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New LED Stop Signs and other traffic safety measures are being installed around the SRPMIC to help prevent drivers from running stop signs and causing any accidents.

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During February, the Public Works Department started installing new LED flashers on stop signs at select four-way-stop intersections in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The goal is to prevent drivers from running stop signs.

"There are various tools and strategies that we are trying to do to help prevent the

problem we have of people running stop signs," said Public Works Roads Section Manager Jennifer Jack, who has been giving presentations at the District meetings during February. "The flashing stop signs are [an additional step] that we can [take]. We have created a map of all the crashes that happened over a five-year period, evaluated all of the police narratives and data, and the top two trends that we see are fatal and severe crashes caused by alcohol and/or drugs and

from people failing to stop at a stop sign." If you ever visit Talking Stick Resort, you will see flashing lights in the area due to a number of accidents caused by stop-sign runners.

"Those have been up for a few years now," said Jack. "We used to get a lot of people running those stop signs, especially at the Via de Ventura and Dobson Road [intersection]. People would run the stop sign and hit the barricades, and we were constantly

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President Martin Harvier Weekly Update -February 26

Here's an update on COVID-19 testing completed in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The total number of tests completed as of February 26 is 14,160, and we currently have 16 active COVID-19 cases within the boundaries of our Community. Two of our Community members are in the hospital. We need to remember those who have active cases, and those hospitalized are in our thoughts and prayers.

Today, we have a Point of Dispensing (POD) vaccination event at the Community Building. If you are scheduled for a vaccine at the Community Building in the near future, please note that, for the next three to four weeks, construction is still going on in that area. Just make sure you come from the north on Longmore Road to get to the Community Building (see map on page 3).

The total vaccinations that have been administered as of today is 3,725, and of those, 1,309 people have been fully vaccinated. Today's POD is scheduled to vaccinate 1,188 individuals who will receive their first vaccination, and there are 112 individuals scheduled to get their second vaccination. I



SRPMIC President
Martin Harvier

really want to thank all the SRPMIC staff members who have helped out with the vaccination process. Not only has there been a lot of Health and

Human Services staff, but staff members from other SRPMIC departments have been helping out as well.

I know some are concerned about individuals in the Community who are homebound. Beginning on March 1, the Community is going to start a new service to get COVID-19 vaccines to those homebound members. Individuals are asked to call the COVID-19 hotline at (480) 362-2603 and select the "homebound" option. If there is no answer, leave a message and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible. We want to make sure those individuals who can't leave their homes due to illness, injury or age have the opportunity to get vaccinated.

On March 1, the Community government moved into Return

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The Baskets and Pottery of Community Artist August Wood



August Wood painting traditional style design with natural red clay on natural white clay.

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Going to a museum and looking at the traditional arts of the Huhugam, one will see tightly woven baskets, clay pots and many other interesting pieces. There is a history behind those artifacts, but maybe the most impressive thing about them is that they are still being made today, by hand and using the same processes.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member August Wood is a local traditional artist who creates baskets and clay pots. He explained his artwork and how he got started.

"I mainly make willow baskets and clay pots from natural materials that were used by the Akimel O'dham," Wood said. "There have been a couple other things I have picked up over the years, such as burden basket/cordage making, O'dham/Piipaash cradleboards, Piipaash bark skirts and beading. I would see old baskets and pots in old pictures and at museums and wonder how they were made. Learning and knowing that they came from this area specifically is what really interested me."

Wood shared a glimpse into the process of creating his favorite pieces: the baskets.

