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Coronavirus Update

Statement from the Executive Offices of the Yavapai-Apache Nation

To all Tribal Members and Employees:

A CASE OF COVID-19 HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE NATION'S MIDDLE VERDE COMMUNITY

We received word this morning that test results have confirmed at least one case of COVID-19 in the Middle Verde Community. This is the Nation's second confirmed case since early April. The individual who tested positive has been instructed to quarantine at home. The Nation's health clinic is currently engaged in contact-tracing for all individuals who may have had contact with the individual and been exposed to possible infection.

All individuals who may have come in close contact with the infected individual will be instructed by health officials to self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days to limit the risks of further exposure within the community.

I understand that many of us may have begun to relax our social distancing precautions and other protective measures as the state of Arizona moves to allow a gradual reopening of businesses throughout the state. This latest COVID-19 case here in Middle Verde reminds us that the danger from the virus has not ended for our community and we are not out of the woods yet. Given the highly contagious nature of the virus and the dangers it poses to our community members, we need to continue practicing the necessary social distancing and other protective measures and cannot afford to let our guards down. We want to avoid a situation where we see a further increase in COVID cases in our communities. As a reminder, each of us has a personal responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, and our community members from this dangerous virus. This means that all of us must continue to maintain our social distancing and other protective measures indefinitely. In keeping with the Tribal Council Stay-at-Home Order, which is still in place, please stay home and practice social distancing, even within your own

homes. Remind your family members – children and adults - about the importance of taking protective measures, like frequent hand washing and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces in the home. If anyone begins to experience any of the symptoms of the virus (dry cough, fever, sore throat), call the clinic immediately to report the symptoms and ask for further instructions.

The Executive Office of the Chairman and Vice Chairwoman will be monitoring the situation closely to determine additional measures that may need to be put in place in Middle Verde and throughout our communities. As we have throughout the COVID crisis, we will maintain contact with State and Federal health care officials and agencies to enlist additional assistance as may be needed. We need you to continue doing everything you can to take on the personal responsibility of protecting yourselves and your families. You remain our first line of defense in this fight.

We will be updating you as appropriate.



Jon Huey,
Chairman