



Community Newsletter

April 27, 2020



Off Reservation Households Dry Food and Goods Distribution Pick Up

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Where: Ak-Chin Service Center

Time: 7am to 12pm

Eligible: Household of an enrolled member living off the reservation (Proof of Residence required.)

Please spread the word to those households living off the Reservation.

Call (520) 568-1000 for any questions.

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Community Government

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April 24, 2020

To: Ak-Chin Members

From: Ak-Chin Community Council

On April 23, 2020, the Community Council, along with Community employees from various departments delivered dry goods to each household within the Community.

All communities are experiencing shortages with supplies and Ak-Chin is no different. The Council is committed to providing assistance to the members during this pandemic and is working diligently with its departments in getting essential supplies to the members.

The Purchasing department is doing its best with ordering supplies but please understand, issues do arise, which the department has no control over, causing delays with the delivery of goods.

There will be another door to door delivery within the next two weeks. If you did not receive a complete set of supplies from the recent distribution, it was duly noted and you will receive those supplies during the next distribution.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Ak-Chin Tribal Council

Residents, please have dogs tied up and placed away from their doors for next door to door distribution.

All members who need a Motor Vehicle Exemption form completed please come to the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9a-12p.

HEALTH ALERT

COVID-19 FOR ELDERS



Message to Our Elders:

Elders are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19; the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you **STAY HOME** as much as possible & practice *Physical Distancing*.

What is Physical Distancing?

Physical Distancing means avoiding large crowds and staying at home as much as possible.

Why I Should I Stay Home When I'm Not Sick?

Many infected individuals do not show symptoms, as it can take up to ten days to show signs of COVID-19. These individuals may pose a threat to the elderly and those with immune-compromised diseases as they may unknowingly transmit the disease to others.

How Do I Prepare?

Be sure to have several weeks of medications and supplies. You may need to stay home for prolonged periods of time.

What are the signs of COVID-19?

If you feel like you are developing symptoms, call the

GRHC HOTLINE: 520-550-6079

Emergency warning signs include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face



GRIC: www.mygilariver.com
Phone: 520.562.5132
Email: Elizabeth.antone@gric.nsn.us



GRHC:
GRHC.ORG/Coronavirus
Phone: 520.550.6079



OEM: www.gricsafety.org
Phone: 520.610.8120
Email: OEM2@gric.nsn.us

FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS, GO TO GRHC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS OR CALL THE GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079

You Count for a Brighter Tomorrow!



**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY
AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS**



What is the Census?

As part of the U.S Constitution, every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country.

Why is the 2020 Census important for Indian Country?

In 2010, American Indians living on reservations were **undercounted by nearly 5%**, negatively impacting a fair share of resources that could have been eligible for Tribal health Clinic, Medicaid, WIC programs, Roads, Education, Schools and many other programs within Tribal Communities. - Inter Tribal Council of AZ, Inc.

By responding to the 2020 Census questionnaire your voice can be heard to help provide an accurate count of American Indians in Indian Country. The 2020 Census determines where and how billions of dollars are distributed each year for vital programs and grants within the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

It's estimated up to \$3,000.00 per person, per year for each member.

If you don't participate the Community will lose out on that federal funding, that means you will lose out.

Arizona representation impacts political districts and Arizona's representatives in Washington, DC.

More seats for Arizona State in Congress.

Who should complete the 2020 Census questionnaire?

One person in the home should complete the questionnaire. Be sure to count every person living in your home, including relatives, newborns, children and non-relatives.

All response to the 2020 Census is safe, secure and protected by federal law. Response can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against individuals by any government agency or court in any way.

Where and How do I fill out the Questionnaire?

There are three ways to participate in the 2020 Census.



Online

Visit: my2020census.gov



By Phone

Call: 1-844-330-2020



By Mail

Follow instruction on invitation

How to fill out the race question?

Person 1 on the questionnaire should be the Ak-Chin Indian Community member. Everyone in the household who identifies as a Ak-Chin Indian Community member should answer to shown example. →→→→→

With the COVID-19 among us the public is strongly encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census questionnaire online.

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE CALL (520) 568-1000

What is Person 1's race?
Mark **X** one or more boxes **AND** print origins.

White - Print, for example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Lebanese, Egyptian, etc.

Black or African Am. - Print, for example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow, Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tribal Members Eligible for an Economic Impact Payment

- Certain Taxpayers affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) are eligible for Economic Impact Payments authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).
- Please go to Internal Revenue Service website for assistance.
 - www.irs.gov/getmypayment
 - www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here
 - www.irs.gov/EIPFAQ

HEALTH ALERT

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION

GRHC Virtual Care Now Available at Ak-Chin Clinic



Schedule your virtual appointment, by calling (520) 568-3881.

For more info about Coronavirus, visit GRHC.org/Coronavirus
GRHC Coronavirus Hotline at (520) 550-6079

COVID 19
Gi:koa Mumkidag

Ha-Şo:bid G Ceciawuagi Mat O E-Gantad

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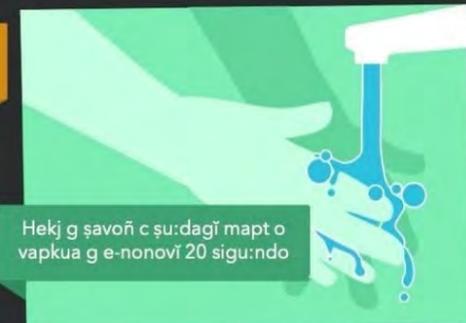
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Over Eight Years In Waiting

The Community has received certification from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Land Titles and Records Office that the Bunker and Airport Fee lands are officially in Trust Status. The community submitted their Fee to Trust application back on November 7, 2011. The Community is now able to develop and operate these land areas under its laws and ordinances.



On Friday, April 24, Ak-Chin Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez and Ak-Chin Language program provided an O'odham translation of COVID-19 information. The following was shared by video on the Community Member Facebook site.

"Here is some information about the sickness they call Corona Virus COVID 19. It is scary for our elders, young children, and those who are diabetic.

The symptoms are hard to breath, fever, coughing, chest hurting.

How to take care of yourself

- 1.) Stay away from people,
- 2.) Always wash your hands,
- 3.) Cover your mouth when you are coughing,

4.) Don't touch your face. How the Dr's know if you have this sickness - They will swab your nose, Takes 1 week to know if you have the sickness, 14 days to quarantine yourself.

If you think you have the symptoms. Call the hospital before going in, (520) 550-6079

God be with us all, Thank you!"

Another translation moment created by Community member Jeremy Carlyle, currently studying in Yale.

Jeremy's flyer at left, translated in O'odham provides information on "Ha-Şo:bid G Ceciawuagi Mat O E-Gantad" (Stop the Spread).