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SRPMIC COVID-19 HOTLINE
(480) 362-2603

PRESS 1: Information about COVID-19 and Clinic operations
PRESS 2: Schedule an appointment for testing
PRESS 3: Request a copy of your test results

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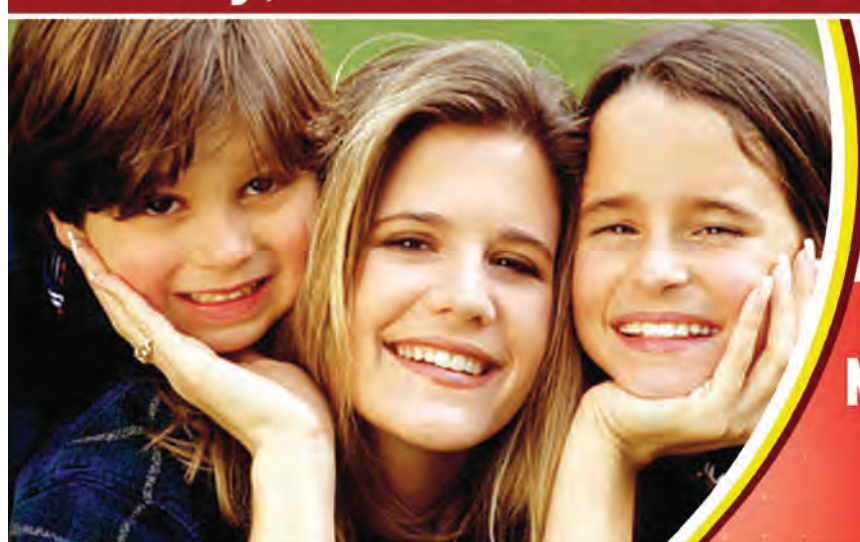
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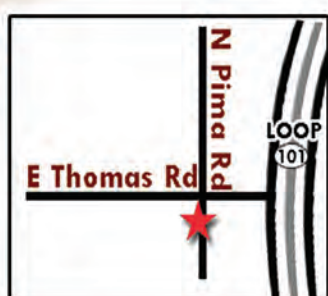
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SRPMIC COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE

Testing results as of 3/1/2021

Strong - Phase 1. Things don't really change much—the buildings on the government campus will still be closed. But it does allow Community members to schedule appointments with departments and meet with staff. Working with the Community manager, assistant Community managers and Tribal Council, we will continue to keep an eye on what is going on as far as COVID-19, not only in the Community, but in the surrounding areas. I'm sure you are feeling the change in the weather—the sun is coming up earlier and the grass is starting to turn green. It's springtime here in the Community. The Spring Training season kicked off at Salt River Fields on February 28 with a game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies. COVID-19 safety protocols were in place: fans were arranged in "pods," groups of people like families who are already in close contact; hand sanitizer dispensers have been set up throughout the stadium; and a cashless process is set up if you want to purchase something. If you are one of the lucky ones to have gotten a ticket to the games, you will have a good time there. Enjoy!

Council member Deanna Scabby mentioned during the Council meeting that the Westwood High School girls' basketball team is having a good

season. She has a granddaughter who plays. I hope they continue to have a great season.

I always think it's good to recognize young people and their achievements. On February 19, I had the opportunity to go to over to Surprise to watch one of our own, Aaron Makil. He is a pitcher for the University of New Mexico Lobos baseball team, and that day he was the starting pitcher in a game against Gonzaga University. I felt so proud to see him on the mound and to see all the fans from the Community there to support him. Last year, with the pandemic, their season was cut short; hopefully they are allowed to finish the season this year. Try to see him if you can before the end of the season.

I really wanted to recognize Aaron and his accomplishments; I know he is going to be doing great things in the future. I want to congratulate his parents, Rebecca Makil and the late Jason Makil, and I know his grandparents are proud of him also.

I think this is something I would like to continue to do. If you would like me to recognize one of our youth for their accomplishments, get that information to me and I will gladly add that to my weekly update.

Again, the COVID-19 numbers are going down, but, as always, don't let your guard down. God bless you, and shield up!

