

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor

“Putting Our People First”

Stephen Roe Lewis
Governor



Robert Stone
Lieutenant Governor

AMENDED 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, on June 18, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 8 Regarding Coronavirus 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, all persons within the boundaries of the Gila River Indian Reservation over 2 years of age, unless traveling through the Reservation on a 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. First-time violators of this directive will receive a written warning; second or subsequent violations will result in a citation under the Community's Criminal Code or, for non-members, for Civil Trespass.

Second, all Reservation-based employers (other than the Community) shall immediately enact policies permitting employees who are high-risk of contracting COVID-19 (pursuant to Centers for Disease control guidelines), to telework, take a paid leave of absence or other safe alternative work arrangement, at the discretion of the employer, for a period of up to forty-five (45) days or longer if extended by a subsequent executive order. This includes employees in the following categories:

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