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**HOPI TRIBE – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

*Royce Jenkins issues public health remarks on the current update on COVID-19*

**KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – April 30, 2020** — The World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, indicating there is sustained transmission throughout the world. The sustained transmission has not stopped, as of this date, and the reality is the coronavirus is now present in our Hopi community. Every human being around the globe is affected by this virus. Almost every citizen from every country is impacted by this pandemic. Everyone here on Hopi is, directly or indirectly, affected by COVID-19, which means we have to protect ourselves as though it’s right next to us.

The World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease, first identified in Wuhan, China, that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak. The name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, the ‘CO’ stands for ‘corona,’ the ‘VI’ for ‘virus,’ and the ‘D’ for disease. The coronavirus we are facing today is not discriminating, anyone can be a host.

Royce Jenkins, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services for the Hopi Tribe, is guiding the local public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Jenkins provides a clear response to the current situation on Hopi, “If you are not in an area where COVID-19 is spreading, or have not travelled from an area where COVID-19 is spreading, or have not been in contact with an infected patient, your risk of infection is low. However, this virus is mainly invisible and it is possible you can pick up the virus by being near someone who has the virus but they don’t even know it. The best defense is for everyone to simply stay at home. Slow the spread. Stop any unnecessary movements. Get the facts from reliable sources to help you accurately determine your risks so that you can take reasonable precautions.” You may contact Mr. Jenkins at (928) 734-3401 or by email at [rjenkins@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:rjenkins@hopi.nsn.us).

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

As of this date – April 30, 2020

The United States now has over 1 million confirmed positive cases and over 61,000 deaths.

Over 7,000 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 700 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 160 patients to this date. Over 40 of those tests at Hopi Healthcare Center came back positive. 21 of those patients are from the Hopi Tribe.

Of those positive tests, a handful are right here on Hopi – in our villages. The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.

<b>Hopi COVID-19 Cases*</b> <b>April 30, 2020</b>					
	<b>Number Tested Today</b>	<b>Cumulative Number Positive</b>	<b>Cumulative Number Negative</b>	<b>Total Number in Process</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>
	8	47**	108	10	165

<b>Number of Cases per Village</b>	<b>As of 4/29/2020</b>	<b>As of 4/30/2020</b>
Kiqötsmovi	4	4
Orayvi	4	4
Polacca Walpi Sitsom'ovi Tewa	3	3
Musangnuvi		
Supawlavi		1
Songoopavi	8	8
Yuvelu-paki	1	3
Paaqavi		
Hotvela	1	4
Upper Munqapi Lower Munqapa		

\*This information is released by the Hopi Health Care Center and does not included state-wide data on Hopi tribal members. Therefore, data is not shown on patients receiving care at other facilities such as Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation, Flagstaff Medical Center, among others. \*\* 27 of patients are from the Hopi Tribe.

### **Prevention**

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

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

### **Education**

Limit in-person visits to the pharmacy. Plan to order and pick up all your prescriptions at the same time.

If possible, call-in your prescription orders ahead of time. Use drive-thru windows, curbside services (wait in your car until the prescription is ready), mail-order, or other delivery services. Do the same for pet medicine. Check with your doctor and pharmacist to see if you can get a larger supply of your medicines so you do not have to visit the pharmacy as often.

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For questions of more information, please call the

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