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Mervin Yoyetewa, Delores Coochyamptewa, and not pictured Pansy Edmo make up the Mishongnovi Tribal Council Representatives. Background picture is of Mishongnovi village (Photos by Romalita Laban/HT)

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# Hopi Tribal Council Seats Newest Tribal Council Representatives in March 2021

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, AZ – March 1, 2021, prior to continuing with items on its Second Quarter Session March 1, 2021 Agenda, Hopi Tribal Council seated three new representatives from the Village of Mishongnovi.

According to the October 28, 2020 Mishongnovi Village Elections OFFICIAL Results, Delores Coochyamptewa, Archi Duwahoyeoma, Pansy Edmo, and Mervin Yoyetewa were elected as TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES which was certified by the Mishongnovi Village Election Committee consisting of Deanna J. Ortiz, Michelle Lomauih and Selene Numkena in November 2020. The OFFICIAL Results were included as a tally and were certified as the “election tally results” as being the “count of all votes cast” in the election held October 28, 2020.

Correspondence dated January 20, 2021 from the Mishongnovi Bear Clan - “Village

Leader – Kik’mongwi”, “Village Kiva Leader”, “Antelope Society Leader” and the “Matriarch” to the Hopi Tribal Secretary noted and acknowledged the October 28, 2020 Village of Mishongnovi Election Results. Another correspondence dated February 17, 2021 from the “Kikmongwi, Mishongnovi Village” to the Hopi Tribal Secretary further noted and acknowledged the same results and certification of said representatives for terms of “official Tribal Council duties as Mishongnovi Representatives is to begin February 28, 2021 and will end February 28, 2023.”

The seating of the newest members to Council results in having twenty seats currently filled in addition to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Interim-Secretary and Treasurer Positions which are being occupied. The Sergeant-At-Arms position is filled by Violet Siquah as of November 2019.

## Election Results

October 28, 2020 Mishongnovi Village Elections OFFICIAL Results		
TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES		
COOCHYAMPTewa, Delores		Total: 39
DUWAHOYEOMA, Archie		Total: 38
EDMO, Pansy		Total: 37
YOYETewa, Mervin		Total: 40
BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
ANDREWS, Craig		Total: 39
GASHWAZRA, Mike		Total: 49
HUMEYESTewa, Duane		Total: 78
MAHKEWA, Bobbi Ann		Total: 57
QUANIMPTewa, Gloria		Total: 45

We certify that the election tally results above is the count of all votes cast in the Mishongnovi Village Election held October 28, 2020.

Mishongnovi Village Election Committee

Deanna J. Ortiz

Date Nov 6, 2020

Michelle Lomauih

Date 11/11/20

Selene Numkena

Date 11/22/20

### HOPITRIBAL COUNCIL Second Quarter Session March 1, 2021 AGENDA

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Action Item #061-2020 – To approve the settlement agreement in the Hopi Tribe v. United States of America, No. 06-0941 (Fed. Ct of Claims) – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel – TABLED

2. Presentation of Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Budget Formulation Report – Lorraine Walker, Awarding Official, Hopi Agency – TABLED UNTIL MARCH 1, 2021

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #010-2021 – To procure 2021 Insurance Policies for the Hopi Tribe – Author/Edgar Shupla, Director, Office of Facilities & Risk Management Services

2. Action Item #012-2021 – To approve the FY 2021 General Fund Budget and Expenditure Authorization and Appropriations Language – Author/Wilfred Gaseoma, Treasurer, The Hopi Tribe - \*\*Time Certain – March 8, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Hopi CARES Act Committee’s conduct and expenditure of the COVID-19 Funding received by the Hopi Tribe – Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

4. Discussion and Possible Action – Proposed Alternative to Generate Revenue for the Hopi Tribe – David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi

## Key Aspects and Directives of the February 26, 2021 Extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.3-2020

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – March 1, 2021 according to an email sent from Duane Humeyestewa, Executive Advisor - Office of the Chairman to all Hopi Tribal Employees a list of “Key aspects and directives of the extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.3-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID –19” included the following, as well as the February 26, 2021 Extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.3-2020, slated to remain in effect until 5 a.m. on March 31, 2021 .

Key Aspects and Directives of the Extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.3-2020:

1. In order to preserve the public health and safety of the residents of the Hopi Reservation and to support and reinforce the independent precautionary measures taken by the various Hopi villages to mitigate the risk of infection, the previously issued RESERVATION-WIDE LOCKDOWN ORDER is hereby extended beyond March 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect through 5 a.m., March 31, 2021.

