

THE HOPI TRIBE



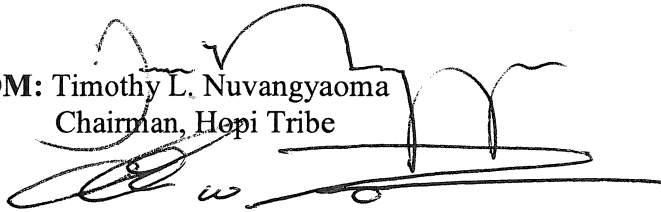
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DATE: March 20, 2020

TO: All School Staff
All Tribally Controlled School Administrators (Principals and School Boards)
All Head Start Centers
All Early Intervention Programs
All Hopi Childcare Programs
General Public
Director, Bureau of Indian Education
Department of Health and Human Services

FROM: Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
Chairman, Hopi Tribe



Clark W. Tenakhongva
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Dear All Hopi and Non-Hopi Residents,

In light of the current situation regarding the corona virus (COVID-19), and following a meeting between the Hopi Tribal Council and the respective educational leadership of our tribally-controlled schools, Head Start and Early Intervention programs, the Hopi Tribal Council by consensus has concurred with the following recommendations put forth by the Chief School Administrators regarding the operations of Hopi educational institutions at this time:

1. All tribally-controlled schools, Hopi Head Start Centers, Hopi Childcare and Early Intervention Programs will close immediately through April 3, 2020. However, the duration of this closure is subject to change and are dependent on new information and/or recommendations issued by the Hopi Tribe, the State of Arizona, the Center for Disease Control or the World Health Organization regarding the COVID-19.
2. The Hopi Tribe Health and Education Committee will work with the Arizona Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Education to request waivers for standardized testing (AzM2) requirements for students of the Hopi School district.

3. In an effort to ensure that all students continue to receive breakfast and lunch daily, all schools have agreed to continue providing meals for their respective student body. Each school will determine how best to accomplish the delivery of these meals while at the same time, ensuring continued compliance with the precautions and interventions set forth within Hopi Executive Order 01-2020.
4. The Hopi Health and Education Committee will continue to communicate with the Bureau of Indian Education and all other pertinent agencies to secure assistance (monetary, programmatic, or otherwise) to be used during this time.
5. The Hopi Health and Education Committee will work with the Bureau of Indian Education, and Special Education Advocacy Groups, if necessary, to address potential waivers for services contained in the Individual Educational Plans of students receiving Special Education Services.
6. As appropriate, each school, the Hopi tribe and the Bureau of Indian Education shall determine the level of academic support the various schools and education programs are able to provide for students.
7. The Hopi Tribe commits to providing technical assistance in working with the Indian Health Service, school insurance providers and the other federal agencies to remediate staff and/or student infections, should they occur.

As the health, safety and welfare of all Hopi and non-Hopi residents alike is of the utmost importance, we are committed to keeping the Hopi community apprised of the situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensuring the continuity of essential services to the extent practicable.

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