

# Community increases protection and awareness

As we head into the month of July many things have happened in our Community, in the beginning of the year we were able to celebrate together; we looked forward to enjoying one another's company at the service center, elder center, park and family gatherings.

Since March, COVID-19 has been keeping us from one another and until our positive cases start to slow down in the Community and the state of Arizona, Ak-Chin Indian Community will continue to do all it can to ensure the health and safety of its members, residents, employees and guests.

The state of Arizona is on a month-long, state-wide Executive Order that was issued by Governor Doug Ducey and went into effect on June 29, 2020, in order to take further action to reverse the spread of COVID-19 in Arizona.

The New Executive Order prohibits large gatherings, and pauses the operations of bars, gyms, movie theaters, water parks, tubing rentals and puts special restrictions on pools.

As of July 1st, Ak-Chin Indian Community has reported 12

positive COVID-19 cases in the community. The state of Arizona has reported a total of 84,092 COVID-19 cases, with 4,878 new cases, and 1,720 Arizona lives lost. These are record cases across the country, and we are not alone, as 29 states have also seen an increase in COVID-19 cases over the past week.

What can we do to help stop COVID-19? We all need to do our part and be responsible for ourselves; we have vulnerable people in our lives that need to be protected; start by staying home – you are safer at home. We need to minimize gathering and socializing at this time. We need to wear a mask, especially when we go out of the house and are in close contact with others. Keep a physical distance of 6-feet or more when possible, wash your hands and sanitize frequently touched items.

Community Members who are symptomatic or are concerned for exposure of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), please contact the Ak-Chin Health Clinic at 520- 568- 3881 to schedule an appointment.

If there are questions regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, please call the Gila

River Health Care Corporation Coronavirus COVID-19 Hotline number at 520-550-6079 or visit the Gila River Health Care COVID-19 website at <http://gncc.org/coronavirus>

We are and always will be a people who gather as a Community, let's gather together in a different way for now, let's gather safely in our homes with family who is at home with us and talk about practicing the CDC guidelines and adhering to the measures our Council has put in place for our safety and well-being (Please see Page 5).

Let's be patient with one another and work on staying safer at home, so we can keep the things we hold most dear to us, our families – elders and youth, safeguarded until we can all be together again, for a brighter tomorrow.



# Dog the Bounty Hunter visits Ak-Chin

Story and photo by C. Picciuolo



Left to right: Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Dog the Bounty Hunter, Dog's fiancée Francie Frane, and Ak-Chin Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez meet at Elements.

Duane "Dog the Bounty Hunter" Chapman was rumored to be in the Maricopa area during the week of June 15, 2020, according to posts on Facebook. He was seen dining and taking photographs with patrons of Plaza Bonita Family Mexican Restaurant in Maricopa and even took a pit stop at Starbucks.

Dog arrived at the Adobe Office Suites, also known as the Bunker Building, on Ak-Chin land not far from Ak-Chin Regional Airport to meet with his spiritual guide Katie

Souza, who runs Katie Souza Ministries out of the building.

Souza's ministry broadcasts weekly programs around the world from the property. Upon learning that the building was on tribal land, Dog wanted to know more about the people from the Community and meet with Ak-Chin leadership.

Mr. Chapman, who claims, "I am half Apache," met with Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel and Vice Chairman Gabriel Lopez on Friday, June 19, to learn more about the

Community and also expressed the desire "to do some work or spiritual work in the Ak-Chin Nation."

He along with his fiancée Francie Frane, and Souza had lunch at 347 Grill at UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Ak-Chin Circle and took time to take pictures with staff in the restaurant. The group then headed over to Ak-Chin Elements Event Center to meet Council representatives.

"I've always understood that we had the ministry located

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# Maricopa Unified School District still discussing official start date

For those who have been wondering when our young bright minds will return to school, you will have to wait a bit longer as the increase in COVID-19 cases for Arizona escalates, official school start dates have been prolonged.

MUSD had initially posted a start date for July 23. That date was still on the table for the June 24, MUSD Governing Board Meeting. During the meeting the MUSD Reopening Task Force put together a presentation that was to provide the framework for a safe reopening, which was then to be communicated and published.

The Reopening presentation provided a timeline leading up to the July 23 start date, with results from 3073 parent and 636 staff survey responses. Results included: preference of three school organizational model options being offered; Brick and Mortar (traditional classroom setting), Remote/Digital (online), and Hybrid (combination of brick and mortar and remote/digital); as well as mitigation strategy preferences, prevention

protocols, transportation, and a plan for intermittent closures.

After the June 24 meeting, the MUSD Governing Board decided to hold a special meeting on June 29, to further discuss a possible delayed start for school, as they were still concerned about the rise in Arizona's COVID numbers.

They were planning to discuss many options for reopening, but after learning about a recent briefing and information from the Arizona Department of Education, many options were taken off the table.

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey held a briefing as well on June 29, to provide public health updates and announce further action to reverse COVID-19 spread in Arizona.

At that time, it was announced that Ducey also signed an Executive Order to delay the first day of school until at least August 17, 2020, for physical "in-person" learning.

However, schools would still be allowed to conduct distance learning before the August start date, if they so choose.

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# Miguel Family offers social alternative for San Juan Feast

Story submitted by R. Miguel, photo by Runner Staff



San Juan church group hands out free to-go meals during feast luncheon.

The Coronavirus pandemic may be affecting the way of life, normal activities and celebrations overall, but the Miguel Family continued to celebrate the annual San Juan Church Feast on Wednesday, June 24th with a free traditional meal for all who were interested.

A number of "hungry" individuals, which included many Community and Farm employees, lined up in their vehicles during lunchtime for a container to-go of traditional foods consisting of; chili stew, beans, potato salad and cemit (tortilla), lemonade and cake were also served.

The lunch began at 11:00 am and was scheduled to end at 1:00 pm, but the distribution of a free meal was so enticing that the family ran out of food

in just over an hour.

The San Juan Chov/Church, is currently located on the Miguel family grounds, is a couple hundred yards east from where it originally sat in the 60's and 70's. The San Juan Church celebration is usually observed during the end of June and is usually honored with a dance, rosary, procession march, fireworks, and other traditional performances.

"This year with the pandemic situation, we couldn't celebrate the way we're usually accustomed too, but that didn't hinder the opportunity to find a way to celebrate." Shared Chairman Robert Miguel. "We would like to thank the Community and those who came out to accept free food. It meant so much that we were able to continue the San Juan Church celebration."



# Custodial Strike Team sanitizes library



**Custodial Strike Team superheroes from left to right: Michelle Justin, Silas Norris, Vera Pablo, Lisa Vasquez.**

On Monday, June 22, the “Custodial Strike Team” sanitized the Ak-Chin Library in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The heroes were comprised of Ak-Chin Custodial Department employees.

“The cleanup went well,” said Custodian Supervisor Michelle “Missy” Justin. “We went in the library and focused on cleaning and disinfecting the high-touch surfaces such as doors, door handles, chairs, desks, phones, and walls in the office areas.”

# Ak-Chin skies will be quiet on July 4th



For a number of years, families have gathered together at Milton “Paul” Antone Memorial Park for Ak-Chin’s famous fireworks. Early birds would make their way to the community pool for some fun activities offered by Ak-Chin Parks and Rec, and follow that up with a free lunch or dinner usually of hotdogs, hamburgers and watermelon. Then everyone would settle down in the grassy areas or along Farrell Road to enjoy the pyrotechnic show provided by Ak-Chin Fire Department.

Unfortunately, the 2020 Independence Day Celebration

has been cancelled for Ak-Chin, due to the increase and concern of COVID-19, and the Community’s stand on large group gatherings.

“The health and safety of the Ak-Chin Indian Community remains our highest priority. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and its potential health threat to our members, residents, employees, and guests, Council has decided not to host a 4th of July fireworks show this year.” Ak-Chin Community Council shared in their June 30 notice to the membership, also reminding the Community “to prohibit

the personal use of fireworks by the membership and residents.”

