

# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

*Executive Office of the Governor & Lieutenant Governor*

“Gila River Strong”

*Stephen Roe Lewis*  
Governor



*Monica Lynn Antone*  
Lieutenant Governor

## **COMPREHENSIVE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13 REGARDING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, from March 13, 2020 through October 2, 2020, I issued eight separate Executive Orders addressing various aspects of the coronavirus pandemic, ranging from a declaration of a public emergency to a requirement that all persons wear a mask while on the Gila River Indian Community Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, I amended these separate Executive Orders on numerous occasions to extend and clarify them as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2020, I issued a new comprehensive Executive Order No. 9 that combined these prior Executive Orders into one single order, setting forth the numerous elements of our governmental response to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, I amended Executive Order No. 9 on two occasions to both address necessary clarifications, and also to extend its effect until April 12, 2021, in order to provide necessary time to consider important possible modifications to the pandemic restrictions contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2021, I issued comprehensive Executive Order No. 10, which made various changes including approval of the Tribal Government Return to Work Plan and easing certain restrictions for fully vaccinated individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2021, I issued comprehensive Executive Order No. 11 to address growing concerns regarding new COVID-19 variants; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 6, 2021, I issued Comprehensive Executive Order No. 12 to further address recent increases in COVID-19 due primarily to the spread of the Delta variant among unvaccinated individuals; and

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**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2021, I issued Amended Comprehensive Executive Order No. 12, which directed that all schools on the Gila River Indian Reservation provide classes virtually until further notice; and

**WHEREAS**, I have had the opportunity to further consult with the Education Standing Committee, the Tribal Health Department, the Tribal Education Department, the Unified Command of the Community's COVID-19 Task Force, and other interested parties and entities on the Community's approach to its schools given the continued spread of COVID-19 among children in the Community; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of our pandemic response, the Community has emphasized the importance of COVID-19 vaccines and made them available to all members of the Community over the age of five, all employees of the Community and its enterprises, all Community residents, all residents of any household in which a Community member resides, and all teachers who teach at a school located on the Gila River Indian Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, it continues to be the policy of the Community under this Executive Order to encourage all those eligible to receive a vaccine take their vaccine at the earliest opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the rise of new variants of the coronavirus, especially among our children, 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 and the dangerous variants of it that are now afflicting our State and our Community.

**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 issue this Executive Order No. 13 Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic and order as follows:

**First**, this Executive Order No. 13 includes all requirements and measures that are to remain in effect from this date until the date ascribed herein for expiration, or until this Executive Order No. 13 is otherwise amended or rescinded by a subsequent amendment or Executive Order.

**Second**, for purposes of this Executive Order No. 13, the following terms shall have the definitions set forth below: