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 level indicates COVID-19 cases are rapidly increasing. Increase will be monitored on a case-by-case basis to account for outliers (i.e. 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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