2. All previously issued precautionary measures mandated by the Hopi Tribe remain in place, including, but not limited to, the following: a. The requirement that masks be worn at all times in public. b. A daily reservation-wide curfew between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., which will be strictly enforced. 3. Additionally, a reservation-wide 57-hour weekend curfew will be implemented on the following dates, and will be strictly enforced: a. March 12, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on March 15, 2021 at 5 a.m. b. March 19, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on March 22, 2021 at 5 a.m. 4. Essential personnel who will be designated as such and are needed to maintain the continuity of operations for the essential services and infrastructure of the Hopi Tribal Government will continue to operate. Employees were further instructed to confirm with their supervisor or program director on next steps – and to be advised that the Hopi Tribe is still following all guidelines and measures put in place.

In addition, Humeyestewa also included the following information:

### CDC Guiding Principles to Keep in Mind

The more people an individual interacts with, and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.

Location can be a factor, too, with outdoor activities generally being less risky than indoor activities. The risk of COVID-19 spread increases as follows:

Lowest risk: Meetings and other activities are conducted virtually. Only essential activities (i.e., provision of essential services) occur in person.

More risk: Small, in-person gatherings like board meetings or support groups are held. Outdoor activities and meetings are prioritized. Individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and do not share objects. No food is served at meetings or events. Most staff telework and if staff or stakeholders are present in a facility, they are required to wear masks (if able) and maintain social distancing. Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting practices are implemented. Attendees at the organization’s meeting and events come from the same local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, county).

Higher risk: Indoor activities are held. Medium-sized in-person gatherings are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart. In various facilities, common areas are closed, and [staff are] encouraged to wear masks (if able) and maintain social distancing. Food is served in pre-packaged boxes with disposable utensils to eliminate the need for shared items or congregating around serving tables. For meetings and events, a limited number of attendees come from outside the local geographic area.

Highest risk: Standard operations and programming are resumed. Large in-person gatherings are held where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart. Food is served “potluck” or family style. Many event attendees come from outside the local geographic area.

The Hopi Executive Order No. 007.3-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation is also being included in page 3 of this publication of the Hopi Tutuveni for the public’s reference.

# Extension of Hopi Executive Order No. 007.2-2020: Reservation-wide Lockdown for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID -19

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 18, 2020 the Hopi Tribe declared a State of Emergency and activated the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT) due to the presence of the COVID-19 Corona virus in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribe has been warned of the possibility of a "Third Wave" of COVID-19 infections hitting the United States in the month of March, caused by the new and much more contagious variants of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 continues to exist on the Hopi Reservation, with 32 active cases within the last 14 days, spread across the majority of Hopi villages and communities; and

WHEREAS, the positive test rate for COVID-19 is decreasing, but remains elevated at 20.6%, above the CDC recommended gathering criteria for Phase I re-opening; and

WHEREAS, the analysis of available data demonstrates that Hopi communities are on trend to meet the gating criteria for Phase I Re-opening in the near future, if existing restrictions and mitigation strategies continue to be implemented and adhered to, and Hopi community members continue to become inoculated; and

WHEREAS, each of the thirteen (13) Hopi villages and Communities are autonomous, and a majority of this total have exercised their inherent aboriginal sovereignty on behalf of the health, safety and welfare of their members by closing their villages to all non-residents; and

WHEREAS, this unprecedented public health emergency requires full coordination and cooperation between the sovereign village administrations and the Hopi Tribal Government to avoid waste of resources and to minimize any increased risk of exposure to the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns raised by the public regarding non-compliance and enforcement of the previously issued Stay-at-home Executive Order as well as the implementation of a reservation wide curfew, an amendment to the Hopi Code was made and approved by the Hopi Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, under Section 13.3.6 of the Hopi Code non-compliance with certain provisions of issued Executive Orders and other Emergency declarations constitutes a criminal offense; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi community has been adequately informed, over the past several weeks, of the penalties associated with this non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 7-70 I (2) of the Hopi Emergency Response Plan (HERP), the Hopi Tribal Chairman is authorized to provide the necessary direction to preserve the peace and order of the Hopi Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe issues the following emergency directives:

1. In order to preserve the public health and safety of the residents of the Hopi Reservation and to support and reinforce the independent precautionary measures taken by the various Hopi villages to mitigate the risk of infection, the previously issued RESERVATION-WIDE LOCKDOWN ORDER is hereby extended beyond March 1, 2021, and shall remain in effect through 5 a.m., March 31, 2021.

2. All previously issued precautionary measures mandated by the Hopi Tribe remain in place, including, but not limited to, the following:

a. The requirement that masks be worn at all times in public.

b. A daily reservation-wide curfew between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., which will be strictly enforced.

3. Additionally, a reservation-wide 57-hour weekend curfew will be implemented on the following dates, and will be strictly enforced:

a. March 12, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on March 15, 2021 at 5 a.m.

b. March 19, 2021 beginning at 8 p.m. ending on March 22, 2021 at 5 a.m.