However, the City of Maricopa will be celebrating their “Great American 4th” with 15-minute firework displays starting at 9 p.m. in two locations, to encourage Maricopa households to stay at home and watch from their own backyard. Ak-Chin residents will also be able to take advantage of the fireworks show from the comfort and safety of their homes as well.

“Even though we aren’t able to celebrate the 4th the way we normally would, we want to provide a little piece of normal for our residents,” said Nathan Ulyot, Director of Community Services. “We’re hoping our residents will be able to see the shows from anywhere in the City. We will also connect through social media and photo contests, with some pretty sweet prizes.”

# Elder Update

Submitted by Candace Allcott

Ak-Chin Elderly Care Supervisor Candace Allcott is still making masks for the Community and has shared with the Community facts and tips in regards to elderly care, especially during the pandemic.

Allcott has a small selection of children’s masks on hand and has distributed a dozen or so. She also has a lot of the mask extenders left and is making some straps to hook to the mask to hold them when not on your face. “They are like the glasses holders but have a lobster hook to hook to the ear straps. It makes it handy and you don’t forget your mask in the car or on your desk!” she says.

Here is a message from Candace:

Our Care workers, Sonia and Marissa, are still delivering meals to many Elders and we have some that pick up their meals here at our “drive-thru.”

I’ve visited some of them at their homes. I’m hearing they are growing very tired of being stuck at home. Our Elders need to be protected but Isolation is extremely hard on them. Loneliness and Social Isolation has its own risks.

According to the CDC: Although it’s hard to measure social isolation and loneliness precisely, there is strong evidence that many adults aged 50 and older are socially isolated or lonely in ways that put their health at risk. Recent studies found that:

- Social isolation significantly increased a person’s risk of premature death from all causes, a risk that may rival those of smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity.
- Social isolation was associated with about a 50% percent increased risk of dementia.
- Poor social relationships (characterized by social isolation

or loneliness) was associated with a 29% increased risk of heart disease and a 32% increased risk of stroke.

- Loneliness was associated with higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide.
- Loneliness among heart failure patients was associated with a nearly 4 times increased risk of death, 68% increased risk of hospitalization, and 57% increased risk of emergency department visits.

<https://www.cdc.gov/aging/publications/features/lonely-older-adults.html>

So, wear a mask, keep your six foot distance but go see your mom, dad, grandmother, grandfather, or your next door Elder! Sit outside for a little while (Elders enjoy the sunshine and can tolerate the heat well!) And we all could use the Vitamin D!

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# Ak-Chin custodian sows seeds of success

Story by C. Picciuolo, photo submitted by Heidi Hinz



**Heidi Hinz’ son CJ shows off some massive beets grown in Heidi’s garden.**

Heidi Hinz is a custodian for the Ak-Chin Parks & Recreation department.

What you may not know is that she has an extraordinary green thumb and a knack for business.

Hinz previously worked at Harrah’s Ak-Chin Casino and has been with Recreation for just over a year, but she stays very busy in her time outside of the Community.

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Arizona Department of Education Superintendent, Kathy Hoffman also commented on the delayed start, “It is an unfortunate, but necessary decision to delay students’ return to their classrooms. But with Arizona’s COVID cases hitting new highs every week, it is clearly not yet safe for students and teachers to return to school facilities,”

Superintendent Hoffman added, “Schools now have the financial flexibility to offer distance learning per their regular academic calendars, and it is my hope that they will take this opportunity to the best of their ability. Arizona’s students simply cannot afford to stop learning this year.”

Dr. Tracey Lopeman, MUSD Superintendent announced in her Superintendent’s Snapchat

weekly update, released June 30, that “The MUSD Governing Board will meet on July 8 to determine our start date for online instruction and learning” and that, “MUSD is transitioning to a first-rate online/remote learning model that will deliver the curriculum and digital materials your children need to start the year strong.”

For those who have not yet selected a preference from the three school organizational models you still have time.

Log on to their website: [www.musd20.org](http://www.musd20.org) and select Welcome Back, MUSD.

The July 8 MUSD Governing Board Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm and will broadcast live on YouTube at, <https://www.youtube.com/user/MaricopaUnified>



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As the world reopens, we will continue to provide trusted, quality care. We’re open and ready to serve you.

Contact your local Indian health care provider for more information, visit **Healthcare.gov**, or call **1-800-318-2596**.



## Ak-Chin Indian Community

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**520-568-1265**

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# Chairman participates in Zoom Meeting with DNC for 2020 Presidential Election

On Thursday, May 28, Ak-Chin Chairman, Robert Miguel was among 500 plus tribal leaders who participated in a Zoom Meeting for the Democratic National Committee. The meeting was to discuss preparations for the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election in November.

The DNC was and currently is doing outreach to Indian Country in efforts to get support for their candidate. Absentee, mail-in and the importance of getting everyone out to vote was the main topics of discussion.

The zoom meeting included Congresswoman Deb Halaand of New Mexico and Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts. Due to limited time, only three questions were allowed to be asked by Tribal Leaders and Tribal officials from throughout the United States. Chairman Miguel was one of a select few who were allowed to

Story submitted by R. Miguel and photos by Runner Staff



**Senator Elizabeth Warren from Massachusetts.**

ask questions. "I was selected to ask the second question (great honor)."

Chairman Miguel asked Senator Warren if the Coronavirus would affect the efficiency of the true numbers once the election numbers are tallied. Both Senator Warren and Congresswoman Halaand responded that the issue may arise dependent on the outcome. One party may challenge the validity, efficiency, and issues due to the virus among other things.

The main message both wanted to push across

was the importance of going out to vote.

Chairman Miguel also participated in an interview panel on May 29th, along with Gila River Governor Stephen Lewis, Tohono O'dham Chairman Ned Norris Ft. McDowell President Bernadette Burdett, Navajo Nation Vice-President Myron Lizer and Pascua Yaqui Chairman Robert Valencia for the University of Arizona, Senior Vice President, Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement.

## Cool Your Canines: Tips to beat the Summer Heat

Summer is a fun time of year for humans and dogs alike. Many dogs (and people) love to play outdoors despite the heat. If your dog does not wish to stay indoors with the air-conditioner, there are still plenty of ways to keep your dog cool as temperatures rise. Remember that dogs cannot cool themselves by sweating like humans, they might sweat a small amount through their pads, but the main way a dog cools off is by panting. Unfortunately, panting is not enough when it is extremely hot and humid. Summer time is no joke, and it's up to you to make sure your dog stays cool and comfortable. Here are some ways to help your dog cool off in the heat of summer.

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some ways to help your dog cool off in the heat of summer.

#### FRESH, COOL WATER

It is essential that you keep fresh, cool water available to your dog at all times. In hot weather, this is even more crucial. Make sure you keep the water dish in a shady location and change the water frequently. To constantly keep fresh water available outdoors, consider installing a watering system that hooks up to a faucet. These systems are designed to provide water as needed and are usually triggered by motion or a specific action.

#### SHELTER FROM THE SUN

Your dog might enjoy a little sunbathing, but they ultimately need a cool, shady spot to relax. Prolonged sun exposure not only leads to heat exhaustion, it can also cause sunburn. Yes, dogs can get sunburned too. While sunscreen is available for dogs, it is not ideal. The best thing is to offer shelter. Shade from trees is nice, but not perfect. An actual structure is better, but make sure it is large and well-ventilated. Alternatively, you might put up an open-air tent or canopy, if possible, put the shelter in a shady area to keep it extra-cool. Of course, the most ideal shelter is in your home.

#### POOLS AND COOLING

If your dog loves water, then a large tub of kiddie pool (molded plastic,

not inflatable) might be a great addition to your yard. You can find tubs or pools at most home stores. Many dogs enjoy playing and lounging in the cool water. Just make sure you supervise your dog at all times. Also, keep the pool in a shady spot and change the water frequently. Do not leave the pool full when not in use, as it may attract mosquitoes. Instead of a pool, you might also try running a sprinkler to see if your dog likes it. However, most dogs prefer a pool to a sprinkler.

#### TRIMMING YOUR DOGS LONG HAIR

Dogs with extremely thick or long fur should be trimmed during the hot summer months. Regular use of a de-shedding tool, such as the Furminator de-shedding tool can remove tremendous amounts of undercoat hair.

