Hopi Tribal Government Shutdown
Extended to May 31, 2020

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor
Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. — Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at approximately 7:44 a.m. Phillipine Talayumptewa, Executive Secretary, Office of Executive Director sent out an email with a May 4, 2020 MEMORANDUM addressed to ALL HOPI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES from Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman and Clark W. Tenakhongva, Vice Chairman and Dorma L. Sahneyah, Executive Director with the subject line, “Extension of Tribal Government Shutdown.”

The one-page memorandum referenced the April 13, 2020 “Directive…that all employees, except essential staff, shall telework or work at home” and is further extended through May 29, 2020.

The memorandum also referenced that “Although proactive actions have been taken to reduce the risk of COVID-19, the pandemic continues to present a threat to the health, safety and well-being of Hopi Tribal Government employees and the general Hopi public.”

Employees were also informed, via the Memorandum that the Hopi Tribe’s Finance Department, “…shall sure all employees continue to be paid during this extension period.” And all employees were reminded to be available during regular work days and to be able to report to work within an hour of being notified.

The Hopi Tribe Executive Order NO. 002.2-2020
Amending Executive Order NO. 002.1-2020 to extend the Stay at Home Order for all residents of the Hopi Reservation

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) and (b) respectively, authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council to represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe; and
WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Hopi Tribe implemented a Stay at Home Executive Order effective through April 17, 2020, in an effort to prevent and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Hopi Executive Order No. 002.1-2020 was issued extending the Stay at Home Order to May 9, 2020, to limit and control the COVID-19 spread on the Hopi Reservation; and
WHEREAS, the number of confirmed positive COVID-19 virus cases within the proximate surrounding Navajo Nation continues to increase; and
WHEREAS, although the Hopi Tribe has taken proactive actions to reduce the risk of COVID-19, the pandemic continues to present a threat to the public health of Hopi residents; and
WHEREAS, the Hopi Health Care Center has reported a current total of fifty-two (52) positive COVID-19 cases and approximately 15% to 20% increases in cases of COVID-19 in our region of Northern Arizona; and
WHEREAS, the data is still showing significant numbers of people testing positive for COVID-19 and we are still learning, by gaining access data from other surrounding hospitals, including Flagstaff, Winslow, and Tuba City Regional
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extends the April 13, 2020 Directive through **May 29, 2020**.

Almost a couple of hours later, at approximately 9:29 a.m. Talayumptewa sent out another email with the “The Hopi Tribe Executive Order No. 002.2-2020” file attached. The “EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002.2-2020” further titled “Amending Executive Order No. 002.1-2020 to extend the Stay at Home Order for all residents of the Hopi Reservation” stated that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe directs that Executive Order 002.1-2020 shall be extended beyond May 9, 2020 and remain in effect through **May 31, 2020**, unless modified, extended or rescinded...SO ORDERED this 4th day of May 2020.”

In addition to including the Hopi Executive Order No. 002.2-2020, Talayumptewa also included instructions to recipients to “Please post and share.”

The Hopi Executive Order No. 002.2-2020 referenced “WHEREAS, the Hopi Health Care Center has reported a current total of fifty-two (52) positive COVID-19 cases and approximately 15% to 20% increases in cases of COVID-19 in our region of Northern Arizona; and WHEREAS, the data is still showing significant numbers for people testing positive for COVID-19 and we are still learning, by gaining access data from other surrounding hospitals, including Flagstaff, Winslow, and Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, the extent to which the disease has spread within the Hopi Reservation...continuation of the Stay at Home Order is necessary to limit potential exposure...”

The Hopi Tutuveni landing page located on the Hopi Tribe website at https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni/ is being updated as official notifications from the Tribal Government are being received. Due to the increased amount of information being shared and because the Hopi Tutuveni is considered the official newspaper for public information, updates from Hopi Chairman and Vice Chairman’s Offices regarding measures being taken to address Covid-19 on the Hopi reservation will be posted when information becomes available.

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Health Care Corporation, the extent to which the disease has spread within the Hopi Reservation; and

WHEREAS, although strides to assess, mitigate and prepare for the COVID-19 response and recovery have been made, continuation of the Stay at Home Order is necessary to limit potential exposure; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Chairman is authorized pursuant to Section 7-701 (2) of the Hopi Emergency Response Plan to provide the necessary direction to preserve the peace and order of the Hopi Tribe.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe directs that Executive Order 002.1-2020 shall be extended beyond May 9, 2020, and shall remain in effect through **May 31, 2020**, unless modified, extended or rescinded.

**SO ORDERED** this 4th day of May 2020.

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Emily Yoiwaima holds her home made sign to encourage the Hopi people to stay home and to stay safe photo by original sender.

Wade Tootsie holds his home made sign to encourage people to stay safe and to stay home, photo by original sender.
The Natwani Coalition recently received a $32,000.00 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of the Natwani Coalition’s “Hopi Food Sovereignty Assessment” project.

This project will result in the creation and delivery of a reservation-wide Food Assessment to assess the current state of Hopi food and farming practices. We will leverage the resulting data to support the development of a collaborative action plan to measurably increase food sovereignty over the next ten years.

In 2004, the Natwani Coalition delivered the first reservation-wide Food Sovereignty Assessment at Hopi to determine the status of Hopi farming practices, food economy and health indicators. At that time, community members felt that traditional farming was declining, with direct cultural and community health impacts.

In 2007 Food and Farming Assessment helped launch a number of far ranging food and farming initiatives including orchard restoration programs, development of a Hopi Food Co-op, the biannual Hopi Agriculture and Food Symposium, development of the Hopi Farming Curriculum, the Natwani micro-grant program, and launching a variety of community-based food enterprises. Fifteen years later, we would like to assess how these activities have affected food sovereignty in our community. We hope to quantitatively measure the impact of these initiatives and leverage the information to establish new goals and structure our policy and program work in the coming decade.

Over the last fifteen years the Natwani Coalition has grown in strength. The survey development, data analysis and planning process would provide another opportunity to formally bring us together to develop a shared agenda and an actionable and measurable strategy to eventually restore food sovereignty at Hopi. This grant from the First Nations Development Institute will help the Natwani Coalition continue their vision of “working toward preserving and strengthening the healthy food system and agricultural traditions of the Hopi & Tewa People”. For more information about the Natwani Coalition you may visit our website at www.natwanicoalition.org, phone number (928) 734-2380, email address thonani@hopifoundation.org.
Navajo/Hopi Covid-19 Relief Effort in Effect at Hotevilla Village

Helpers disinfect and place food and supplies in vehicles Photo by Carl Onsae/HT

Hotevilla, Ariz. – May 2, 2020, around twelve volunteers came to aid and help distribute food and supplies to the residents of Hotevilla, this was in hopes to minimize travel off the Hopi reservation to get supplies for their families.

Lilian Hill and Pamala Lalo, Lead Coordinators for the Navajo/Hopi Covid-19 Relief Effort, made sure that precautions were taken, when distributing the food and supplies.

Twelve volunteers, all wearing face masks and donned medical safe jackets, cleaned and carefully placed all food and organized supplies, to give to the residents. Hill stated, “We are currently working with HERT and to make sure we are doing our best to clean and sanitize the supplies before distributing.”

All food and supplies were donated by anyone wanting to help out with the relief effort for village. The supplies that were given consisted of fruits and vegetables, canned goods, rice, beans, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and paper towels. It was estimated that all supplies, would be enough to last about 2 weeks thus minimizing travel to the bordering towns to get supplies.

The distribution of the supplies went quickly and the effort was well organized. Time slots were given to the residents to ensure they will get their donations. The effort proved to be successful in ensuring that there would be minimum traffic on the road ways.

During the distribution and while efforts were underway, acting CSA of the Hotevilla village, Lilian Dennis and her staff helped take surveys from the waiting families who were in line to get their donations. This was to count each household to allowed for a more fair and proper distribution to each of the families.

100% of the donations and funds are being used to buy supplies and food for the Navajo/Hopi Covid-19 Relief Effort. This is to ensure that the Hopi people are to minimize travel for supplies off the reservation. Also, the organization will continue to fundraise for this effort so supplies will be distributed among the different Hopi villages again.

The residents of Hotevilla can rest assured knowing others took efforts to ask for donations on their behalf. And efforts didn’t end with asking, and because of the coordinated efforts Hotevilla village members were provided some supplies to aid in keeping safe, while staying home on Hopi, during this pandemic.

Donors Provide Pine Wood for Heating Purposes to the Hopi Communities

Carl Onsae
Hopi Tutuveni

Polacca, Ariz. – Sunday, May 3, 2020, a generous donor, saw to it to offer the pick-up and delivery of 40-50 logs, 30-40’ long from the Coconino National Forest, in two semi-truck loads. The pine logs were donated for the purpose of being distributed amongst the Hopi community for heating purposes.

The donation was to given to ensure the Hopi community had some wood to burn for the next winter.

According to Jeanne Stevens Tribal Relations Specialist with Forest Service - Coconino National Forest, Trent Teegerstrom at the UA Extension office found UA extension funds to pay for the wood. Henry Provencio and the Forest Service introduced Teegerstrom to Joe Call from Joe Dirt Excavating. Trent hired Joe Dirt Excavating to do all the hauling. Joe Call is a great contact who has a self-loading log truck and the wood he brought out, was from his yard in Garland Prairie, located between Flagstaff and Williams.

Clark Tenakhongva, Hopi Tribal Vice Chairman took the effort and initiative to connect with various Village Community Service Administrative (CSA) offices to have the logs placed at a central location for further distribution to the Hopi communities. Tenakhongva stated, “This donation was a surprise to me as this anonymous donator wanted to help out the Hopi community.”

Tenakhongva also stated that he tried to call several CSAs from the different villages to see if they wanted to be part of the donations for the different villages. After attempting connections with the CSA’s the Vice Chairman received a response from one office only, which turned out to be the First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) office. In response, FMCV allowed for the wood to be delivered to the space at the First Mesa Elementary School entrance located off AZHWY 264, in Polacca, Ariz.

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Museum of Indigenous People
Hummingbird Coloring Contest
Entry Form

Name:

Age:

Email Address:

How did you hear about the Hummingbird Coloring Contest?

Signature:

Contest Instructions:
1) Download and print out the hummingbird illustration and this entry form.
2) Make your masterwork of creative coloring on this illustration! You can use any method to do that, crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolors, anything you like!
3) Fill out the entry form. Only one entry per person.
4) Email your colored hummingbird illustration and the entry form to info@museumofindigenouspeople.org by 5/30/20. You can also mail your illustration and entry form to the Museum of Indigenous People, 147 North Arizona Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301 by 5/30/20.

Contest winners will be announced on our Facebook page on 6/15/20. Good luck and happy coloring!

*By entering this contest you give the Museum of Indigenous People the right to publicly announce your name if you win and to show your winning artwork to the public. The museum retains no rights to your work outside of the contest.*

*Falsifying your name or age will disqualify your entry. All coloring work must be your own.*

On April 26, 202 the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA) also featured Nash’s work on its Facebook page, noting: “We’re celebrating #SundayFunday this week with a beautiful coloring page, that you can print and color, by Hopi artist, Abel Nash.

Abel Nash, Corn Clan, is from the village of Walpi on First Mesa, Arizona.

His artwork mirrors the designs found on pottery that represent clan symbols, plants, animals, and insects. Expressions of clouds, prayer feathers and life are common themes in his works, all symbolizing good health and prayers for moisture. Abel utilizes a diverse array of objects as his canvas, such as vinyl records, plastic platters, skateboard decks, and spray paint cans.

Abel has been a long-time participant in MNA’s Annual Hopi Festival of Arts & Culture, and was also featured in the Viola Award nominated Pivot: Skateboard Deck Art exhibition at MNA in the winter/spring of 2018-2019. His work can also be found in MNA’s Permanent Fine Art collection.”
**PAID PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.**

To our valued customers and Hopi residents

With the significant and increasing health concerns due to COVID-19, we wish to provide you an update on how HTI is handling this situation as it relates to the health and safety of our customers, employees and the Hopi communities. The following is our plan of operations to ensure you will continue to receive uninterrupted service from HTI.

HTI will remain open and fully operational. We will communicate with our employees on a regular basis, social distancing, more telephone meetings, personal hygiene and travel restrictions.

For added safety for our customers and our employees, we strongly encourage the following:

1. Monthly Payments - you may submit your Debit or Credit card payments by calling our office at (928) 738-4674 or drop your payment in the Drop Box located at the front door of our office in Keams Canyon.

2. Trouble or new service order - you may call (928) 738-4674 or use the HTI online service at www.hopitelecom.com to submit your trouble or new service order.

For On-site visits - the HTI technician will ask the following questions before entering the Village or home for your service order or trouble ticket:

- Does anyone in the home or office have a fever or ill?
- Has anyone in the home or office recently traveled out of Arizona?
- Is anyone in the home taking care of someone who is or has been sick?
- Does your Village prohibit essential service providers from entering the Village?

If the answer is “YES” to any one of these questions, the technician will NOT enter the Village or home until the Village or home is cleared to enter, the technician may offer alternatives to handle your service order or reschedule another service date.

We will monitor and consider advice from government and health officials in the community where our employees and customers live and work and will continue to send necessary updates as the situation evolves.

- Our office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM MST.

Thank you and stay safe.

HTI Management

NOTE: We encourage you to follow cdc.gov and the World Health Organization for the latest COVID-19 updates.
Hopí Burial Protocols, Guidelines & Recommendations

Covid-19 Emergency Response
Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - Based on information from the Arizona State Health Care Physicians, Expert Epidemiologists, and Center for Disease Control, our Hopi Elders and Cultural Advisors, we want to remind our Hopi-Tewa Sinom that the COVID-19 virus has proven to be highly contagious and deadly.

The following protocols are guidelines and reasonable recommendations to consider in the event that you may be faced with having to prepare for a funeral or burial of a loved one.

Hopí Burial Guidance
During the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic, we acknowledge the cultural sensitivity of preparations related to death. It is important to understand that changes are necessary in handling the burial of our loved ones to prevent further transmission of the Coronavirus, COVID-19. These guidelines are to assist Hopi and Tewa people with burial arrangements during this pandemic. Although many want to honor a loved one with a traditional burial, doing so may put others at risk of contracting COVID-19.

Please seriously consider this thought: Would the deceased person want anyone else to contract COVID-19?

Positive Coronavirus COVID-19 Related Death: The family is required to designate one person to represent them with their decisions to eliminate confusion and potential misunderstanding during your time of grief.

If someone passes on at home, immediately call the Incident Command at (928) 734-3661 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. OR after 5:00 p.m. and weekends at (928) 205-7295.

If someone passes on at the hospital, please make arrangements with the hospital's appropriate personnel.

Before making any burial decisions or preparations, communicate first with Hopi Social Services to learn of available burial funds at: (928) 734-3392.

To avoid any risk, contamination or further transmission of COVID-19, first responders who respond and/or remove the deceased family member will provide the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and a protective body bag to the designated family representative. These measures of protection are for your family's safety. Please remember, the home will require proper disinfection and continuous sanitizing for up to 14 days.

If you are required or designated to help a Hopi tribal member who dies from COVID-19, please follow the CDC guidance on transportation, handling and burial of the deceased, including the use of appropriate PPE and products to disinfect contaminated surfaces.

Handling the deceased on Hopi
If contact with the body is necessary due to religious or cultural practices, families are encouraged to work with their community leaders and the Hopi Emergency Response Team on ways to reduce their exposure as much as possible.

If at all possible, activities to avoid before, during and after a body has been prepared include; kissing, washing, and shrouding (to wrap or dress a body for burial).

Medical facilities will not release the body to family members, but will directly release the body to a Mortuary or a Funeral Home upon consultation with the family. Once the deceased is confirmed positive or is suspected of COVID-19, the mortuary will not allow any viewing of the deceased and physical contact with COVID-19 body. The mortuary will work with the family for the loved one to be delivered directly to the grave site.

Cultural & Traditional Considerations
It is important to consider the traditional Hopi philosophy and practice around funerals. In traditional Hopi culture, funerals were not intended to be a reason for large gatherings, like family reunions and family celebrations. This is a solemn time for mourning and a respectful moment to honor the spiritual aspects of the deceased and their journey. There was never a need for an over abundant amount of food preparation. Only simple meals with food donated for the helpers and a little food for the deceased is needed.

Children should never be brought near or around funerals. When Hopi families experience a high level of deaths and funerals, it is advised against attending every single burial or going just to hang out. During this time, families will directly designate the help needed. It is also believed that the spirit of the dead can call the living to join them which can cause emotional, spiritual and eventually, physical sickness.

Ways to Protect Your Family during Death & Burial
• Minimize contact of yourself and your family around the wrapped body.
• Protect yourself and your family when around each other by wearing masks, gloves, and/or Personal Protective Equipment.
• Limit the number of people handling the body.
• Handle each ceremony, ritual and practice with extreme care and caution.
• Handle prayer feathers with care and caution.
• Consider placing offerings outside of the wrapped body.
• Handle smoking and prayer ceremonies with care and caution.
• Avoid unzipping and/or opening the wrapped body for any reason.
• Avoid bathing and/washing the body.
• Manage gatherings at the gravesite.
• Manage gatherings in the home.
• Follow all food safety precautions and food handling guidelines.
• Package food “to go” and refrain from gathering after burial.
• Follow safety precautions for clean-up after each ceremony and funeral.

All other Deaths (Non-Coronavirus, COVID-19 related):
Communicate with Hopi Social Services before contacting a Mortuary if assistance is needed for burial. Failure to do so may result in the family having to pay all costs.

Communicate with Health Care Facilities/Hospitals and Mortuaries/Funeral Homes to learn of policies and protocol for release and/or holding of the body.

Communicate and make burial arrangements with family using COVID-19 preventive methods. Seek services of a Mortuary / Funeral Home to transport the body directly to the burial site. It should be handled as a COVID-19 death unless otherwise confirmed by medical staff.

Consider all the ways COVID-19 can spread. Burying a loved one during this time takes careful planning.

Further Preventative Measures
In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:
• Discourage family and loved ones not living on the reservation from attending.
• If possible, only immediate family should attend.
• Limit the number of people in attendance.
• Donations should be dropped off at a designated location away from the family home.
• Emphasize the importance of maintaining a 6-foot physical distance between persons.
• Encourage frequent hand-washing for 20 seconds with warm water and soap. Have stations easily available and send water and soap with individuals who are handling the burial.
• Use gloves and face masks if contact with a deceased body is necessary and be sure to change gloves between tasks to avoid contamination.

Practice safety precautions for everyone’s safety.
If contact cannot be avoided, family or community members should, at minimum, wear disposable gloves and a face mask. Dispose of gloves in a no-touch waste receptacle and perform appropriate hand washing hygiene.

Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be recommended based on the activity to be performed.

Hopí Tribal Resources
The Hopi Tribe Department of Social Services has a Burial Assistance Program for eligible, enrolled, indigent Hopi Tribal Members.

Who to Contact:
Call Social Services Program for more information from 8 AM – 5 PM or the Hopi Law Enforcement Services after hours.

Social Services: (928) 734-3392
Hopí Law Enforcement: (928) 734-7340 or 7341
Hopí Incident Command Line (8 AM – 5 PM business hours) - (928) 734-3661
Incident Command Line (after hours) (928) 205-7295
Hopí Health Care Center COVID-19 Hotline (928) 737-6188
Kykotsmovi, Ariz. — May 5th, 2020 — Contact tracing can feel like a slow process, but in an outbreak, it’s vital to public health. During events like the current COVID-19 outbreak, it helps make possible early diagnosis and getting care to people who need it. The information it uncovers also helps public health authorities contain epidemics, and here on Hopi it is important to contact trace to keep the virus out of the villages.

Typically the way it works is epidemiologists, or “disease detectives,” start with the index patient, sometimes called “patient zero.” Depending on what they already know about that patient’s condition — how the disease is spread, its natural history, what symptoms it causes — they interview the patient to learn about their movements and identify all close contacts. Sometimes, they ask the index patient to give a detailed history of where they have traveled, eaten, slept, and the people they physically came into contact with in recent days.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:

As of this date — May 5, 2020, the United States now has over 1.1 million confirmed positive cases and over 68,279 deaths.

Over 9,305 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 869 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 183 patients to this date. Over 52 of those tests at Hopi Healthcare Center came back positive. 28 of those patients are from the Hopi Tribe.

Of those positive tests, a handful is right here on Hopi — in our villages. The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages. (See tables below)

This information present above has been released by the Hopi Health Care Center and does not included state-wide data on Hopi tribal members. Therefore, the data shown does not reflect patients receiving care at other facilities such as Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, Flagstaff Medical Center, or any others.

28** of the 52 patients total are members of the Hopi Tribe or approximately 55%.

Prevention:

Watch for symptoms. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported — ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

• Cough
• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
• Or at least two of these symptoms:
• Fever
• Chills
• Repeated shaking with chills
• Muscle pain
• Headache
• Sore throat
• New loss of taste or smell

Children have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Education: What is social distancing? Two people with masks on 6 feet apart social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.

To practice social or physical distancing:
• Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people
• Do not gather in groups
• Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

In addition to everyday steps to prevent COVID-19, keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed to this virus and slowing its spread locally and across the country and world.

When COVID-19 is spreading in your area, everyone should limit close contact with individuals outside your household in indoor and outdoor spaces. Since people can spread the virus before they know they are sick, it is important to stay away from others when possible, even if you have no symptoms. Social distancing is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

For questions of more information, please call the Hopi Tribe, Office of the Chairman at (928) 734-3102, OR Office of the Vice Chairman (928) 734-3113.

### Hopi COVID-19 Cases** May 5, 2020

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Hopi Health Care Center IHS Issues Update

Indian Health Services
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hopi Health Care Center continues to monitor and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing social distancing, screening of all patients, staff and visitors for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the facility, and requiring all staff, patients and visitors in the facility to wear a face mask. There have also been three exterior patient surge drills conducted to assess flow of traffic and to allow staff to practice training in the event of a patient surge at the Hopi Health Care Center.

Currently, patient load at HHCC has remained below surge level and is consistent with what surrounding health care facilities are experiencing. That said, community members are urged to continue following the Stay at Home and Curfew Orders, as well as avoiding gatherings larger than 10 people. In our region of Northern Arizona (Coconino County through Apache County) we continue to see approximately 15% to 20% increases in cases of COVID-19. On a positive note, the number of severe cases may be declining and the majority of cases are mild.

During this time, HHCC outpatient department and most ancillary services have set up Tele-Visits to ensure continuation of care for patients. If you are interested in setting up a Tele-Visit with your Primary Care Provider, please call 928-737-6081 for an appointment.

If you come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, or begin experiencing a fever, cough or shortness of breath, there are a few online tools you can use to help you decide when to call a healthcare provider with concerns for yourself, a family member, or someone you take care of. One tool is an APP, developed by Apple, and another is called CLARA, which was developed by the CDC. These apps will walk you through a series of questions which will give you recommendations on how to proceed. If you are recommended by either APP to contact your healthcare facility, HOPI has a COVID-19 hotline 928-737-6188 seven days a week from 8:00am to 5:00pm to help direct your call. As always, call 911 if you are experiencing a medical emergency or go directly to the Emergency Department.

Apple Screening Tool
https://www.apple.com/covid19/
CLARA Screening Tool

Hopi Cautions the Community About Scams and Fundraisers

The Hopi Tribe Warns the Public about Scams and Fundraisers

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – April 15, 2020

1:00 p.m., In the midst of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, cybercriminals, scammers and ill-advised individuals are hoping to capitalize on the current situation across the globe. Therefore, the Hopi Tribal leadership would like to warn the public and the Hopi community about recent cases of scams and fraudulent fundraisers over the phone or through online platforms.

The Hopi community has noticed a rise in calls about various scams and fundraisers including, but not limited to, charity scams, online fundraiser scams, social media scams, phishing scams, and robo-calls. Furthermore, there are some organizations and individuals, using the name or names of Hopi members in their fundraising campaigns, and it is imperative that the Hopi community be aware of this reality. The name Hopi or reference to the Hopi People is also utilized in some scams through the internet, or certain online platforms.