4. Essential personnel who will be designated as such and are needed to maintain the continuity of operations for the essential services and infrastructure of the Hopi Tribal Government will continue to operate.

5. During the Reservation-wide Lockdown, all residents are restricted from gathering with individuals with whom they do not normally reside. This restriction applies to secular gatherings and celebrations with extended family and relatives.

6. During the Reservation-wide Lockdown and 57-Hour Weekend Curfew, and in an effort to limit unnecessary gatherings, all vendors and peddlers are discouraged from selling. This restriction applies to small businesses, and selling in or around open parking lots, on the side of roadways, near landmarks or next to other establishments.

7. All cultural and religious activities are strongly encouraged to be conducted in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding Cultural Activities for the duration of this order.

8. For the duration of this order, individuals may leave their homes or places of residence only under the following circumstances:

a. Traveling to or from work (with proof of employment).

b. Obtaining or seeking medical care.

c. Essential Travel and Activities as defined below:

1. Attending or Providing Care for an Elder or Resident needing assistance.

11. Picking up groceries for the household (by 1 person only).

u1. Hauling water from the watering points for the household and/or for livestock.

1v. Gathering hay and feed for livestock and pets.

v. Attending to the preparation work on corn fields and gardens.

v1. Procuring wood, coal or propane for household heat-

ing purposes. (Wood harvesting activities will require a tribally issued wood permit and adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols and guidance issued by the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program).

9. All businesses within the Hopi Reservation, except Essential Businesses and Services as defined herein, are required to cease all activities. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses shall comply with the Social Distancing Requirements.

10. Essential Businesses:

a. Health Care Operations, Essential Governmental Functions and Essential infrastructure (e.g. courts of law, medical providers for urgent care, public utilities, and critical school operations such as nutrition programs).

b. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities. (Operations will be mandated to cease during the aforementioned 57-hour weekend curfew, although fuel pump transactions may continue).

c. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services.

d. Businesses that provide, ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services to residents or other businesses of the Hopi Reservation. (Operations will be mandated to cease during the 57-hour weekend curfew).

e. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children.

f. Residential and commercial construction sites may otherwise continue to operate so long as it is in compliance with this Order in reference to Social Distancing Requirements, limiting persons on site to no more than 10 people at any given time, and possession of essential vendor or contractor documentation.

g. For purposes of this Order, critical first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement personnel, and others working for or to support Essential Services are categorically exempt from this Order.

11. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing Essential Governmental Functions. Essential Governmental Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements to the extent possible.

12. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an immediate threat to public health and renders one subject to criminal penalties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect through March 31, 2021 unless otherwise modified. Additional advisories and Orders will follow as warranted, SO ORDERED THIS 26 TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.



# Hopi Emergency Relief Fund Providing Food, PPE, & Covid-19 Isolation Kits



HERF crew loads food to take to a village distribution (Photo provided by sender)

For Immediate Release

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – February 26, 2021, the Hopi Emergency Relief Fund (HERF) continues to do what they can to mitigate the spread and effects of Covid-19. Since last fall, the HERF team has been distributing food boxes to one village per week. Additionally, they hold weekly PPE distributions at varying locations, and provide isolation kits for Covid-positive patients who are at home in quarantine.

A large purpose of the food distributions - which often include hygiene and household cleaning items - is to limit the need to travel. The HERF staff has also helped provide safety trainings to different groups and organizations and also provides safety training to the villages they are working with for weekly distributions. So far this year, they have served the villages of Kykotsmovi, Bacavi, Songoopavi, Hotevilla, Moenkopi (Upper & Lower), Misungnovi, Sipaulovi, Oraivi, Yuwehloo Pahki, and both the Walpi and Hopi Jr/Sr Housing communities.

The following is the schedule for HERF's upcoming village food distributions:

Village/Location	Date	Distribution Site	Time
Sitsomovi Village	Wednesday, Mar. 3	Sitsomovi Admin. Building	11:00 am
Walpi Village	Wednesday, Mar. 10	Sitsomovi Admin. Building	11:00 am
Tewa Village	Wednesday, Mar. 17	Tewa Community Building	11:00 am
Kykotsmovi Village	Wednesday, Mar. 24	Peace Academic Center	11:00 am
Elderly Distribution	Wednesday, Mar. 31	Distributed by village (25 ea.)	TBA
Bacavi Village	Wednesday, Apr. 7	Northwest Side of Plaza	11:00 am

The following is the schedule for HERF's upcoming PPE distributions:

Location	Date	Time
Kykotsmovi Village Store	Friday, Mar. 5	9:00 am -12:00 pm; 1:00 'til gone
Hotevilla Co-op Store	Friday, Mar. 12	9:00 am -12:00 pm; 1:00 'til gone
Honani C-Store	Friday, Mar. 19	9:00 am -12:00 pm; 1:00 'til gone
Polacca Circle M Store	Friday, Mar. 26	9:00 am -12:00 pm; 1:00 'til gone
Keams Canyon Store	Friday, Apr. 2	9:00 am -12:00 pm; 1:00 'til gone

The HERF's distribution operations are largely made possible through donations and grants received, as well as continued partnerships, specifically with Navajo & Hopi Families Covid-19 Relief Fund and Ancestral Lands-Hopi.