SRPMIC COVID-19 Information	Enrolled Residents	Enrolled Non-Residents	Non-Enrolled Residents	Non-Enrolled / Non-Residents	Total	All Residents	All Enrolled
Completed Tests	7882	2141	1273	2908	14204	9155	10023
Positive	938	269	191	356	1754	1129	1207
Negative	6788	1837	1056	2499	12178	7844	8625
Currently Hospitalized	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Recovered	893	260	176	350	1679	1069	1153
Active Cases	12	0	8	2	22	20	12
Deaths	31	9	7	3	50	38	40

**Numbers may change based on verification of address and enrollment*

*** Additional testing data has been provided by an external partner [dating back August 19]*

**** COVID-19 Results Round Up will go live week of Sept. 14 increasing data collection with individuals self-reporting*

TO RECEIVE A COVID-19 VACCINE YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is conducting COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. This is an APPOINTMENT ONLY COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Salt River Community Building (1880 N. Longmore Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256).

TO REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT call COVID HOTLINE NUMBER (480) 362-2603 / Press Option 2

- * Please leave you name and phone number
- * Salt River staff will call back to schedule an appointment
- * Anticipate a phone call, please monitor your phone

If you received your COVID-19 vaccination...what happens if you are exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive?

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC COVID-19 COMMAND TEAM

- You received your COVID-19 vaccine and now you have been exposed to someone that tested COVID-19 positive. The COVID-19 vaccination has provided some benefits in exemption from quarantine. Here are the exemption:
- Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they meet ALL of the following criteria:
 - Are not inpatients/residents in healthcare and correctional settings (i.e., hospitals, hospice, skilled nursing facilities, jail/prison); AND
 - Are not part of an outbreak with variant COVID-19 strains; AND
 - Are fully vaccinated (i.e., 2 weeks or more have passed after receiving the second dose in a 2-dose series, or 2 weeks or more have passed after receiving one dose of a single-dose vaccine); AND
 - Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series; AND
 - Have remained asymptomatic since the most recent COVID-19 exposure.
 - Fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure, continue to physically distance, and wear a mask.
 - If they experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they should immediately self-isolate and be evaluated by their healthcare provider for COVID-19, including testing.
 - Persons who test positive for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen test should follow isolation guidance, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Healthcare and correctional: Vaccinated inpatients/residents should continue to quaran-

tine for 14 days following their last exposure to a person with COVID-19. This is due to the higher risk of severe disease and death in these populations and challenges with physical distancing in these settings.

Healthcare workers and critical infrastructure workers should follow guidance that includes special consideration for these groups.

If you are a healthcare worker or critical infrastructure worker, please follow-up with your employer or HR for specific guidelines.

Government Employers such as Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community may consider allowing exposed and asymptomatic critical infrastructure workers to continue to work in select instances when it is necessary to preserve the function of critical infrastructure workplaces.

This option should be used as a last resort and only in limited circumstances, such as when cessation of operation of a facility may cause serious harm or danger to public health or safety.

For a person previously diagnosed with COVID-19 who recovered from laboratory-confirmed infection and has met criteria to end isolation and remains asymptomatic, quarantine is not recommended in the event of close contact with an infected person within 3 months of symptom onset of their initial illness or since specimen collection (if asymptomatic) of the first positive COVID-19 PCR/antigen test.

However, if a person is identified as a contact of a new case 3 months or more after symptom onset or since specimen collection (if asymptomatic) of the first positive COVID-19 PCR/antigen test, they should follow quarantine recommendations for contacts.

Source: Arizona Department of Health (Feb 2021)

Be Aware of Road Construction
McDowell Road and Longmore Road Intersection Is Closed – Use Alternate Routes



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Salt River Community Center

Once you have an appointment for the COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Salt River Community Center, please be aware of road construction on McDowell Road. **The intersection at McDowell Road and Longmore Road is closed.** Please enter the COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the north entrance on Longmore Road. If traveling from the west side, on the 101, exit off Thomas Road. If arriving from the east side, please use Alma School to Oak Street.

SRPMIC Hosts U.S. Navy's Annual Pinning Ceremony



The Navy Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on SRPMIC Tribal land.

Left to right: Troy Truax, SRPMIC Veterans Representative American Legion 114 Post Commander Bushmasters, SRPMIC Vet Rep Amanda White, NCC Giovanni Eind, GMC Victor Zuniga, ABHC Joseph Ramos, Jessica Sepulveda and Maureen Aldrich, SRPMIC CDD Tourism Division Photo provided by GMC Victor Zuniga

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On January 29, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted the Navy's annual Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony, which was held at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River.