#### BE AWARE OF THE SIGNS OF CANINE HEAT EXHAUSTION

Heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue are all signs of possible heat exhaustion. What to do in the event of heat exhaustion: Move the animal into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to their head, neck and chest or immerse them in cool (not cold) water. Let them drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes and consider taking them directly to the veterinarian.

## Ak-Chin provides for membership



**Working together to help the community.**

On March 23, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community closed many of its doors due to COVID-19. So, the Community was put on pause for a few weeks, with a few departments working, most employees were granted administrative leave, including employees at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and UltraStar Multi-entertainment Center who were also shut down.

With businesses closed and no customers to service, Harrah's and UltraStar found themselves with a multitude of perishables on hand, so the community was offered its first food distribution.

Held on March 23rd, the distribution was set in motion with staff on hand and volunteers and an effort was made to distribute items to the elders first and then all community households, with any left-over foods donated to the local food bank.

This would be the beginning of a slew of distributions for the Community. "The community has had 7 membership distributions, 3 home distributions,

2 distributions for members who reside off reservation, and another 2 for members who didn't receive supplies from door to door distribution" according to Flora Howerton, Ak-Chin's Purchasing Manager.

Since the first distribution, Howerton and her Purchasing team have reached out to community vendors and searched the web to find essential supplies that could be provided in bulk. They have provided many items to the membership since the first distribution, with disinfecting supplies being a focal point as these supplies will help minimize the coronavirus spread. They have continued to seek out supplies, such as alcohol wipes, hand soap, disposable masks, and disinfectant wipes/sprays if any are available.

As of now there are no planned distributions, but the community does have leftover supplies ready for the next event. Any leftover foods are split between different departments who provide daily meal services, for example the Detention and Elderly Center.

**LATEST ELECTION BOARD NEWS!**

It's an Election Year!  
Two (2) seats are up for election in November  
Chairman (1) and Vice Chairman (1)

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• Official Notice of Election will be posted in July

If you are considering running for one of the seats, please start preparing for this election to be held in November.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact Marilyn Thompson @ ext. 1000 or Elaine F. Feters @ ext. 1350.



**Arizona Primary Election**  
August 4, 2020

**Early Voting: July 8, 2020 - July 31, 2020**

**Voter Registration Deadline:**  
Monday July 6, 2020

**Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:**  
Received by Friday, Jul 24, 2020 5:00PM MST

**Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:**  
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:00PM MST

For more information, please go on:  
[azsos.gov/elections](https://azsos.gov/elections)



I would like to recognize the following Elementary students for their attendance throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Excellent Attendance means these students had 95% attendance rate for the year and Perfect Attendance means they had ZERO absences for the entire school year!

Great job to all!

Thank you,  
Liane Iglesias, K-5th Grade Truant Officer  
Ak-Chin Education Department

<u><b>Excellent Attendance</b></u>	<b>Marley Contreras</b>
<b>Aleah Oliver</b>	<b>Mason Bowman</b>
<b>Alexis Gonzalez</b>	<b>Mateo Rodriguez</b>
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<b>Antonio Rodriguez</b>	<b>Matthew Villarreal</b>
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<b>Maite Ortega</b>	
<b>Marcus Delores</b>	



Above, right, photos of three of the students with perfect attendance, from top to bottom: Mikayla Matuz, Jayden Narcia, and Angelica Antone. Congratulations!

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Take them a home cooked meal. Sit in your car with the window rolled down and the AC blasting, but visit with them. Not only are they lonely, they're bored. Large print crosswords or word search books are good and can be purchased at the dollar store. We have some books on CD here if anyone knows an Elder who would like one.

Have their grandchildren write them a note or send them a card. If you can't physically visit call them a couple times a day. Don't get so caught up in this virus you forget to live and let the Elders live. They need you now more than ever.

If you are creative and come up with some unusual way to relieve their isolation and loneliness, share your ideas so others can follow.



# MESQUITE MEAL recipes

Native Seeds/SEARCH  
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The mission of Native Seeds/SEARCH (Southwestern Endangered Aridland Resources Clearing House) is to conserve, distribute, and document the adapted and diverse varieties of agricultural seeds, their wild relatives and the role these seeds play in cultures of the American Southwest and Northwest Mexico.

- Rich in calcium, magnesium, potassium, iron and zinc, mesquite meal is a very healthy food.

It is an especially good food for diabetics because of its ability to stabilize blood sugar, and low glycemic index.

Naturally sweet, mesquite meal may be used in place of 1/4 to 1/2 of wheat flour in recipes. The sugar content in the recipe may also be reduced.

The dense texture of mesquite does not work well as the only flour source in baked goods.

**The following recipes are provided courtesy of Native Seeds/S.E.A.R.C.H.:**
- Southwest Focaccia**

1 pkg active dry yeast  
1 C warm water  
2 tsp sugar  
¾ tsp salt  
¼ + ¼ C olive oil  
½ C mesquite meal  
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-2 tsp chipotle flakes  
¼ C grated Parmesan cheese

Heat ¼ C olive oil in small pan on low heat. Sauté garlic, stirring occasionally until soft and golden, 10-15 minutes. Stir in chipotle flakes and set aside to cool. Combine yeast and water in a large bowl, let stand 5 minutes. Stir in sugar, salt and ¼ C oil. Add 1 C flour and beat with a wire whisk or spoon 2-3 minutes. Stir in mesquite meal and enough flour to make soft dough. Knead on floured surface 8-10 minutes. Cover and let rest 20 minutes. Punch down and roll out to fit a well-greased 10x15" baking pan. After placing on pan, pierce dough with knife at 1" intervals. Drizzle with garlic-chile mixture, and sprinkle with cheese. Let rise until puffy (10-15 minutes). Bake 15-18 minutes at 400 degrees or until golden brown.
- Mesquite Crumb Crust**

1 C finely ground graham cracker crumbs  
½ C mesquite meal

- ¼ C white sugar  
6 T butter, melted  
½ tsp ground cinnamon

Mix all ingredients until well blended. Press mixture into an 8 or 9 inch pie plate. Bake at 375 degrees F for 7 minutes. Cool. If recipe calls for unbaked pie shell, just chill for about 1 hour.
- Mesquite Cornbread**

¾ each cornmeal and flour  
½ C mesquite meal  
2 tsp baking powder  
½ tsp each baking soda & salt  
1 C buttermilk or yogurt  
1 egg  
3 T maple syrup or honey  
3 T oil

Combine dry ingredients in medium-sized bowl. Combine the wet ingredients and stir into the dry ingredients just until combined. Spread into greased 8 x 8" pan. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees. Optional: mix in with dry ingredients— 1 C fresh or frozen corn, ¼ C grated jack cheese, 3 T minced onion and 1 T chipotle flakes

Dog the Bounty Hunter continued from front page

at our Industrial Park, but did not realize the connections or associations they had with individuals of Mr. Chapman's stature," says Chairman Miguel.

"The meeting lasted longer than expected, but it was a good meeting and it was great to sit and listen to Dog's questions which pertained primarily to culture, tradition, and the Ak-Chin Community. He really sat there listening with keen interest and it's always good to meet with someone who takes in who we are as people."

Lopez informed Mr. Chapman that, "our ancestral land goes beyond the international border to the south, and the O'odham people have, and will always claim, 'We didn't cross the border, the border crossed us.'" Dog asked Lopez what O'odham is, and Lopez informed him, "People of the Desert."

Mr. Chapman said that he would like to come back and learn more about the Community, and he hopes to visit some of the Elders when the pandemic situation is over

Vice Chairman Lopez also had some kind words about Dog's visit to Ak-Chin, as he says he always believes that the Creator sends people in our path for whatever reason, and it's a blessing.

"Duane 'Dog' Chapman was one of those blessings. His honesty of his troubled path and finding God/creator is the start and/or healing of one's self," said Lopez.