Food and PPE distribution, dates, times, and locations are subject to change. For questions or more information, please contact Derick Lomayokva, HERF Relief Site Manager, at 928-299-1992. For the most up-to-date information on distributions, please follow The Hopi Foundation on Facebook (@HopiFoundation). Isolation kits can be picked up at the Peace Academic Center (PAC) by family or friends providing care. HERF plans to continue these operations at least through June of this year.

The Hopi Emergency Relief Fund is a project of The Hopi Foundation. To learn more about The Hopi Foundation and the Hopi Emergency Relief Fund and how you can support their efforts, visit Hopi-Foundation.org.

# Tribes in legal limbo over federal virus relief funding

AP News Release

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Nearly a year after Congress passed a coronavirus relief bill, some Native American tribes remain in legal limbo over what's been distributed.

The issue didn't become any clearer for three tribes that argued during a federal court hearing this week that they were shortchanged under the formula used to dole out a portion of the \$8 billion set aside for tribes.

U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta set deadlines to move the case forward after attorneys for both sides said Thursday they couldn't reach an agreement on interim payments while the U.S. Treasury Department comes up with a new method to distribute the remaining \$533 million.

The department sent out \$4.8 billion in payments to tribal governments using federal population data that some tribes said was badly skewed.

The Shawnee Tribe in Oklahoma and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida were among those given the minimum \$100,000 because U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development data showed they had a population of zero. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas has argued it should have received \$7.65 million more than it got, based on its own enrollment data.

The tribes filed separate lawsuits that have been consolidated into one case, with the Shawnee Tribe as the lead plaintiff. Mehta initially ruled the Treasury Department had discretion in how it distributes the funding and, therefore, the methodology wasn't subject to court review.

A federal appeals court revived the claims and sent them back to Mehta for a decision on the merits.

U.S. Justice Department attorney Kuntal Cholera, who is representing the Treasury Department, asked Mehta to give the

agency until the end of April to come up with a new methodology that would factor in potential outcomes in a pending U.S. Supreme Court case also centered on virus relief funding for tribes.

Lower courts in that case were split over whether Alaska Native corporations, which own most Native land in the state under a 1971 settlement, should be in the mix. More than a dozen Native American tribes sued the Treasury Department last year to try to keep the money out of the hands of the corporations.

In the Shawnee case, the tribe's attorney, Pilar Thomas, urged Mehta to prevent further delays. "We are still in a pandemic, and we are still without our money," Thomas said.

What's unclear is whether the three tribes would see any financial relief in the case. Cholera said a decision in favor of the tribes simply would send Treasury back to the drawing board on how to distribute the remaining funds. A new methodology would make the tribes' claims moot, and federal laws wouldn't provide for any financial damages, he said.

Thomas disagreed and asked Mehta for an opportunity to argue otherwise, as did attorneys for the Prairie Band and Miccosukee tribes.

In the meantime, Mehta urged Justice Department attorneys to ask treasury officials again if they would consider an interim payment to the tribes and report back to him by March 5. He said it wouldn't be a terribly large amount.

"What's the worst that happens?" he said. "They get a little more than they're supposed to, and they use it to combat coronavirus."

This story has been corrected to show the U.S. Treasury Department sent out \$4.8 billion in payments to tribal governments using federal population data.



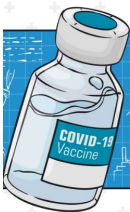
# The Hopi Health Care Center Community Vaccination Event Saturday, March 6, 2021



## I meet the criteria, how do I get my Vaccine?

To be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, you MUST:
*Be 18 years of age or older
*Must NOT have signs/symptoms of COVID-19
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*Must be observed for 15-30 minutes after receiving your vaccine

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**Moderna** Covid-19 Vaccine is being offered at this time and requires 2 doses, approximately 28 days apart, to be most effective.

We will schedule you for your second dose after the first dose is given.