The ceremony was virtual, with seven sailors being pinned that day: three here on tribal land and four in other areas in the Southwest. Families of the pinned officers were on hand to pin them and celebrate with them.

Chief Gunner's Mate Victor Zuniga is one of the pinned officers. He joined Chief Navy Career Counselor Giovanni Eind and Chief Aviation Boatswains Mate Joseph Ramons in celebrating the achievement in the Community.

"The three of us were able to advance to our next rank," said Zuniga. "Before we got [to the ceremony], we were first-class petty officers in the Navy, and on that day we were pinned to the next rank, chief petty officer. This is one of the highest rankings in the Navy as far as going into leadership."

Zuniga said that he feels this is a brotherhood and the achievement

means that he and the others who advanced are now the gatekeepers of tradition.

The officers posed with vessels that display their rank, name and enlisted pin, with an anchor which represents moving up to chief. Below that is the class number and the date of the pinning. The contents within the vessels are kind of a secret, Zuniga said. He did share that the inside of the vessel contains some traditional information that helps chief petty officers gain knowledge from previous chiefs on how to best fulfill the duties of the new rank.

Zuniga says that SRPMIC has the support of the Navy and that the

Community welcomed the newly pinned officers with open arms.

Discover Salt River staff and SRPMIC Veterans Representatives were also present at the pinning ceremony. Representative Amanda White said that there is significance to the regional Navy office choosing the site because of the USS Arizona relic in the Community. "[The newly pinned officers] were taken aback, and they are learning the history about how the relic came to be here," said White. "They also get the education behind it too, as far as it being on Native land and being obtained by the tribe."

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The Baskets and Pottery of Community Artist August Wood



August Wood holding the current basket he is working on. Photos courtesy of August Wood.

ite pieces: the baskets.

"My main focus, and favorite, is basketry, as it was the first traditional art/skill I learned," Wood said. Akimel O'odham basketry utilizes willow, cattail and devil's claw. "All are gathered at different times of the year and stored until you're ready to start work on a



Woven earrings with "coyote tracks" made from traditional materials.

basket. If you're not paying attention, you could miss them and have to wait till the next year to harvest what you need.

"When I'm ready to start a basket, I begin processing all

the materials by hand, as there is no shortcut to making a basket," Wood continued. "After I've spent a great amount of time prepping my materials, I begin the actual basket, which I tend to start with devil's claw. Most of the time, I'm unsure about which design I'm going to weave into the basket until way later." Depending on the size and design, baskets can take weeks, months or possibly years to complete.

According to Wood, while the basketry itself is pretty easy, it is labor-intensive and requires a lot of time, which can be very difficult for those who do not have the time or patience needed.

Wood shared how traditional basketry and pottery steered him into other artists



A five pointed star/squash blossom design.



Collaboration piece, with the pot being made by Wood's teacher Ron Carlos, and the designs by August Wood.

around Salt River.

"In learning O'odham basketry, I've been able to meet and learn from other local traditional artists, like Royce Manuel, from whom I learned how to make a burden basket from agave cordage, and traditional O'odham/Piipaash potter Ron Carlos. These particular arts have allowed me to travel [to demonstrate them] in various O'odham communities, which in turn has allowed me to learn more of the O'odham Niok, though I do not consider myself fluent at all."

Wood also has been given access to collections of traditional baskets and pottery for research purposes. "Being able to go through different collections to view old baskets and pots for further research has been amazing," Wood said.



The Heard Museum Guild 2020 Indian Fair and Market. Where Wood's baskets got Best of Class, 1st Place in Natural Fibers and Cultural Forms and 2nd Place in Basket Miniatures.



Basket medallions with turtles woven into them and blue glass beads strung on, these were made as gifts for Wood's family members.

When thinking about the skill and patience required, it becomes quite clear that creating baskets and pottery is not just an art form, but a continuation of culture. Wood knows this.