Dog extended his services, if the Community should need him for anything. Katie Souza Ministries also extended their services of their television studio to the Community. Upon leaving, Dog made sure to thank the Community. "Thank you for letting us be here, and we realize whose land we're on, it's yours. Thank you very much for having us as your guests and we will absolutely pay you back," said Dog.

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Hinz owns a coconut mangrove and a rice field in the Philippines and is a part-owner of a winery in California.

Currently, Hinz grows rosemary, sage, beets, cantaloupe, pumpkin, kale, carrots, eggplant, okra, onions, corn, green beans, potatoes, asparagus, sugar cane, tomatoes, and a variety of bell and spicy peppers.

Some employees had planned on visiting the winery early this year as guests of Hinz, but the COVID-19 pandemic put a hold on that for now. She also has a flourishing garden all year round.

She says her favorite is her moringa tree, whose leaves are known to have many health benefits.

Hinz just harvested the potatoes, turnips and beets and plans on growing spinach, leeks and cabbage for the winter.

"My garden is my sanctuary," she says. "It gave me a place to expend my energy during our quarantined time. I enjoyed being able to be outside and relax and not worry about the world outside of my garden."



Can you spot the coyote (or "ban" in O'odham?) It was seen by farm equipment at Ak-Chin Farms on 5/18/20.

- Mesquite Granola**

3 C rolled oats  
½ C each almonds, dry roasted peanuts, coconut and sunflower seeds  
¼ C sesame seeds  
1 C mesquite meal  
½ C oil  
¾ C each honey and peanut butter

Stir together oats through mesquite meal in large pan. Bring oil, honey, and peanut butter to a boil in saucepan. Combine with oat mixture. Spread in 11x17" baking sheet. Bake 40-45 minutes at 300 degrees stirring every 10 minutes. Let cool in pan on wire rack. May store granola 1 month in a covered container.
- Mesquite Flour Tortillas**

1 ½ C unbleached flour  
½ C mesquite flour  
½ tsp salt  
3 T canola oil  
½ C warm water

Mix together flour, meal and salt. Drizzle on oil and stir with fork. Stir in warm water and make

into a ball. Knead 2 minutes on floured board. Cover and let rest 20 minutes. Divide into 12 balls. Roll each into ½" thick circle. Cook in dry skillet over medium heat. When slightly browned on one side (approximately 1 minute), flip over and cook 10-15 seconds more. Stack in plastic bag immediately and let sit to steam. May store at room temperature 2-3 days. Keep in refrigerator for longer storage.

**"Please note our retail store remains closed during the Covid-19 pandemic, however most items are available on our website online store: www.nativeseeds.org as well as access to free seeds for Native Americans via our request form. We hope Community members will take advantage of our free seed program."**

**- Glenn Wagner, Native Seeds/S.E.A.R.C.H. Finance & Operations Manager**



# AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

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### ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN

#### of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

(Amending the Order limiting large events and mass gatherings, to include and establish a curfew.)

**WHEREAS,** on March 26, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council ("Community Council") issued a declaration entitled "Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak" ("Declaration"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Declaration authorizes the Chairman, or the Chairman's designee, to act on behalf of the Community and to take (or direct the taking of) any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Declaration; including, but not limited to, security and law enforcement actions and issuing communications of general health and safety information to the public; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 17, 2020, I issued an Order limiting large events and mass gatherings, which prohibited gatherings of more than ten (10) people were contrary to the best health, safety, and welfare interests of the Community subject to certain limitations enumerated in the Order

**WHEREAS,** since enactment of the Declaration and the June 17 Order, the number of suspected and confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in the State of Arizona and within the Community has continued to increase; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the website for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person; and

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza; and, in general, the more closely a person interacts with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread; and

**WHEREAS,** while there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, adopting different types of prevention measures can protect individuals and help reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the CDC:

- Interacting with more people raises your risk.
- Being in a group with people who aren't social distancing or wearing cloth face coverings increases your risk.
- Engaging with new people (e.g., those who don't live with you) also raises your risk.
- Keeping distance from other people is especially important for people who have an increased risk for severe illness.
- Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces where it might be harder to keep people apart and there's less ventilation.
- Spending more time with people who may be infected increases your risk of becoming infected.
- Spending more time with people increases their risk of becoming infected if there is any chance that you may already be infected.

; and

**WHEREAS,** one of the primary purposes of government is to protect its citizens, maintain order and balance the rights of all individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** the health and safety of the Community's members and other persons who serve the Community is of the highest priority and the Community Council recognizes the urgent need to impose certain restrictions on those individuals within the boundaries of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Reservation in order to keep the Community's members, residents, and employees safe; and

**WHEREAS,** multiple data sets have revealed that Native American communities have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in Arizona and, thus, Native American communities can appropriately be deemed high-risk populations; and

**WHEREAS,** to reduce the number of interactions among the Community's high-risk population, it is in the Community's best interest that a curfew be adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak and after consultation with the Community Council, do hereby amend my Order of June 17th to include the following:

1. Subject to the exceptions provided in Section 1 A through F of my June 17<sup>th</sup> Order, all individuals who reside within the Community are ordered to stay at home at their place of residence and within their private yard (e.g., no loitering in common areas of residential areas) except as needed for medical, health, safety, and food for themselves or their family members between the hours of 8 PM and 5 AM.
2. My June 17<sup>th</sup> Order, as amended by this Order, shall remain in effect until rescinded by either my order or act of the Community Council.

**ORDERED** this 1st Day of July, 2020.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand.

  
Robert Miguel, Chairman  
Ak-Chin Indian Community

ATTEST:

  
Victoria A. Smith, Council Executive Secretary  
Ak-Chin Indian Community



## TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION HEALTH CARE

Sells Hospital P.O. Box 548  
Sells, Az. 85634

**For Immediate Release**  
DATE: June 30, 2020

### Hospital & Health Centers

TON Public Health  
Information Officer  
Donna Hobbs  
(520) 383-7256 or  
(520) 383-7263

TON Sells Hospital  
P.O. Box 548  
Highway 86 & Topawa Rd.  
Sells, AZ 85634  
(520) 383-7200

TON San Xavier  
Health Center  
7900 S. J Stock Road  
Tucson, AZ 85746  
(520) 295-2550

TON Santa Rosa  
Health Center  
HC01 Box 8700  
Federal Route 15  
Milepost 12  
Sells, AZ 85634  
(520) 383-5570

TON San Simon  
Health Center  
HC01 Box 8150  
Highway 86  
Milepost 74  
Sells, AZ 85634  
(520) 382-7007

### Public Health Alert:

COVID-19 cases associated with funeral services June 24 and 25 at Santa Rosa. Several people who attended funeral services in East Santa Rosa Village on Wednesday and Thursday June 24-25 have tested positive for COVID-19.

If you attended the funeral services on either day (June 24th or June 25th), in person, and had direct contact with other people, we recommend that you immediately begin 14 days of quarantine in your home or other safe location. Quarantine from this gathering includes the dates of June 25, 2020 through July 9, 2020.

Quarantine is recommended regardless of testing status.

### Direct contact includes:

-Shaking hands, hugging, or standing closer than 6 feet from other people for more than 10 minutes.  
-Not being able to wash your hands immediately after contact with others at the funeral.

### Increased risk includes:

- Direct contact with someone with known COVID-19
- Close contact with someone with sneezing or coughing and potentially crying and singing.

### During quarantine:

- **DO NOT** leave your home.
- **DO NOT** visit people who do not live in your same house -
- **DO NOT** invite people to your home.
- Contact your District if you need assistance with groceries, supplies, or medicines.

**DO NOT ATTEND GATHERINGS OF ANY SIZE, even short close visits with your neighbors and relatives who live nearby are risky at this time.**

If you have more questions, call your provider or TONHC Public Health Nursing for evaluation and testing recommendations. If testing is recommended at TONHC, please call for an appointment. Do not show up without an appointment. Testing can cause you to sneeze contagious spray and health care staff needs to prepare for you.