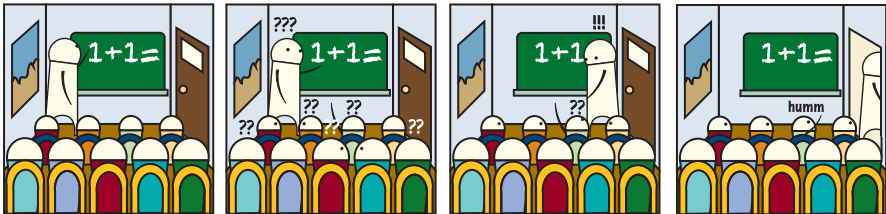
After you receive your vaccine, you will be **REQUIRED** to wait 15-30 minutes before leaving.

**Questions about the vaccine? Call the Pharmacy Department at 928-737- 6191.**

If you do not have a chart with the Hopi Health Care Center, please call 928-737-6082 to create a temporary chart. You will need to bring the following with you on the date of your appointment: 1) your original social security card; 2) birth certificate; 3) tribal enrollment document; and 4) medical insurance card(s) (if applicable) to be assigned a permanent chart number. Temporary charts will be created from March 1, 2021 to noon on March 5, 2021.

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**traditions of the Hopi & Tewa people".**

## SURVEY LINK

**<http://bit.ly/NCFoodSurvey>**

## Correction from the Editor

**CORRECTION:** In the February 17th publication of the Hopi Tutuveni an article titled "Hopi Reservation Gets Snow on Monday, February 16, 2021" by Romalita Laban, Managing Editor, should have correctly read, "February 15, 2021" In the beginning of the article the incorrect date was also referenced as "Monday, February 16, 2021" We apologize for any confusion of dates this may have caused. HT staff and Editorial Board.



# Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services

## Covid-19 Emergency Response February 23, 2021 Report

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – February 23, 2021 — The number of new COVID-19 cases in Arizona over the last two weeks has hovered around 2,000, according to the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS). Meanwhile, the number of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients and ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients have fallen to levels not seen since mid-to-late November. Arizona's overall weekly percent positivity for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, an indicator of how much the virus is spreading in the community, has also been trending downward since the start of the year. However, despite COVID-19 metrics improving throughout Arizona, there are still a lot of people getting infected and experiencing challenges with the virus.

After spiking to record highs at the start of 2021, COVID-19 cases and hospital metrics in Arizona are now at pre-Thanksgiving levels. Health experts are pointing to three major reasons for the decrease in the metrics. 1.) A large number of people have already had the virus in recent weeks 2.) An additional portion of the population is turning out for the vaccines – there is a good percentage of the population with active antibodies, 3.) In tandem with a majority of the high risk populations vaccinated, most of the high cases of COVID-19 community spread was a result of the large gatherings and parties from the holidays that have already run the course. As long as the vast majority of the population continues to follow safety guidelines and prevention measures, the downward trajectory of cases will lead to a better situation for everyone.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on

a national, state, and local level:

As of this date – February 23, 2021

The United States now has approximately 28.06 million confirmed positive cases with 69,563 new cases and over 501,181 deaths reported.

Over 811,968 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 15,513 are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 8,687 patients to this date. Over 1,369 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 990 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 258 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1248 positive Hopi Tribal members.

The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.

The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

\*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020

\*\* A total of 1248+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive

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
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- 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.

### COPING WITH STRESS DURING COVID-19

It's normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared, or angry. Talking to people you trust can help.

### MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

as best as you can with proper diet, adequate sleep and exercise, and social interaction with loved ones at home or online.



### SEEK PROFESSIONAL HELP

for physical and mental health needs instead of using smoking, alcohol, or drugs to cope.



### GATHER FACTUAL INFORMATION

from credible sources to help you accurately determine your risk and take reasonable precautions.



### AVOID BAD MEDIA

Lessen the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage of news that you find upsetting.