"It is an art and skill that is in critical danger of being lost. So, finding someone that is willing to be patient enough to learn from start to finish would be a great benefit for others. Until then, I will continue to make baskets on my own, with or without students. Having the knowledge and skills of those who came before us, I feel, helps us have a better understanding of who we are as O'odham."

To view August Wood's pottery and baskets, view his Instagram account at @grimbear.

Benefits of Being Vaccinated

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- Clinical trials of all vaccines must first show they are safe and effective before any vaccine can be authorized or approved for use, including COVID-19 vaccines. The known and potential benefits of a COVID-19 vaccine must outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine for use under what is known as an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).
- Getting COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as immunity. Current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection. However, experts do not know for sure how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience sickness.
- Both natural immunity and immunity produced by a vaccine are important parts of COVID-19 disease that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic

- Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.
- The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.
- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. As experts learn more about how COVID-19 vaccination may help reduce spread of the disease in communities, CDC will continue to update the recommendations to protect communities using the latest science.

COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection

- COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. In addition, if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you.

Positive Indian Parenting's Third Session Focuses on Lessons of the Cradleboard

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The Behavioral Health Services Department of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is offering Positive Indian Parenting classes online to all interested Community members. The classes are designed to help build stronger children and families. The eight-week series features class every Thursday from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m.

So far, class participants have learned about parenting topics such as Traditional Behavior Modifications, Harmony in Childrearing, Traditional Parenting, Lessons of a Storyteller and more.

In the second class, participants focused on storytelling as a technique to help parents communicate with their children and share knowledge about their cultural identity.

In the third session, participants examined bonding, nurturing and child development. In reviewing and understanding how traditional ways helped child development, Behavioral Health coach Tania Hatathlie focused on how the cradleboard is used as a method to nurture children and teach parents about children's needs.

Traditionally, the cradleboard was useful and practical. Babies were wrapped up tight and laced into the cradleboard so they could stay close to their mothers

as they went about their daily duties with their children strapped on their back or placed on the ground close to them. In the cradleboard, unable to use their hands or feet, children learned to utilize other senses. This gave them the opportunity to sharpen their eyes and ears at an earlier age. Using more of their brain to figure out what they are seeing or hearing gives the child time to observe a situation before fully reacting.

Wrapping babies calms them down, as it gives them a sense of being in the womb. The secure feeling relaxes them enough to go to sleep. The cradleboard is also a bonding element with the mother and family, as in some tribes all the women get together to make the new baby a cradleboard. Elders and other mothers help design the cradleboard and instruct the new mother on how to wrap her baby and lace the child onto the board.

In the next class, participants will be learning about harmony in childrearing. For more information on upcoming Positive Indian Parenting sessions, email Tania Hatathlie at tania.hatathlie@srpmic-nsn.gov.



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Happy Anniversary! 25 Years of Pokemon

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February 27 marks the 25th anniversary of Pokémon. The day is celebrated annually by fans across the world, but the 25th anniversary is going to be special. For the entire month of February, leading up to the 27th, the Pokémon Company has been collaborating and releasing exclusive merchandise for fans.

The story behind Pokémon comes from its creator, video game designer Satoshi Tajiri, who had the hobby of catching insects as a child. Back when the Nintendo Game Boy was popular, Tajiri saw the cable that linked two Game Boys to play together and envisioned it as a tube in which bugs can crawl back and forth. He wanted to share with other children his joy of collecting different insect species. When he pitched the idea to Nintendo of a game that allows players to catch, collect and trade collectibles, the developers couldn't understand the concept.

Shigeru Miyamoto, the creator of the popular Mario, Zelda and Donkey Kong franchises, saw potential in Tajiri's idea and began mentoring him. On February 27, 1996, the first-ever game was introduced on the Nintendo Game Boy, known as Pokémon Red and Blue (Green in Japan). Since then the game has become a worldwide phenomenon, with ongoing anime, trading cards, cafés, Pokémon Center shops and more—and it shows no signs of slowing down.

