



Comprehensive Executive Order No.9 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic

The Comprehensive Executive Order no. 9 declares there is a continued public health state of emergency in the Gila River Indian Community regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, which shall continue until further notice.

The Community must continue to be diligent in its efforts to address the Coronavirus Pandemic and take aggressive measures to continue to protect our members and the public at large from this disease.

Executive Order No.9 Outlines the following:

- All travel for Community employees is suspended until November 30, 2020. The suspension applies to all travel that normally requires authorization under the Community's Travel Policy.
- All Community sponsored gatherings of more than ten (10) persons are prohibited until November 30, 2020, unless specifically approved in writing by the Executive Office.
 - o The prohibition does not apply to Community commercial entities operating within the Community.
 - o The prohibition of gatherings of more than ten (10) persons applies to funeral services, wakes, cremations, which shall be subject to additional restrictions.
- Price gouging is unlawful on the Gila River Indian Reservation.
- No household or business shall have its utilities disconnected by the Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA) or Gila River Telecommunications Incorporated (GRTI) until the expiration of the Community COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- There is a continued moratorium on any new evictions being initiated by the Department of Community Housing (DCH) or the Department of Housing Development (DHD) until the expiration of the Community COVID-19 State of Emergency. The moratorium shall not apply to evictions based on criminal activity.
- Executive Order No.9 designates specific departments, programs and entities to situationally receive Protected Health Information (PHI) until the expiration of the Community COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- Executive Order No.9 extends the partial closure of the all Community government departments and offices, excluding the Community Public Safety Departments until November 29, 2020. All employee's employees will return to work on November 30, 2020, unless the order is amended to change the dates.

- Full Government operations will resume pursuant to a comprehensive “Tribal Government Return to Work” plan and phased-in approach which will be approved by the Executive Office in consultation and coordinate with Council.
- All Individuals who live on the Reservation shall remain in their place of residence except when conducting essential activities until November 30, 2020. Essential activities include going to work, grocery shopping, farming or ranching activities, seeking medical care, outside physical activity, or caring for a family member, travel to and from school, special needs children attendance at school located on the reservation, taking care of a friend or animal, or other activity determined by the Executive Office in writing to be an essential activity.
- Under the Communicable Disease Ordinance, GRIC Code Title 17, any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have been advised to self-quarantine by a health care professional or the Tribal Health Department and does not submit to voluntary quarantine may be subject to a written quarantine directive by the Tribal Health Department and court ordered quarantine by the Community court, enforceable by the Gila River Police Department.
- Until further notice, all persons within the boundaries of the Reservation at any time over two (2) years of age must wear a protective face mask while in public areas located within the Reservation. Violating the mask requirement may result in a citation.
- All reservation based employers must have in place policies providing High-risk employees the option to telework or take a paid leave of absence or work out a safe alternative work arrangement.
- No High-risk Employee who works for the Community shall be permitted to return to the Community workplace until further notice.
- All employees of the Community must be tested for COVID-19 every two (2) weeks until further notice. Employees of the Community who refuse testing or fail to show up for testing as directed will be subject to disciplinary action.
- The Community shall make COVID-19 testing available to the following groups of individuals on a regular bi-weekly basis until further notice: Community Council & elected/appointed officials of the Community, Employees of all schools located on the Reservation, All Community Members, including urban Members residing in the surrounding Communities, Employees of all wholly-owned Community entities or operated entities, Employees of Boys & Girls Clubs on Reservation
- All schools located on the Reservation shall provide education to the students enrolled in each school only through virtual classes or distance learning and not in person or on-site classes from the start of the school year through at least November 30, 2020.
- Schools in the Community may offer on-site services to provide voluntary specialized services to children with developmental delays or impairments who have Individualized Education Plans (IEP’s) and whose needs cannot be met through virtual learning, as long as there are no more than 10 students present on campus.
- Each school on Reservation is to develop and implement a plan for providing meals for students and other school-aged children using existing resources that each school has available to it.