### REACH OUT FOR ASSISTANCE

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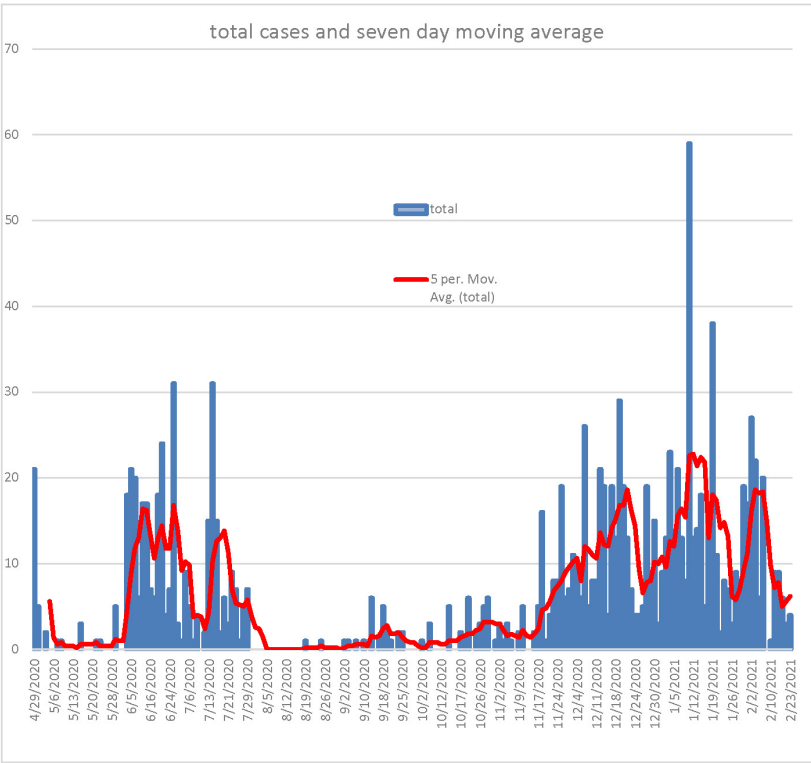
# Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services Covid-19 Emergency Response February 23, 2021 Report, Cont.

Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases* February 23, 2021			
	Number Tested Today	Cumulative Number Positive	Cumulative Number Negative
	5	1,369	7,257
	Total Number in Process	Total Tested	
	2	8,687	

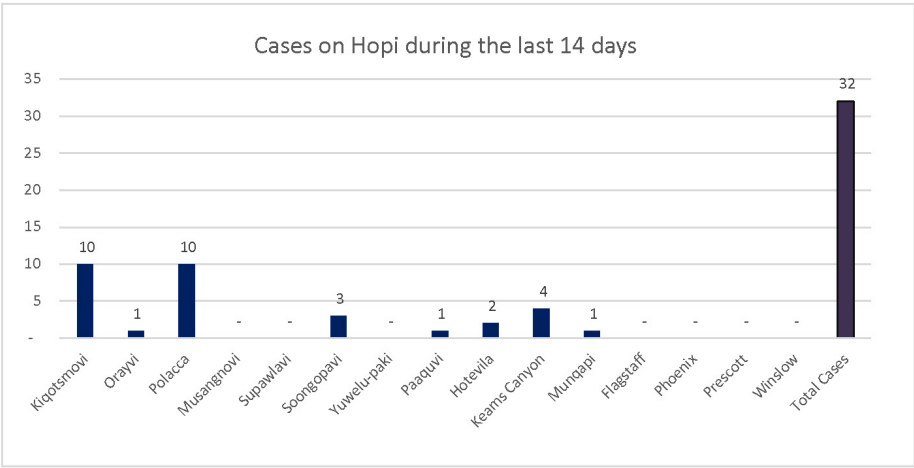
Number of Cases per Village as of February 23, 2021	Reported by HHCC	Reported by Tuba City Regional Healthcare Corporation	Total
Kiqōtsmovi	102	26	128
Orayvi	27		27
Polacca (Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)	271	9	280+
Musangnuvi	91		91
Supawlavi	58	1	59+
Sōngoopavi	216		216+
Yuwelu-paki	12		12
Paaqavi	51		51
Hotvela	120	45	165(+)
Keams Canyon	35	10	45
Flagstaff		1	1
Munqapi	1	166*	167*
Phoenix	1		1
Winslow	4		4
Prescott	1		1
TOTAL	990	258	1248