The Pikachu character is the Mickey Mouse of Japan. There is even a week-long celebration and festival in Japan dedicated to Pikachu. Pokémon continues to prove it is the fastest-growing children's franchise in the world.

For the 25th anniversary, the company has released 25 collectible Pokémon



cards in McDonald's Happy Meals, each with a holographic design. A virtual online concert featuring music artist Post Malone will air on YouTube, Twitch and the Pokémon 25th Anniversary website on February 27.

Pokémon proved it was more than just a fad in the 1990s. It became an incredibly popular cultural phenomenon that it is still going strong today. From the video games to the trading cards, merchandise to famous cameos, television shows to movies premiering on the big screen, Pokémon is without a doubt a successful franchise. Even more, Pokémon is for anybody of any age who can take what they love and express it in any shape or form with the franchise. Whether that means playing the video games or collecting every plushie of every Pokémon character, there is a way to express one's love of Pokémon.

For more information about Pokémon's 25th anniversary events, visit <https://25.pokemon.com/en-us/>.



Fans rushed to McDonalds to collect all 25 collectible Pokemon cards. Some people bought more than 100 Happy Meals.

Salt River Schools Says, "We Care About You" at Meal Distribution



Big Red, the Arizona Cardinals mascot, dances in front of the line of cars waiting for treats.

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Salt River Schools hosted a "We Care About You" drive-up meal distribution celebration at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) on Friday, February 12, with the help of many partners from in and around the Community. Community members lined up down Center Street an hour before the event opened, waiting in anticipation of the special treats provided.

Taté Walker, Salt River Schools' communications and PR director, said that the event was a huge hit. "It went better than any of us imagined," Walker said. "Meal distribution normally closes down at 11:30 a.m., but we were serving cars until 1:30 p.m."

The Salt River Fire Department helped to distribute heart-shaped, family-sized pizzas from Peter Piper Pizza and donated by Salt River Element-

ary School for the first 270 vehicles. SRPMIC Food Services provided more than 1,000 meals (breakfast and lunch) to youth, and Cold Stone Creamery donated ice cream. Miss Salt River Isabella Dockerty also quenched the thirst of visitors by handing out water bottles.

With a focus on safety for the event, Monte Yazzie with the SRPMIC Health and Human Services Injury Prevention Program gave away and installed dozens of car seats to Community families, and seat belt safety coloring sheets were created and distributed by the Salt River Police Department. Big Red, the Arizona Cardinals mascot, donated face masks and hand sanitizer.

Books for youth of all ages were provided by Native Youth Community Projects (NYCP) Literacy for All, a grant-funded program by the U.S. Department of Education, and books created by Community members and Salt River Schools staff were distributed as well.

Catching Up With SRPD K-9s

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On January 26, the Salt River Police Department celebrated the fifth birthday of a good boy named Bolo, a Belgian Malinois K-9 trained to serve the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Bolo's mates are Moses (an almost 5-year-old Dutch shepherd), Plex (a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois), Laacs (a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois) and Barklee (a 3-year-old yellow lab). Together, the SRPD K-9s serve a critical purpose here in the Community.

Four of the K-9s are "dual purpose," which means they are used primarily for criminal apprehension and drug detection. Barklee is a single-purpose K-9, and he is used only for drug detection.

With criminal apprehension, the SRPD K-9s are trained to locate the source of human odor in buildings and outside. They may be used to apprehend a person if the person poses a threat to the safety of officers or other people. As for drug detection, all SRPD K-9s are trained for four types of drugs. Dogs' noses are 100,000 times more sensitive to odors than the human nose.

In July 2020, Laacs located a kilogram of cocaine, fentanyl pills and more than \$130,000 of drug trafficking money on a single stop within the Community. Another traffic stop and K-9 search in September yielded 25 pounds of carfentanyl, which is 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100 times more potent than fentanyl, according to SRPD.