Sells: 520-383-7209

San Simon: 520-362-7078

San Xavier: 520-295-2529 or 520-295-2590

TONHC Public Health Nursing: 520-383-7205

**Remember, getting tested today only gives you today's result.**

**A negative result does not protect you or your family tomorrow. Stay in quarantine if directed.**

**Always wear a mask in public. Stay 6 feet away from others.**

**Avoid all gatherings, even with close relatives who do not live with you.**

**Do not expose yourself or your family.**

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### ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN

#### of the Ak-Chin Indian Community

(Mandating the use of cloth face coverings in all public settings.)

**WHEREAS,** on March 26, 2020, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council ("Community Council") issued a declaration entitled "Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak" ("Declaration"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Declaration authorizes the Chairman, or the Chairman's designee, to act on behalf of the Community and to take (or direct the taking of) any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of the Declaration; including, but not limited to, security and law enforcement actions and issuing communications of general health and safety information to the public; and

**WHEREAS,** since enactment of the Declaration, the number of COVID-19 cases in the State of Arizona has continued to increase; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the CDC's website, the COVID-19 virus is spreading more efficiently than influenza; and, in general, the more closely a person interacts with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread; and

**WHEREAS,** to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household; and

**WHEREAS,** prevailing medical guidance suggests that the spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when cloth face coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces; and

**WHEREAS,** multiple data sets have revealed that Native American communities have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in Arizona and, thus, Native American communities can appropriately be deemed high-risk populations; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the Community to establish a face covering policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Robert Miguel, Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Declaration of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Proclaiming a State of Emergency Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak and after consultation with the Community Council, do hereby order that:

1. Cloth face coverings shall be worn by all individuals who are two (2) years of age or older in public settings when around people outside of their household. Adults accompanying minor children who are two (2) years of age and older shall use reasonable efforts to cause those children to wear face coverings when such minors are in a public setting.
2. Any individual who is observed in public and who is not wearing a face covering shall be notified by law enforcement or any other enforcement agent of the Community of the provision of this Order and given an opportunity to comply prior to any enforcement action being taken.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand.

  
Robert Miguel, Chairman  
Ak-Chin Indian Community

ATTEST:

  
Victoria A. Smith, Council Executive Secretary  
Ak-Chin Indian Community



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!

## RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM EVENT

## Why do you need a completed ROI Form?

but one will be provided as needed

Each year, the Education Department collects signed *Release of Information Forms* (ROI) for all K-12 students (Ak-Chin Members and Residents). These forms allow the Department to provide support, assistance and academic services throughout the school year for your student.

**When:**

**July 14 (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.):** Students with last names beginning with letters A-M

**July 16 (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.):** Students with last names beginning with letters N-Z

**Location:**

Recreation Center Gym

**Process:**

(1) parent is needed to sign the form; we ask that you arrive alone to minimize contact with others.

- Once you arrive, you will be asked to practice social distancing; we will have hand sanitizer and PPE available as needed.
  - We encourage you to bring your own mask,

- Next, you will be guided to a table where you will be provided the ROI form (electronically) and asked to review and sign (electronically)
  - Tables will be distanced greater than 50 feet apart
  - Hand Sanitizer will be provided upon entry and exit
  - All electronic equipment, tables and other items will be wiped down between each visitor
- Once completed, you will be asked to exit out a designated door.

**Health and Safety:**

We recognize the current pandemic and as a result we have scheduled this event to take place over the span of two days. We have also staggered our schedules (family last names) over the two days to help reduce contact with others.

If you cannot attend the event, please contact our office at 520-568-1280 and we will provide other arrangements.

AK-CHIN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

# FALL DEADLINE EXTENDED: 08/31/2020

ALL VISITORS MUST HAVE APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH AK-CHIN ACADEMIC ADVISOR. CALL OR E-MAIL TO SCHEDULE.

Contact Pamela Velasquez at: P.Velasquez@ak-chin.nsn.us 520.568.1291

## HOUSING OFFICE CLOSURE

To: Community Residents  
From: Bartholomew Smith, Community Operations Manager  
Date: Monday, June 29, 2020

The Ak-Chin Housing Office will be closed until further notice. Ak-Chin Maintenance Department will continue to maintenance or repair homes. You may Call Maintenance Department at (520) 568-1103 until Housing Office reopens. If you need further assistance you may call Housing Director, Marlene Garcia at (520) 858-2532. Please share this information with those that do not have email or social media.

Thank You

## SANITATION/PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE CLOSURE

To: Community Residents  
From: Bartholomew Smith, Community Operations Manager  
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

The Ak-Chin Sanitation/Public Works Department will be closed until further notice. Garbage pick-up will continue on Monday July 6, 2020. If you need further assistance you may call Sanitation/Public Works Director, Delbert White at (520) 510-9202. Please share this information with those that do not have email or social media.

Thank You

## Important Information About Your Cloth Face Coverings

Print Resources Web Page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html>

As COVID-19 continues to spread within the United States, CDC has recommended additional measures to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. In the context of community transmission, CDC recommends that you:



Stay at home as much as possible



Practice social distancing (remaining at least 6 feet away from others)



Clean your hands often



In addition, CDC also recommends that everyone wear cloth face coverings when leaving their homes, regardless of whether they have fever or symptoms of COVID-19. This is because of evidence that people with COVID-19 can spread the disease, even when they don't have any symptoms. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

### How cloth face coverings work

Cloth face coverings may prevent the person wearing the mask from spreading respiratory droplets when talking, sneezing, or coughing. If everyone wears a cloth face covering when out in public, such as going to the grocery store, the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced for the community. Since people may spread the virus before symptoms start, or even if people never have symptoms, wearing a cloth face covering may protect others around you. Face coverings worn by others may protect you from getting the virus from people carrying the virus.



### General considerations for the use of cloth face coverings

When using a cloth face covering, make sure:

- The mouth and nose are fully covered
- The covering fits snugly against the sides of the face so there are no gaps
- You do not have any difficulty breathing while wearing the cloth face covering
- The cloth face covering can be tied or otherwise secured to prevent slipping



Wash your cloth face covering after each use in the washing machine or by hand using a bleach solution. Allow it to completely dry.

For more information, go to: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html>



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## SAFER AT HOME: QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GOING OUT

### How many people will you interact with?

- Interacting with more people raises your risk.
- Being in a group with people who aren't social distancing or wearing cloth face coverings increases your risk.
- Engaging with new people (e.g., those who don't live with you) also raises your risk.
- Some people have the virus and don't have any symptoms, and it is not yet known how often people without symptoms can transmit the virus to others.

### Can you keep 6 feet of space between you and others? Will you be outdoors or indoors?

- The closer you are to other people who may be infected, the greater your risk of getting sick.
- Keeping distance from other people is especially important for people who are at higher risk for severe illness, such as older adults and those with underlying medical conditions.
- Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces where it might be harder to keep people apart and there's less ventilation.

### What's the length of time that you will be interacting with people?

- Spending more time with people who may be infected increases your risk of becoming infected.
- Spending more time with people increases their risk of becoming infected if there is any chance that you may already be infected.

## Cloth Face Covering Do's & Don'ts:

### DO:



- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

### DON'T:

- ✗ Use on children under age 2
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for healthcare workers



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A WATER TREATMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“ACIC”) is currently in need of a Water Treatment Consultant to start September 1, 2020. The Consultant must be capable of analyzing water qualities; inspecting, maintaining, repairing water-treatment equipment and applying water treatment at both the Ak-Chin Central Plant located at 15960 N. Narcia Street, Maricopa, AZ 85139, and the Ak-Chin Plant serving the Ak-Chin Multi-Purpose Justice Complex Building, located at 45525 West Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Consultant will provide chemicals and a service program to maintain water conditions required to inhibit corrosion, scale formation and biological growth for the condenser water system, heat transfer surfaces and metallurgy. Consultant to provide chemical services for the chilled water closed loop systems at the Central Plant and Justice Center as well as the heating water closed loop system at the Justice Center Complex.

ACIC is hereby soliciting proposals from qualified Contractors to provide a quality water treatment program. ACIC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and the right to negotiate with the most responsive proposer.

