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Coronavirus Update

Statement from the Executive Offices of the Yavapai-Apache Nation

To all Tribal Members and Employees:

Heightened Enforcement Order Extended to Clarkdale and Middle Verde Communities Under Tribal Council Resolution No. 70-20 - Stay-At Home Order, Closure of Reservation, and Curfew

As I reported in my last statement of June 30, the Nation is experiencing an alarming upward trend in the number of confirmed positive Coronavirus cases. The latest report from the Yavapai-Apache Health Center verifies the severity of this trend. On July 7, the Health Center reported that since its June 24th report, the Nation has 10 new cases that have tested positive for COVID-19 Coronavirus in households in the Middle Verde and Clarkdale Communities.

Based on these latest numbers, Tunlii, Middle Verde and Clarkdale communities are all experiencing very rapid outbreaks of COVID-19. A total of 11 positive cases from the Tunlii Community, 6 positive cases from the Clarkdale Community, and 5 positive cases from the Middle Verde Community have been reported to the Health Center. Included in the positive cases reported, 3 community members have lost their lives to the COVID-19 virus.

The Yavapai-Apache Health Center is now offering COVID-19 testing every afternoon during the week. In addition, the clinic will be receiving a rapid testing analyzer through assistance provided by the Indian Health Service. The rapid test analyzer will help speed results of the testing being provided by the Health Center. If you suspect that you or your family members may have come in close contact with an individual infected by COVID-19, please go to the Health Center for testing.

As you know, Tribal Council Resolution 70-20 imposes a "Stay-At-Home Order" across the reservation, closes the reservation and authorizes the Executive Office "to take such measures as deemed appropriate to close the Nation's reservation lands to entry by non-members of the community," and imposes a curfew across the reservation "between the hours of 8:00 P.M. to 5 A.M. seven days a week."

In an effort to limit the continuing spread of the coronavirus within the Nation's communities, I am ordering the following additional measures as authorized under Council Resolution No. 70-20:

1. Effective July 15th, 2020 at 8pm, the stay-at-home order, reservation closure, and curfew, will be strictly enforced within the communities of Tunlii, Middle Verde and Clarkdale;
2. All roads leading into and out of Tunlii, Middle Verde and Clarkdale will be closed, with roadblocks and checkpoints manned by law enforcement to assist with enforcement;
3. Entry into the Tunlii, Middle Verde and Clarkdale communities by non-members of the Nation will be denied, with the only exceptions as provided under Resolution No. 70-20 or as are otherwise defined by additional orders issues by the office of the Chairman;
4. The Nation's members and non-members who reside on the reservation will be allowed to travel out of the Tunlii, Middle Verde and Clarkdale Communities during non-curfew hours for the specified exceptions provided under Resolution No. 70-20; and
5. The Curfew will be strictly enforced each evening between 8 P.M and 5 A.M., subject only to exceptions for emergency travel for medical treatment.
6. Tribal members and non-tribal members, who reside within the Tunlii, Middle Verde and Clarkdale Communities and work off the reservation and whose work-travel will be affected by the curfew hours, will need to provide an employment verification letter, which outlines your work schedule. This letter will be verified at the checkpoint.
7. Tribal members and non-tribal members who are traveling back home during the curfew hours will be allowed into the reservations only if their residency has been verified by the checkpoints.
8. Homeowners will need to fill out a residential list form, which will give the name of the tribal member, or non-tribal member who resides in their home. If a name is not listed on the residential list form, the individual will not be allowed access onto the reservation.
9. No food deliveries will be allowed onto the reservations during the curfew hours.

These heightened protective measures will remain in effect until further notice from my office.

Finally, this is a reminder to all the Nation's members to take the following COVID-19 precautions:

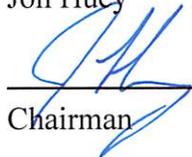
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even at home. Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, or having been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- To the extent possible, avoid touching common surfaces in public places, such as elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, and shaking hands with people.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs, particularly frequently touched surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, faucets, and cell phones.
- Avoid crowds in both the social and ceremonial setting and adhere to Social Distancing Standards, for example, standing at least 6 feet away from other people who are not within your household.
- Wear face coverings such as cloth masks, scarves, or bandanas in public places such as grocery stores and pharmacies.
- Avoid all non-essential travel. Travel is essential when you need to get food, other essentials,

medical care, or when traveling to and from work.

All members of the Nation have an ongoing responsibility to abide by the rules put in place by our Tribal Council to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 and to protect our families and communities. This responsibility is not only a personal responsibility; it is a social responsibility for each of us to do all that we can to slow, and eventually end, the spread of the virus in our communities.

Do your part to protect our communities, be safe and stay home. We will get through this together. While I understand that we are all weary of the social distancing and other restrictions made necessary by the COVID-19 public health emergency, it is clear the virus is still among us and the emergency is far from over. Our best hope in eventually beating the virus (until a vaccine is available) is to deny it the opportunity to infect our community members. We can only do this by following the guidelines provided by national and local health care experts.

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