Most police K-9s have had some training prior to coming to SRPD, and many come from a dog sports background. They are hand-selected by a trainer and then purchased by SRPD. Once SRPD has selected a K-9 handler, the handler attends a six- to eight-week training course with their new K-9. After that, the handler and K-9 go through a nationally recognized proficiency testing process for both drug detection and patrol work. The teams re-certify annually.

SRPD K-9s are housed at the residences of their handlers and require constant attention and care seven days a week. According to SRPD, ideally police K-9s are separated from their handler, family and other pets while at



SRPD K-9 Bolo poses with a bone-shaped birthday cake for his fifth birthday in January.

home. They are usually in a crate, kennel or outside with the handler doing some kind of activity—or going out for a bathroom break.

On the handler's work days, the K-9 will ride in a specially designed kennel in the patrol car, and the K-9 team will respond to assist patrol officers with traffic stops if needed. One day a week, all the K-9 units train together and practice obedience, drug detection, and building and area searches. SRPD says that the K-9 teams try to come up with different scenarios to practice during training so that the K-9s are capable of handling real-world deployments.

The first use of police dogs can be traced back to the English in 1888, who used bloodhounds' sense of smell to search for Jack the Ripper. Belgium started a formal training process for law enforcement dogs in 1899. In the 1970s, the U.S. started regularly utilizing K-9 units in law enforcement.

Police K-9 handlers do love to talk about their partners, but SRPD wants to let the Community know that if you see the K-9s out somewhere, never approach them without first talking to the handling officer. Police K-9s are very extensively trained and very good at what they do, but they are not pets. They are not trained to be like most domesticated dogs, and it took months to build the relationship between the K-9 and the handler to become a team.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Talking Stick Sweet Treat Trail

Nothing says I love you quite like sweet treats! Grab your Valentine, besties, & loved ones and hit the Talking Stick Sweet Treat Trail together this February!

For the entire trail, go online to www.discoversalriver.com/sweet-treats.
—Chris Picciuolo, O'odham Action News.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Talking Stick Entertainment District unveiled the Talking Stick Sweet Treat Trail, which was promoted during February. From traditional Pima frybread with powdered sugar and honey at Wildhorse Grille to a lemon cooler pizza cookie at Babbo Italian Eatery, there is a sweet delight at every stop along the trail. You can still get out there and follow the Sweet Treat Trail. Visit Rusty Taco on Via de Ventura for their caramel-filled churros, Barnwood in Great Wolf Lodge on Pima Road for a s'mores sundae, and Blue Coyote Café on Talking Stick Way for a confetti celebration!

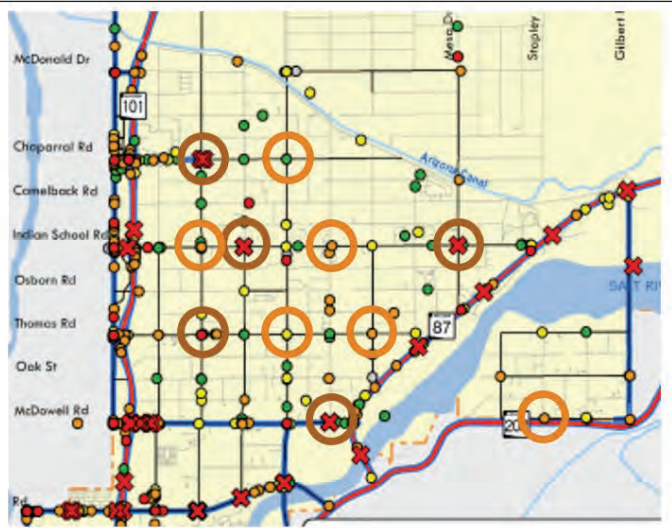


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Community Installs Enhanced Stop Signs and Traffic Measures



- ◆ Locations based on Safety Plan
 - ◆ Chaparral and Dobson
 - ◆ McDowell and Extension
 - ◆ Thomas and Dobson
 - ◆ Indian School and Longmore
 - ◆ Indian School and Mesa Drive
- ◆ Strategic Locations based on traffic volumes and spacing
 - ◆ Chaparral and Alma School
 - ◆ Indian School and Dobson
 - ◆ Indian School and Extension
 - ◆ Thomas and Alma School
 - ◆ Thomas and Country Club
 - ◆ McDowell and Stapley



Here is a map of where all 40 of the LED Stop Signs (all circled areas) will be placed within the SRPMIC. Information courtesy of Public Works Department Road Division.

having to fix it. Once we put the flashing stop signs up, it really helped reduce the number of accidents.”