**Proposals will be due by 5:00 PM local Arizona Time on Friday July 17, 2020.**

Proposals shall be submitted via email to **Purchasing Manager, Flora Howerton** at [FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:FHowerton@ak-chin.nsn.us) or in person 42507 West Peters & Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85138. Phone: (520) 568-1043. For a copy of the complete RFP, please contact Flora Howerton.

**Ak-Chin Indian Community  
Purchasing Department  
Water Treatment Consultant  
42507 West Peters & Nall Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85138**

## Ak-Chin Indian Community Prosecutor’s Office

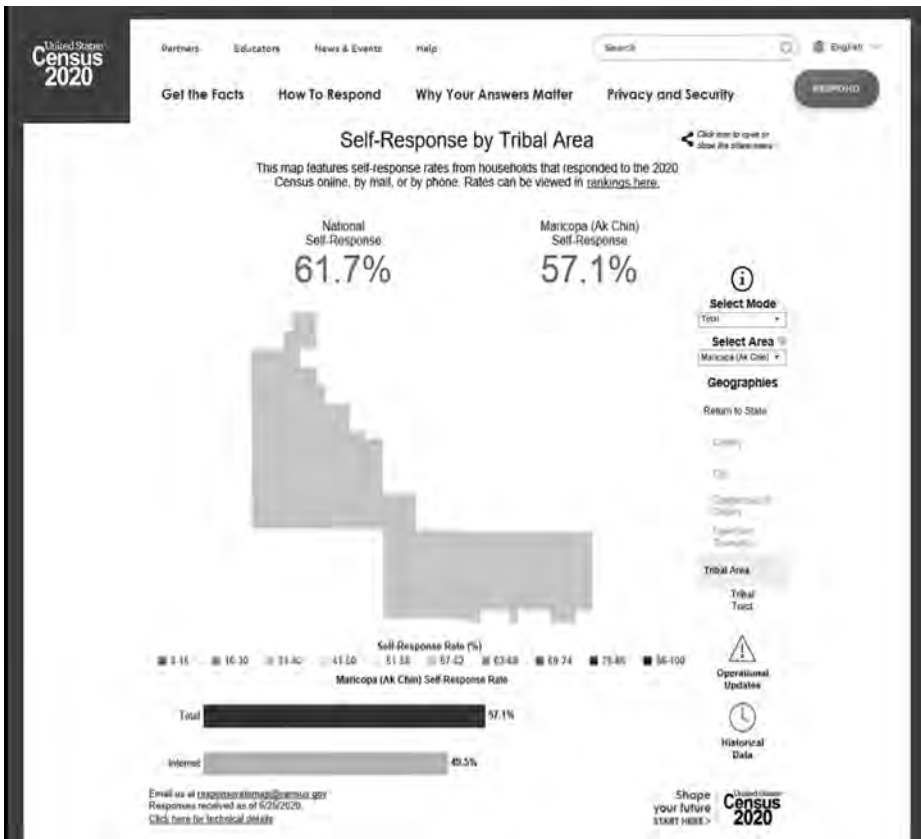
### Notice of Closure and On-Call Services

Effective July 1, 2020, the Ak-Chin Prosecutor’s Office will be closed, returning on July 8, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

The following services can be accessed by calling the following staff and numbers:

- ✓ Prosecutor – Quinn Shumway  
520-483-4668
- ✓ Victim’s Services – Collette Susunkewa  
520-252-1995

Thank you.



This was Ak-Chin’s response rate, as of June 25, 2020. According to Ak-Chin Enrollment, “We made another goal of next bracket percentage.”

This once-a-decade count will help determine critical decisions for your community; new schools, new clinics, new roads and more services for families, older adults and children.

Don’t forget to fill out your Census 2020 Form. Responding to the 2020 Census is quick and easy. It’s safe, secure and confidential. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. For more information on completing your Census 2020, call 844-330-2020 or visit: <https://2020census.gov>

## ATTENTION:

**\*\*\*Tribal Members\*\*\***  
**Please make sure your mailing address on file with the Enrollment Office is current.**

**This will ensure future mailings from Ak-Chin Indian Community**



**Change of Address**

**Address Update Forms are located at the Enrollment Office. (Old Fire Department)**

**For information or to schedule an appointment please call (520) 568-1029 or (520) 568-1074.**  
No Walk-Ins are available

## COURT CLOSURE:

Ak-Chin Court is temporarily closed. The court will reopen on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 8 am.

**For emergencies or to make child support payments or pay fines, call (520) 568-1385 or (520) 251-3936 or email [court@ak-chin.nsn.us](mailto:court@ak-chin.nsn.us).**

## NOTICE

To: Ak-Chin Membership  
From: Ak-Chin Enrollment Office  
Date: June 30, 2020  
Re: Enrollment Office

In observance of the 4th of July holiday weekend, the Ak-Chin Indian Community Enrollment office **will be closed on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th.**

We will resume back to normal hours on Monday, July 6th.

**\*Reminder: Should you need a Tribal I.D. replacement or other enrollment services, please call 520-568-1029 or 1074 to set up an appointment. NO WALK-INS AVAILABLE.**

**(Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is strongly recommended that face masks are worn when entering the building).**

Thank-you.  
Enrollment staff

# HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? YOU COULD BE COMPENSATED FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY.

**FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JULY 30, 2020.**

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.**  
**PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.**

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. (“**Purdue**”), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin®, or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

## WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A “claim” means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue. Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

## WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as “**NAS**”), among others.

**The deadline to file a claim is July 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by “Purdue,” and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

**Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center  
c/o Prime Clerk LLC  
850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232  
Email: [purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com](mailto:purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com) - Phone: 1.844.217.0912**

## THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue’s bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit

**[PurduePharmaClaims.com](https://PurduePharmaClaims.com), or call 1.844.217.0912.**



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AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Environmental Protection Department - Water Operations

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Ak-Chin Indian Community Drinking Water System

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The Ak-Chin Indian Community (ACIC) Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Water Operations is pleased to present the Community with the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a summary of last year’s water quality.

Where does your drinking water come from?

The source water for the Ak-Chin Indian Community’s public water system is surface water from the Colorado River transported through a series of canals operated by both the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (MSIDD). The river water is conveyed to the Ak-Chin Indian Community’s Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) where it is treated and distributed to Community homes and enterprises.

In late October 2019, EPD Water Operations began blending groundwater from a groundwater well onsite at the SWTP into the public water system. Well water was necessary as a secondary backup system to the SWTP to provide a different source of water while the CAP canal was drained and shut down for maintenance.

Who makes sure that your drinking water is safe?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the US Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) have enacted regulations that require all water provided by public water systems to meet or exceed safe drinking water standards for contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) establishes regulations for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health as the US EPA National Drinking Water Standards.

The Ak-Chin Surface Water Treatment Plant was designed and built to remove contaminants and to filter and disinfect your water so that the tap water delivered throughout the Community meets or exceeds the US EPA’s National Drinking Water Standards. ACIC EPD Water Operations regularly samples your drinking water. This report is intended to summarize the testing results of your drinking water; to inform you whether or not any violations of the US EPA’s National Drinking Water Standards were found and to tell you about the water quality from Ak-Chin Indian Community’s Surface Water Treatment Plant.

Substances that May be Contained in Source Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. EPD’s Environmental Programs section, through its surface water quality monitoring program, regularly collects samples and tests the Community’s surface water quality to determine if any trends exist; indicating changes in surface water quality. It is common for source water throughout the United States to contain contaminants such as bacteria, viruses, salts, metals, organic materials and sometimes pesticide residues and other chemical compounds prior to treatment. As water travels through the ground and over surfaces, it dissolves natural minerals (some may be radioactive), and it may pick up organic and inorganic compounds and microorganisms. In Arizona and the desert southwest, there are naturally occurring compounds found in source water such as heavy metals like arsenic and gross alpha isotopes such as radon and uranium. Some contaminants may enter source waters due to human and animal activity. These can include microbial contaminants such as bacterial and viruses that may come from septic systems, livestock operations, wildlife, or sewage treatment systems. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals can come from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming and in some cases can come from naturally dissolving minerals in the soil. Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants may come from industrial processes, petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants may be naturally occurring or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

Do I need to take special precautions with my drinking water?