Hopi Tribal leadership would like to warn the people, “In these uncertain times, our Hopi people are facing many challenges, but we do not need additional stress or worries. We value the collective initiative the Hopi villages have taken to solicit donations for their village, but we all have to be mindful of how this directly affects the people,” added Hopi Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva. He continues, “If you discover or come across a potential fraud or scam, please inform and educate our Hopisinom about the red flags, so they may be aware of the dangers and share this information with our elders. Be mindful of the calls and emails you receive to avoid falling prey to a scam.”

With advice from federal authorities, the Federal Trade Commission, and coordination with county and local law enforcement, the recommendation is to continue to be aware of who one comes into contact with both online and in-person.

Types of Scams and Fraud Fundraising Campaigns

Cyber actors may send emails with malicious attachments or links to fraudulent websites to trick victims into revealing sensitive information or donating to fraudulent charities or causes. Exercise caution in handling any email with a COVID-19-related subject line, attachment, or hyperlink, and be wary of social media pleas, texts, or calls related to COVID-19.

Charity Scams: Individuals or Criminal Organizations posing as a charity organization might reach out to you in a number of various methods, and ask you directly to provide your credit card or debit card for donations to their charity. You may see charities that you don’t recognize asking for donations in the wake of COVID-19. If you receive an email or a phone call please double check by doing some research to verify if the charity associated is valid. Verify all charities on the IRS Tax exemption site.

Crowdfunding Scams:
Crowdfunding is one way to support a project you believe in and possibly get rewards for that support. A kind gesture goes a long way. But the project you’re backing is only as good as the people behind it. Some dishonest people can take your money but produce nothing — no product, no project, and no reward. The recommendation is to do more thorough research on each fundraising campaign before donating.

Social Media Scams: Social media is a tool that cybercriminals use to distribute false information and capitalize on panic. If you’re looking for information on social media, visit trusted profiles like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Better Business Bureau for instance. Do not reveal personal or financial information in an email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information.

Fake COVID-19 Testing Sites: Officials across the U.S. are warning about a worrisome new fraud involving fake drive-through coronavirus testing sites in several states. There are also a handful of fake COVID-19 testing sites online. The recommendation is to use only approved testing sites affiliated with trusted hospitals and healthcare providers.

Internet Phishing Scams: Emails impersonating the World Health Organization, the CDC, and other reputable sources may deliver emails to your inbox, and in some cases directly to your phone. Do not click on emails or links impersonating these organizations. For accurate info, go straight to the source. Visit the World Health Organization and the CDC’s websites. Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails and be wary of email attachments. Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information.

COVID-19 Robocalls: Calls from cybercriminals pretending to be the Department of Health and Human Services, the IRS, the FBI, or even your bank, or credit card company are on the rise due to the coronavirus outbreak. You may receive calls from strangers pretending to be your friends or a family member in distress, and they will ask you for a credit card, bank account or your social security card to “verify” your identity. Robocalls are not as easy to detect as they used to be, the caller ID can be adjusted to make it look like the call is coming from your area code. This establishes a false sense of trust. Please ask to call your friend or family member back at the number you trust if you suspect fraud.

Donations

Under the Hopi Tribal leadership directive, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated on March 18, 2020. Central operations for the EOC is headquartered at the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. Specific protocols for donations and contributions are specified in the HERT objectives which are to directly assist the communities. The addresses for donations are listed below:

In-Kind Donations or Contributions for Hopi COVID-19 Relief Aid – Hopi Tribe
Monetary donations can be mailed directly to The Hopi Tribe at:
The Hopi Tribe
Office of the Hopi Tribal Treasurer
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

For questions and/or to gather more detailed information about monetary donations, please call the Hopi Tribal Government at (928) 734-3121 or visit the website at www.hopi-nsn.gov.

Tax Deductible Monetary Donations or Contributions for Hopi COVID-19 Relief Aid – Hopi Foundation Organizations or individuals who wish to donate to the Hopi Tribe, but are only permitted to donate to a non-profit organization, please send those donations directly to:
The Hopi Foundation
P.O. Box 301
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

For questions or inquiries about tax deductible charitable contributions, please follow-up with The Hopi Foundation which is a tax-exempt organization at (928) 734-2380 and/or visit the website for more information at: www.hopifoundation.org

Physical Donations for Specific Villages
All physical donations for all villages, including shipments or parcels intended for The Hopi Tribe or The Hopi Foundation, which may include but are not limited to packaged goods, tools, supplies, and non-perishable food items, should be directed to the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT).