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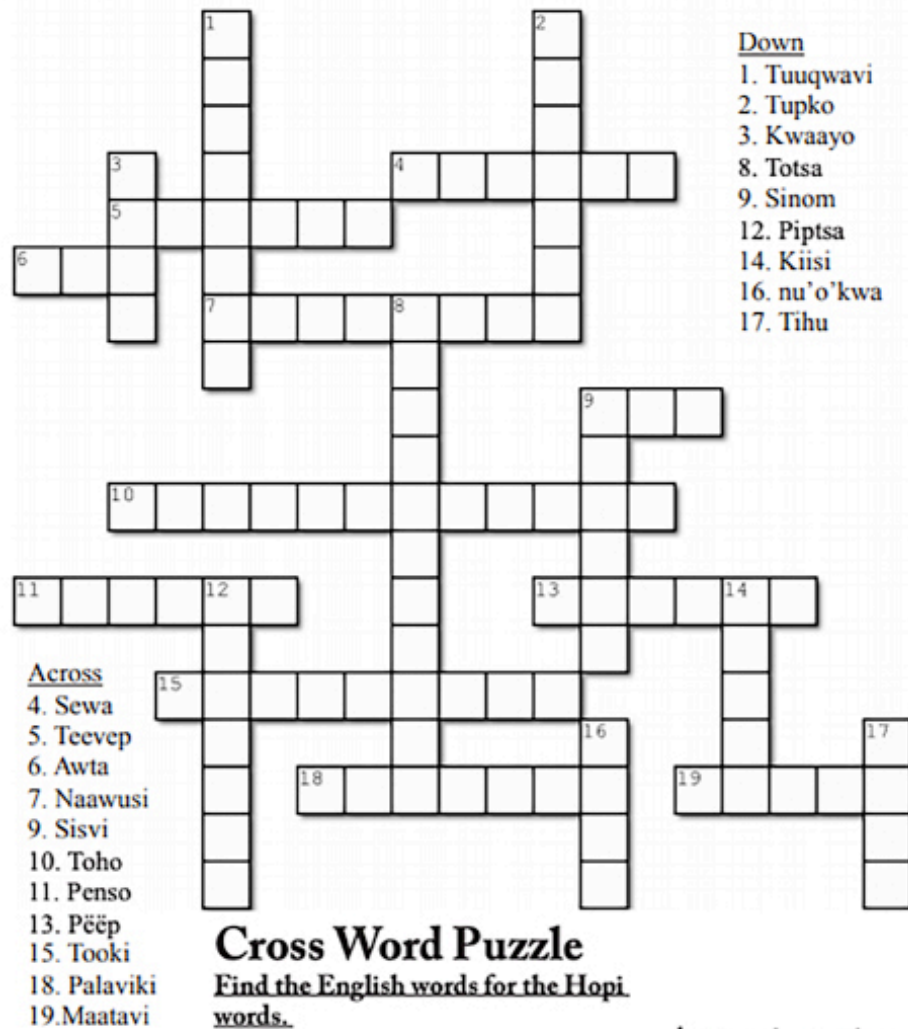


This graph demonstrates that cases per day stratified by village with a total case line and rolling seven-day line. This graph gives the total of positive cases for the day in a blue bar graph. The red line is the moving 7-day incidence average and demonstrates the general trend of Covid-19 of the community.



This graph demonstrates the active cases and is stratified by village. Currently there are 32 active cases are defined as, persons that have had a positive test result or symptom onset in the last 14 days. In this graph, the Total cases bar is all villages combined and should be excluded from the remainder of the graph. This graph demonstrates that majority of the active cases reside inside of Kykotsmovi and Polacca; however, due to all villages having cases there is widespread community transmission. This graph is useful in isolating where the virus is most active at the current moment.

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



Answers for February 3

**Across**

1. BearPaw, 2. Ladder, 4. Head, 8. Language, 9. Plaza, 10. Hip, 12. Lightning, 14. Brother, 15. Draw, 16. Sand

**Down**

1. Bullfrog, 3. Bearstrap, 4. Hear, 5. A lot, 6. Haircut, 7. Children, 11. Finger, 13. Worm, 15. Dance

Answers in next issue

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HooHu - Arrow

Honani - Badger

Honmaqto - Bear Paw

Piqösa - Bear Strap

SompI - Bear Strap Tie

Raana - Bull Frog

Poovolhoya - Butterfly

Hokona - Butterfly

Monarch

Paaqapyawma - Carry

Reed

Kwaani - Century Plant

Manangya - Collared

Lizard

Paalöngawhoya - Echo

Hongvi - Eagle's

Strength

Tsalamti - Fire Ash

Scatter

Lomataalawwa - Good

Morning

Lomakwaahu - Good

Eagle

Tepqölö - Greasewood

Patch

Höqya - Harvested

Corn

Maakiwa - Hunting

Rabbit

Maakya - Hunter

Hotski - Juniper Tree

Talwiipi - Lightning

Poosiw - Magpie

Toho - Mt. Lion

Aasa - Mustard

Kyaaro - Parrot

Kokomana - Purple

Corn Girl

Qööngö - Racing Stone

Tagaqwunu - Rainbow

Tsölö - Rain Droplets

Siyomti - Rattlesnake

Sound

Pisa - Sand

Tawisa - Singing

Patanghoya - Small

Pumpkin

Nasingpu - Snake Skin

Koökwanghoya - Spider

Nuvati - Snow

Taavi - Sunlight

Taaviwva - Sunny

Tawamansi - Sunflower

Maiden

Piiva - Tobacco

Patro - Water Bird

Taaho - Whip Snake

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So last year around this time in March everything turned upside down. I know I know...we get tired of talking about this sickness and I get it. I get that people are tired of how this sickness turned our world upside down and I get that we are trying to get used to this "new normal." We were so use to the idea that nothing will get to the Hopi reservation and we felt invincible to the outside world. Sure, we were concerned about other different diseases and sicknesses that we knew more about how to handle thanks to programs like the Special Diabetes Program and such. That program is awesome, by the way and helps so many of our people to combat high sugar levels because we Hopi people are so sweet. BUT we didn't account for this new sickness which led to the world to being in a pandemic.