Precautions are only needed when a special public notice or health advisory is released by the ACIC EPD Water Operations. If a health advisory or special notice is sent out, it will have detailed information on how to go about handling tap water in your regular daily routine. Although your water is treated to meet or exceed all drinking water standards, some people are more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population, even allowable levels of contaminants. Individuals on in-home dialysis may want to check with their health care provider for recommendations on additional filtration to address the Community’s specific water quality. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. US EPA and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the: **EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**

Health Risks by known Contaminants in Drinking Water

**Turbidity** – Turbidity refers to cloudiness of water. Turbidity has no health effects, but can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. We monitor this as an indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

**Nitrate** – Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider. In 2019, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for nitrates.

**Chromium** – Some people who use water containing chromium in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) over many years may experience allergic dermatitis. Four (4) quarterly results are needed to determine a chromium violation. In 2019, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking

Water Quality Standards for chromium.

**Arsenic** – Arsenic was not detected in your drinking water in 2019; however, the Community’s water has contained low levels of arsenic within the US EPA acceptable range in previous years. US EPA’s standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. US EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

**Lead** – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Ak-Chin EPD Water Operations is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). In 2019, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for lead.

**Combined Radium 226/228** – Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the maximum contamination level over many years may have an increased risk of developing cancer. The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. US EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. People who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. In 2019, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for Radium 226/228.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved with conservation and protection of your water and its quality, here is a web link that can help answer some of your questions: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>

**Microbiological Testing** – We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. In 2019, your tap water from the Ak-Chin SWTP met National Drinking Water Quality Standards for microbiological testing; therefore, no public health advisories were issued.

The Ak-Chin Water Treatment Process

Surface water received from the Central Arizona Project goes through several treatment processes at the Ak-Chin Surface Water Treatment Plant to remove contaminants commonly found in surface water sources before becoming drinking water. The process includes the addition of a small amount of chemical coagulant to bring small particles that are suspended in surface waters together to make a large particle that can then be filtered. The water is filtered by a membrane filtration system and then is treated further by going through a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filter to remove dissolved organic carbon contaminants. Chlorine is then added as a disinfectant for the removal of microbial contaminants.

Starting in late October 2019, groundwater from an onsite well is filtered through a flow-reversal reverse osmosis system and chemically treated before blending the treated groundwater with the treated surface water.

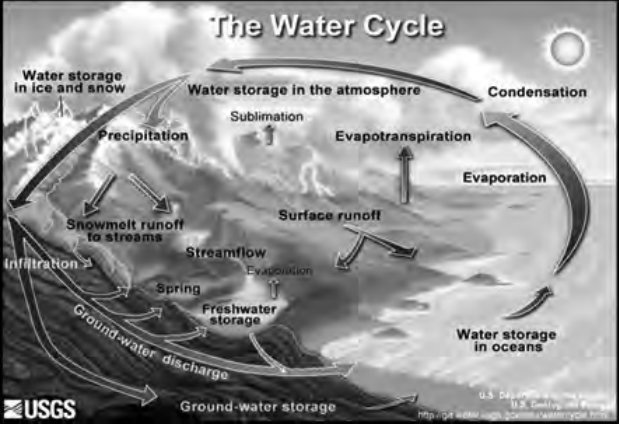


Water Education

Protecting Ak-Chin’s Source Water

EPD is promoting practices to keep Ak-Chin’s source water protected from pollutants. Below is a list of Guidelines that Community members, residents, and employees can implement:

- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. They can contain hazardous chemicals that can reach our drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- Do not use washes or canals to dispose of any waste. Place waste items in the garbage for disposal.
- Dispose of chemicals properly. Take used motor oil to a local recycling center in Maricopa.
- Dispose of paints and other hazardous material properly. Do not dispose of these wastes in the sink, toilet or on the ground.



Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers. A 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair, and shaving to save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They’re inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing,

you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce water consumption

Visit [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) for more information.

Water Quality Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, US EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive and, in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels.

Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the 2019 calendar year. The US EPA allows Ak-Chin EPD to monitor for certain contaminants less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or because the Ak-Chin Indian Community’s public water system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions for water quality terms on the last page of this publication.

Water Quality Table							
Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfection By-Products Rule							
Five Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	12.6	1.7 19	2019	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	54.5	23 80	2019	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride (naturally occurring) (ppm)	4	4	1.1	ND 1.1	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories (Ak-Chin Indian Community does not add fluoride to its potable water system)
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10	10	8.34	ND 8.34	2019	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	N/A	10	ND	N/A N/A	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Water Quality Table - Continued							
Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants:							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.12	0.11 0.12	2019	No	Discharge from oil drilling waste and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)			230	96 230	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; salt water intrusion
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	25	3.3 25	2019	No	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	50	N/A 50	2019	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits

Water Quality Table							
Lead and Copper Rule							
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	90% Percentile of Sample Results	Number of Samples Exceeding AL	Sample Date	AL Exceeded	Typical Source
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.725	0	2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	0	0.05	12.5	0	2019	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

1. Lead and Copper are sampled once every 3 years per EPA requirements

Water Quality Table - Continued						
Microbiological Testing - We are required to test your water regularly for signs of microbial contamination. Positive test results could lead to follow-up investigations called assessments and potentially the issuance of public health advisories. Assessments could lead to required corrective actions. The information below summarizes the results of those tests.						
Sampling Requirements	Sampling Conducted (months)	Total E. coli positive	Assessment Triggers	Assessments Conducted	Sample date	Typical Source
10 samples due Monthly	12 out of 12	0	0	0	2019	Naturally present in the environment

Turbidity Contaminants							
Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Turbidity	N/A	1 NTU for more than 15 min	0.596	N/A N/A	2019	No	Soil Runoff
Units: NTU	N/A	<0.3 NTU for 95% samples per month	95.2%	N/A N/A	2019	No	

Water Quality Table Continued							
Radiological Contaminants							
Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Adjusted Alpha (Excl Radon & U) Units: pCi/L	0	15	1.5	N/A N/A	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitters Units: pCi/L	0	50**	6.5	ND 7.1	2015	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Uranium (ppb)	0	30	19.6	1.9 19.6	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium 226/228	0	5	ND	ND ND	2015*	No	Radioactive decay of uranium and thorium in rocks and soil

The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done within the 2019 calendar year.

Definitions for Water Quality Terms

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L)
MFL	Million Fibers per Liter
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal
pCi/L	Picocuries per Liter
cu/100mL	Colony forming units per 100 milliliters
ng/L	Nano grams per Liter
pg/L	Pico grams per Liter
N/A	Not applicable
ND	Not detected
NR	Monitoring not required, but recommended
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)
TT	Treatment Technique
AL	Action Level
mrem/yr.	millirem/year: Millirem per year
positive samples	positive samples/year: the number of positive samples taken that year
% positive samples/month	% positive samples/month: % of samples taken monthly that were positive

Summary of Violations

No violations of the National Drinking Water Quality Standards or regulations occurred in 2019.

Water Operations Contact Information - Questions about Water Quality

Ak-Chin EPD Water Operations - (520) 568-1140 – Anthony Narcia, Acting Water Operations Manager.

A copy of this report, which includes all constituents that were tested, can be obtained from the Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department.

EPD Water Operations wants our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. To learn more, please contact us anytime during normal business hours.

For issues with water service after hours, on holidays or weekends, please call (520) 858-6061





# HEALTH ALERT

## NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



As a reminder, the Stay at Home order has been reinstated. Please remember to stay home and only go out for essentials! Remember, this is a temporary solution to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our Community.

**Mask up and Save Lives!**

### The CDC Recommends That You Stay Home As Much As Possible & Practice Physical Distancing

#### Asymptomatic:

Meaning you are showing no signs of illness or if you believe you may have been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but have no symptoms.