All ITEMS MUST:
• Be properly sanitized before sending to the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) staging area for inspection and screening.
• Be unopened AND in their original packaging
At this time, the HERT Incident Command Center WILL NOT ACCEPT:
• Opened items that are not in their original packaging,
• Perishable Foods — (only packaged non-perishable items with a stable shelf life)
• Loose or used clothing, or unpackaged blankets
All items meant for Hopi-wide emergency response distribution shall be inspected and screened, prior to their acceptance or distribution, at the HERT Incident Command Center located at:
Attn: Hopi Emergency Response Team – Edison Tu’tsi
Hopi Veterans Memorial Center (HVMC)
Highway 264 Milepost 375.5
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Physical Location for Drive-up Distribution Deliveries
(please call EOC first):
Hopi Veterans Memorial Center (HVMC)
Highway 264 Milepost 375.5
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039
Attn: Hopi Emergency Response Team – Edison Tu’tsi
Hopi Emergency Response Team and the Emergency Operations Center

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION:
Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. MST (928) 734-3661 and (928) 734-3663
After hours and Weekends – after 5:00 p.m. MST (928) 205-7295
Indian Health Services Hotline (928) 737-6188
For questions of more information, please call The Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman at (928) 734-3102 or Office of the Vice Chairman (928) 734-3113.

Nevaeh Lomaintewa from Second Mesa Day school holds her home made sign to encourage Hopi and Tewa people to stay home and stay safe. Picture by Original Sender
Day Whatever Now...

By LARRY The CAT
The Hopi Tutuveni

You know, I never knew that I took Chinese food for granted. Well, because Chinese food was always there when I wanted it. The .99 cent pork egg rolls never let me down. But when this COVID-19 virus hit the United States, food chains stopped selling food. Although, now some restaurants are open but for take-out only, but you can’t have the dine-in experience anymore and I can’t have the .99 cent pork egg rolls, it’s these little things that we miss. And being an assimilated cat, I never knew that I would miss the .99 cent pork egg rolls from my favorite Chinese restaurant.

Dear Diary,

So, Day Whatever Now…I don’t count the days anymore, I lost track of what day it is, all I know is that I must remember to eat, take a shower, wash my hands, and tie my shoes now. But sometimes I do remember when I have to write my stories. It’s not all bad though, I still follow the same Hopi duties that we have been following since the beginning of time, and that is ‘cause it’s planting season.

Yes, I am a farmer, I grow corn, beans, squash, and watermelon, and try to grow the occasional catnip…I mean cat treats.

See, Hopis have been planting since the beginning of time and we will continue to do this tradition even though we are told to stay home and do nothing. Hopis are not rebelling to anyone or their plans, we are simply sticking to a plan that had been set out for us since the beginning of time and there is no sickness that will stop us from continuing to keep this tradition alive.

Although, I like staying indoors and not doing anything, I have to say, staying indoors is overrated. But, I already played the same games on my Xbox, and I watched the same movies on Netflix, so being stuck inside isn’t so cool anymore.

Sometimes I think about what I would be doing this time around when there was no sickness, and my thoughts would be the same thing that I’m doing right now, which is sitting in front of a computer typing a story for “Larry Fans”, to read.

Although, this sickness has taken over our villages we will continue to fight the virus and continue to keep our traditions alive. As if living two lives is hard enough with dealing with the western society and keeping our Hopi traditions alive, a virus is not what we need right now.

It’s not all too bad though, I still go to my field and check on my seedlings and to sing to them so they can grow…ts-naa…that’s the Hopi tradition.

I know our Hopi government is trying its hardest to get everything situated, but it’s the little people that make everything work. I don’t see our Chairman or our Vice Chairman out on the front lines giving out masks or food to the Hopi community. As a matter of fact I don’t think I ever saw them anytime during this pandemic. Well except that one time when our Vice Chairman was singing on Facebook. But…again, like we need to hear his CD’s recordings live and like I said before we need to keep our traditions off of Facebook, but that’s just my cat-opinion.

So, I have to thank all the little people who make sure all the Hopi communities are well fed and kept safe from the outside world. But it’s hard to make people listen when they don’t understand the impact they are having on the Hopi communities. I know they will say they don’t feel sick or have any symptoms but still, they could be a carrier of the virus, and like Smokey said, “It only takes one match to start a forest fire.”

Hopefully this sickness will be gone from the Hopi reservation but in reality, we are the ones that are keeping the virus alive, by leaving the reservation and having “fun” for a day, I know it may seem like the words “STAY HOME” look like a tyrannical point of view, but it’s to keep us safe and to keep other safe from this virus.

But I can’t blame the people who are sneaking off the reservation to keep their “sanity” sane”, but make sure you are being cautious about where you go and who you meet, and I know it’s just human nature to do small things to make our lives easier, so WASH YOUR HANDS, please.

So, my advice to you is that, we can’t take everything for granted, don’t become like a white man and start protesting to open up the mall so you can sit in the chairs that give you a massage or don’t start protesting to get their hair re-dyed.

I say that in order to become the saviors of this planet, I say we should start looking at ourselves and asking, “Do you really need to sit in a chair that vibrates for 15 minutes or do you need to keep the older and younger generation safe?” If I can go without my .99 cent pork egg rolls it shouldn’t be that hard to wait till this sickness passes and we can all feel safe again. Plus, I learned how to make Chinese food and I think my recipe needs more MSG…just kidding.