So last year in the beginning of March 2020, everything seemed fine, workers in the different places around the reservation didn't seem to know we were heading into a pandemic. We went about our day as if nothing happened. But we didn't account for the fact that this would be going on for a year or so and because of messages we were receiving from leaders around us. Sure, people were talking casually about others around the country getting some illness but no one was calling it a full blown pandemic. At first folks were using the word emergency before using the word epidemic. For the everyday, run-of-the-mill Hopi, those words didn't click at first and many were carrying on with their daily lives. We continued with our ceremonies in some villages, and we tried to be happy with our "new standard" but some of us knew that something bigger was happening.

So, by the middle of this month, it will be the 1-year anniversary of closing down the Hopi Tribe. This time one year ago, Tribal workers were sent home to work

even though many didn't have the technology in place or even a laptop or perhaps even the comfort of a living room couch. I wonder if people like working from home. I know I do where I have my very own private litter box and I get to have snacks all the time. The sad part about working from home is that I don't see my office friends or any other real Tribal workers where we get to sit around and talk all day and have lunch all day from around 8am to 3pm. I miss those "normal" days. Sure, people get their work done at home and sure they are still operating the Hopi Tribal "halls" as usual. The Chairman of the Hopi Tribe is still working although I don't know what he does now. I imagine him just sitting at his desk wondering, "Should I join another conference call?" or maybe contemplating about having lunch early like all tribal workers used to do. I'm sure he's trying to do his best in this time of peril where nothing is "normal" anymore.

So, around this time in March, men in the Hopi villages will be busy with their ceremonies. The villages will smell of burning cedar wood from the fire places in the homes and the women will be rushing around trying to get food prepared, while cleaning up the house. And in the end of all things, we can enjoy the songs and dances we are accustomed to, around this time of the month. Now when I look outside of the cat house, I see dirt. What I mean by "I see dirt" is I can't see the children playing or the people walking around trying to get this month's ceremony in order, all I see is dirt, just sitting there not being moved or scattered because no one is gathering or around.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure things will be back to "normal" sooner or later, but it feels weird, like we've lost our culture. For me, I forgot how to sing the songs of the past. I forgot how our "special friends" look and

sound and I'm sad because it feels like I forgot how to be a real Hopi. Maybe next year we will be back to our old selves again and I can remember once again how to be a real Hopi. But right now, all I can do is remember the good times in the past around this time in March.

So, the Tribe has issued a "Lockdown" which means that we cannot go anywhere from our homes...yeah right! When the weekend lockdown hits everyone in the village runs off to the nearest town to shop, wine and dine, and to have fun. I'm not sure why a lockdown could work for the Hopi people, anyway. If you close a store on the weekends on the reservation, we go off the reservation to get what we need. It makes no sense, to me, why we close on the weekends when you should close during the weekdays. Or just keep the stores open over the weekend so the Hopi people won't have to go off the reservation to get supplies. Sometimes I don't think the Hopi Tribe thinks of the effects of what the Hopi people might do if you implement a "lockdown." There are no laws to keep us from going place to place we will do what we keep doing and not mind that it is a lockdown.

So, my advice to you is that, sometimes we forget how to ride a bicycle and we forget how to balance ourselves. BUT, when we remember how to do it all over again, it becomes something that we can manage and something we can trust. So, if you are missing the ceremonies in the month of March and if you are tired of hearing LOCKDOWN, just remember, it could be worse. We could have a lockdown all day, every day in March or all year! But the Tribe wouldn't be that mad to do something like that because it would cause frenzy and we don't like "frenzy" things.



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## Deb Haaland's next Senate meeting set



Rep. Debra Haaland, D-New Mexico, arrives to testify before a Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on her nomination to be Secretary of the Interior on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021. (Sarah Silbiger/Pool via AP)

Aliyah Chavez  
Indian Country Today

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will host a business meeting Thursday to consider the nomination of Rep. Deb Haaland to be Interior secretary, according to the committee's website.

The committee will have four options on how to process her nomination. It can report the nomination favor-

ably, unfavorably, without recommendation or it can choose to take no action.

Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin, who is chair of the Senate energy committee, said last week that he will vote for Haaland to serve as Interior secretary, clearing the way for her likely approval as the first Native American to head a Cabinet agency.

On the contrary, several Republican Senators on the

committee have said they will oppose her nomination including James Lankford of Oklahoma and Steve Daines of Montana.

Pending a vote from the Senate energy committee to favorably process Haaland's nomination, her selection will likely go before the full Senate for a vote where she will need a majority of Senators to officially confirm her post.