#### Symptomatic:

Meaning you are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may include (but is not limited to):

- Loss of sense of taste/smell
- Fever
- Cough
- Contact your provider

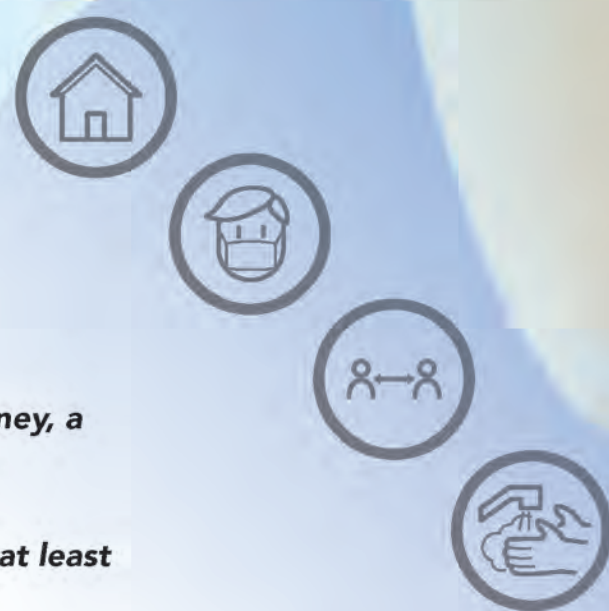
### If You Develop Emergency Warning Signs For COVID-19, Get Medical Attention Immediately. Emergency Warning Signs Include:

- Difficulty getting enough air
- Chest pain
- Change in alertness or responsiveness
- Bluish lips or face
- Rapid breathing

The symptoms listed above are not all inclusive. Please consult your provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

### Stay Home As Much As Possible. But If You Must Go Out For Essentials Follow These Safety Shopping Tips:

- Order online or use curbside pickup
- Protect yourself while shopping
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering in public
- Shoppers 55 and over, go during senior hours
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Only use carts that have been disinfected
- Use touchless payment where possible (if you must touch money, a card, or use a keypad – use hand sanitizer right after paying)
- Use hand sanitizer after leaving the store
- When you get home, wash your hands with soap & water for at least 20 seconds



### Where can I get tested for COVID-19?



COVID-19 testing now offered at the Ak-Chin Clinic. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please call (520) 568-3881 for further directions. Testing at this location is for Ak-Chin Community members only.

For general info about the COVID-19, go to [GRHC.org/Coronavirus](https://www.grhc.org/Coronavirus)  
**GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE (520) 550-6079**

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# Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Implements Company-wide All-Mask Policy

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – June 25, 2020) – Caesars Entertainment has announced that everyone indoors at all properties across the Caesars network, including Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, will be required to wear masks at all times, except when eating or drinking.

According to Tony Rodio, CEO of Caesars Entertainment, the company has continued to evaluate the recommendations and directives regarding COVID-19. "We are immediately requiring everyone on our properties to wear masks, because the scientific evidence strongly suggests that wearing masks and practicing social distancing may be the most important deterrent to spreading COVID-19 from person-to-person."

Although the City of Maricopa and Pinal County have not yet issued a mask mandate, Harrah's Ak-Chin management agrees that this precautionary measure will

further enhance the safety and well-being of the local customers.

"Masks are an important safety measure against the rise in positive cases throughout Arizona," said Robert Livingston, general manager of Harrah's Ak-Chin. "This policy means our customers can come to Harrah's knowing that we are doing what we can to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus."

"We implemented stringent sanitization protocols when we re-opened in mid-May and as we continue to monitor the situation here in Pinal County and across Arizona, it is important that we continue to put the health and safety of our customers and our employees at the forefront."

The policy is in effect immediately.

# Bingo hall opens up at Harrah's Ak-Chin

Photo by C. Picciuolo



A bingo player marks a number on his bingo card.

On Tuesday, June 30, Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino opened up the bingo hall for the first bingo session since the casino's re-opening.

The doors opened at 9:30 a.m. and a matinee session for early birds began at 11:30 a.m., with casino staff wearing masks and bingo players practicing social distancing with masks as they were spread out evenly in the

bingo hall.

Reflective of Tuesday through Saturday hours, the early bird sessions are followed by two midday sessions at 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., and an evening session beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday hours begin the same way, ending with a "Super Sunday Mid-day" session at 2:30 p.m., and no evening session.

## JULY 2020

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">MYSTERY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020 PROMOTIONAL KIOSKS · 8AM – 11:59PM</p> <p style="background-color: yellow; color: black; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">RECEIVE A TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER FROM 5X TO 50X!</p>			<p><b>1</b> PARINI STOCK POT &amp; BURNER SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>2</b> SIP ON AN ICED COFFEE FROM DUNKIN'</p>	<p><b>3</b> MYSTERY TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>4</b> FRY'S GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!</p>
<p><b>5</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>6</b> ASK A DEALER TO TEACH YOU HOW TO PLAY A NEW TABLE GAME!</p>	<p><b>7</b> COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>8</b> COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>9</b> 5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p><b>10</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>11</b> BETTY CROCKER SLOW COOKER GIVEAWAY</p>
<p><b>12</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>13</b> RESERVE YOUR TABLE FOR A ROMANTIC DINNER</p>	<p><b>14</b> COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>15</b> COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>16</b> SUMMERTIME GIFT LIQUIDATION</p>	<p><b>17</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>18</b> ENJOY A WINE AND FOOD PAIRING AT OAK &amp; FORK</p>
<p><b>19</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>20</b> HAVE YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH US!</p>	<p><b>21</b> COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>22</b> COPPER NON-STICK SET GIVEAWAY</p>	<p><b>23</b> 5X REWARD CREDIT MULTIPLIER</p>	<p><b>24</b> REWARD CREDIT BONANZA</p>	<p><b>25</b> GIVE LIVE KENO A TRY!</p>
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<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> - Kalene Santiago  <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> - Abrianna Machado Daniel Batopis Angel Warren  <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> - Sierra Paddock Valecita Enos Fernanda Acunia-Pablo  <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> - Yessenia Santiago Elisia Ugalde Dalia Antone Mathilda Miguel  <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> - Amanda Kaniatobe Jilayne Miguel  <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> - Erno Lopez Flora Howerton  <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> - David Garcia Lucio Martinez IV  <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> - Jason Smith  <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> - Chizzum Justin Georgia Corella Jeremy Johns Yrene Zepeda  <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> - Kenneth Lewis Elizabeth Machado Whitney Justin Stacy Antone Anthony Lewis  <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> - Anna Thomas Lyndsey Peters  <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> - Mariah Stephens Iris Attakai Gloria Martinez Leeanna Jensen Evan Miller	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> - Leeann Peters Jaelyn Justin Martin Antone Jr. Dustin Miguel Mason Miguel Simon Bowman  <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> - Noahli Antone Jayden Hayslip Esther Alvarez  <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> - Jordan Stephens  <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> - Linda Smith Elaina Enos Danny Soliz  <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> - Taos Joaquin Jorge Alvarez Jr.  <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> - Silas Norris Abraham Jose  <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> - Aniya Deleon Dorian Nosie-Romo Hannah Smith  <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> - Richard Carlyle James Lopez Briana Pena Robin Vincent Aiden Antone Havier Stephens Sr. Marisol Andaverde  <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> - Kaycee Lopez Dominic Lewis Ja'Marrion Stevenson  <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> - Mark Narcia  <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> - Carlos Delores BonScott Alvarez Connor Miguel Ulyceiz Ocanas	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> - Doyleen Pablo Stephanie Valdez Milla Cuatt Consuella Santiago Alejandra Castro Samantha Martinez  <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> - Norman Vincent Jr. Jamar Stevenson Jr. Xendryk Antone-Silas  <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> - Sally Antone Teagan Delma Fabian Santiago Tyler Mike Kylie Hill  <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> - Lilly-anna Johnson Kaylan Peters Aurelia Peters  <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> - Terrance Peters Jeannie Stephens Cheryl Lopez Luis Rodas  <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> - Lopez, Laila Sylvia Rubalcaba Jeanette Sanders  <b>30<sup>th</sup></b> - Cecil Miguel Ashlea Anderson Corrina White  <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> - Kristen Villegas Clyde Santiago Brenda Arellanes-Burgos Lino Valles Jr.
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