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Call or email us to tell us if we are doing a good job. We need your feedback.
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Portion of Delayed CARES Relief Funding to be Distributed to Tribes

Native News Online
News Release

Only $4.8 billion of the original $8 billion will be released.

WASHINGTON – In a joint new release issued this morning, the Treasury Department and the Department of Interior announced plans to distribute a portion of the $8 billion in emergency relief funds set aside for tribal governments as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The release of the funds comes nine days after the April 26 deadline date set by Congress and the President. There was no official reason given for the delay.

The funds are set to be released on the same day President Donald Trump is to participate in a Native American town hall on the Honeywell campus, outside Phoenix.

“We are pleased to begin making $4.8 billion in critical funds available to Tribal governments in all states,” Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in the news release.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt voiced his appreciation for Mnuchin’s effort to deliver the funds “promptly” to tribes, ignoring the missed deadline.

“I appreciate the Secretary of the Treasury’s determination in providing a clear pathway to get these resources promptly delivered,” Secretary Bernhardt said.

The funds were held up after more than a dozen tribes protested Treasury’s decision that for-profit Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) were eligible to receive funds that members of Congress intended for tribes, not ANC’s. The tribes sued Mnuchin, alleging that distributing funds to the shareholder-owned ANCs would reduce the amount paid to each of the 574 federally recognized tribes.

A federal district judge ruled last Monday, April 27, that ANCs should not be deemed eligible to receive the CARES Act funds.

During a noon press conference call today, Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chair of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, said it was never the intent of Congress that ANCs receive any of the funds directed for tribes. Tribal governments serve all of the people, not corporations, Udall said.

“It is deplorable that Treasury held up these funds. On the next day (after) the court decision, they should have released all of the $8 billion intended for tribes. Tribes need the money now. With this court case the rest of the funds could be held up for a long time. In the next round, we will make sure this does not happen again,” Udall said.

A key trade association for Native finance officials acknowledged the funds would help, but called for continued vigilance to ensure Treasury releases the remaining funds quickly and fairly.

“We are thrilled to see almost $5 billion Coronavirus Relief Funds flowing out to Indian Country starting today. It is desperately needed.” said Dante Desiderio, executive director of the Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA).

“Indian Country should continue to be vigilant in ensuring that the Department of the Treasury releases the remaining funds as soon as possible and in a way that is fair and meets the intent of the legal agreement. ”

The plan to distribute the funds as announced today will be:

Distribute 60 percent of the $8 billion to Tribes based on population data used in the distribution of the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), subject to a floor of $100,000. This data is based on U.S. Census figures and is already familiar to Tribal governments.

Distribute the remaining 40 percent of the $8 billion based on the total number of persons employed by the Indian tribe and any tribally-owned entity, and further data to be collected related to the amount of higher expenses faced by the tribe in the fight against COVID-19.

Payment to Tribes will begin today based on the population allocation, and will take place over several banking days. Amounts calculated for Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regional and village corporations will be held back until pending litigation relating to their eligibility is resolved.

Payments to tribes based on employment and expenditure data will be made at a later date. Treasury will work with Tribes to confirm employment numbers and seek additional information regarding higher expenses due to the public health emergency.

Treasury notes that the pending litigation has introduced additional uncertainty into the process of implementing the allocation and making payments to the Tribes, but the Treasury is endeavoring to make payments of the remaining amounts as promptly as possible consistent with the Department’s obligation to ensure that allocations are made in a fair and appropriate manner.
Dear Flagstaff Community,

On May 8, thousands of NAU students will come together virtually for unique online spring commencement ceremonies to celebrate a personal achievement that will define their lives and mark the beginning of new possibilities.

With the backdrop of an extraordinary moment in history, they will reflect on the years of hard work, discovery, and personal growth their degrees represent. They will also share their great achievement with the people who supported their aspirations—parents and family friends, employers, and faculty mentors.

I personally congratulate our Native American graduates. We are inspired by their success, and how each of them has made the NAU experience unique and valuable. More than 500 Native American and Indigenous students are earning degrees this academic year. Our Native American students are vital to this university and today we serve students from over 115 tribal nations. We continue to advance NAU’s mission to “become the nation’s leading university serving Native Americans.”

During the last few years, our graduates entrusted us with their futures. In turn, they have been a constant reminder of the potential that exists in all of us. We are proud of their success and confident in the many contributions they will make as they enter the next stage of their personal journey.

This year’s stage may be virtual, but the excitement and sense of accomplishment remain intact. Please join us as we welcome the Class of 2020 to the Lumberjack alumni family.

Sincerely,

Rita Hartung Cheng
President

Celebrating our spring 2020 Native American graduates

Spring 2020 commencement: Friday, May 8, 11 a.m.

In the interest of continuing responsible social distancing, the spring 2020 commencement will take place virtually.

Visit nau.edu/commencement for more details and a link to the virtual ceremony.

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