



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Revising the Tribe's COVID-19 Alert System)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe ("Tribe") of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation ("Constitution") provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council ("Council") shall exercise the power "[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decision not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution"; and

WHEREAS, On August 5, 2020, the Council passed Resolution 08-2020-177 "Approving a COVID-19 Alert System and Phased Reopening Plan" in accordance with recommendations from the Emergency Operations Center ("EOC") for the purpose of establishing a notification protocol; and

WHEREAS, The EOC has reviewed the approved system and, this day, recommends that the Council adopt their draft Revised COVID-19 Alert System ("Revised System")(attached and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed the Revised System and finds that its adoption will improve the responsiveness capabilities of the Tribe, and is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby adopts the Revised Covid-19 Alert System, as attached, effective the next business day after this Resolution is passed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby urges all residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation to make the preparations necessary should another lock-down be instituted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

Resolution No. 11-2020-290

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

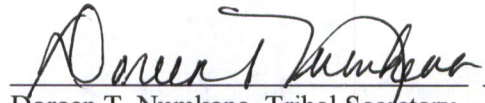
The foregoing resolution was on **NOVEMBER 23, 2020** duly adopted by a vote of **FIVE** for, **FOUR** against, and **ONE** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman

12/1/2020

Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

12-1-2020

Date

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

COVID-19 Alert System

Information guide for the White Mountain Apache Tribe's Emergency Operations Center and the Governing Body during the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic. These details help track the number of COVID-19 cases in the community. Information will be gathered by the Division of Health Programs, Indian Health Service Whiteriver Service Unit, and Johns Hopkins University to determine the necessity of a 72-hour weekend lockdown or Shelter in Place.

Precautionary Measures: Wearing mask, social distancing, washing hand or use of hand sanitizers, 8pm curfew, and NO VISITORS

72-hour Lockdown (MEDIUM ALERT):

A 72-hour Lockdown is activated for all residents and businesses of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation when:

Criteria: A total of 34-43 new COVID-19 cases are identified during the a period of three consecutive days

Duration: The 72-hour Lockdown will begin at 8pm on the next day immediately following the three day period in which 34-43 new COVID-19 cases have been identified

During the 72-Hour Lockdown, all residents are to stay home unless they are obtaining essential services. Unless exempted from the Order, all Tribal Departments are to shut down their operations and shall only direct Emergency Employees to report to work, as needed. All non-tribal organizations are advised to plan accordingly. Religious Gatherings must refrain from in-person gatherings during this time.

*This levels indicates COVID-19 cases are rapidly increasing. Increase will be monitored on a case-by-case basis to account for outliers (ie. mass testing clinics, etc.). Should the numbers continue to increase this will be reevaluated and shared with the public for a possible five day Shelter in Place. All Tribal Employees go to the Emergency Phase of the Reopening Phases Plan.

Shelter in Place (HIGH ALERT):

A Five Day Shelter in Place is activated when:

Criteria: 75 or more new COVID-19 cases are identified during a five day period **OR** 9 new COVID-19 related hospitalizations a day over a 4 day period

Duration: The Shelter-in-Place Order begins at 8pm on the next day immediately following the five day period during which 75 or more new COVID-19 cases have been identified, and may be extended upon recommendation.

During this Shelter-in-Place all residents are to stay home unless they need to obtain essential services. Unless exempted from the Order, all Tribal Departments are to shut down operations and shall only direct Emergency Employees to report to work, as needed. All non-tribal organizations are advised to plan accordingly. Religious Gatherings must refrain from in-person gatherings during this time. All Tribal Employees go to the Emergency Phase of the Reopening Phases Plan.

In the event the five day activation is triggered during the three day activation, the five day Shelter in Place will be added to the Three Day Lockdown. After this period, a Two Week Lockdown will commence and any extension will be based on new COVID-19 cases in consultation with Health Officials.

PREPAREDNESS: All residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation are advised to be prepared with food, water, medications, infant essentials, and other necessities for at least 5 days.



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