who are high-risk of contracting COVID-19 (pursuant to Centers for Disease control guidelines), the option to telework or take a paid leave of absence for a period of up to 60 days or longer if extended by a subsequent executive order. This includes employees in the following categories:

- Employees 65 years and older; and
- Employees of any age with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
 - Employees with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
 - Employees who have serious heart conditions;

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