A total of 40 flashing stop signs will be placed at 11 intersections in the Community. This is a Community effort, supported by Council and funded by the SRPMIC.

The Community received a Tribal Transportation Safety Grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2018, and the Public Works Roads Division began installing new low-cost countermeasures in March 2020. In addition to the flashing stop signs,

these include oversized stop signs, retroreflective sheeting on signposts, and properly placed stop bars (those white lines on the roadway that indicate where to stop at a stop sign).

“These are a great measure, especially when [drivers are] under the influence and don’t see things like stop signs. So these measures get their attention and are pretty effective,” said Jack. “We have had those reflective posts up for a few months now and that seems to really help catch people’s attention. The posts illuminate, and that’s helpful especially at

night.”

The project is one-third of the way completed. The Roads Division also is working on installing traffic-calming measures to address cut-through traffic and speeding in the Community. These include speed tables, which are elevations in the roadway longer and flatter than speed humps; speed cushions, which are speed tables with wheel cutouts for trucks and emergency vehicles; and chicanes, which are alternating narrow and wide sections of S-curving roadway that force vehicles to slow down.

Two Members of Boys and Girls Club in Salt River and Lehi are Finalist in the 2021 Youth of the Year

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Boys & Girls Club members from the Red Mountain and Lehi branches are two of the seven 2020-21 finalists for the Youth of the Year award, presented through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale. Club member Kennise McGertt will be representing the Red Mountain Branch and Zaria Gonzalez will be representing the Lehi Branch.

The two competed for the title of Youth of the Year on February 20 via livestream. The Youth of the Year is a Boys & Girls Club Teen Leadership Development and Recognition Program; it is one of the highest honors a member can receive. The Youth of the Year will serve as an ambassador for their Club and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale. They will focus on four



Red Mountain member Kennise McGertt.

pillars of leadership, community service, academic excellence and dedication to a healthy lifestyle. Candidates are selected

not only based on being amazing Club members, but who excel outside of the Club leading in their communities.



Lehi Branch member Zaria Gonzalez.

McGertt has been a club member for the last four years. A junior in high school, she said she has learned how to become a good leader through the club. She is grateful to the club and the staff for pushing her beyond what she thought she was capable of doing.

Gonzalez has been a member for 11 years. Also, a junior in high school, she is grateful for the club for inspiring her to many accomplishments, including landing her first job last year. She credits the club for helping with her interviewing skills; she said she couldn’t have done a good job without the support and help of the club and staff.

For more information about the finalists and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, visit <https://bgcs.org/youthoftheyear/>.

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Cultural Resources Department Teaches O'odham and Piipaash Languages Through Zoom

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The O'odham Piipaash Language Program of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Cultural Resources Department offered two different language classes over Zoom at the beginning of this year.

The first was the O'odham immersion class, which started on February 8 and ends on March 24. O'odham Education Specialist Mary Garcia taught the class. The focus was on the sounds one would hear often in O'odham and identifying them.

The other class was the Piipaash language class, taught by Sierra Ward, the CRD's Piipaash Education Specialist. The Piipaash class took a different and specific approach to language learning; the focus was "We're going to the store." Students learned words and phrases related to shopping. The class began on February 23 and runs through April 6.

Teaching both languages is vital to our Community, as the SRP-MIC is composed of an alliance of two tribes, the O'odham and the Piipaash, both with distinct languages and different traditions.



Archival photo of O'odham immersion class taking place in the CRD classroom. Photo was submitted by Cultural Resources Department.

SRPMIC Veterans Warriors Book Club

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO
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In February 2020, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Warriors Book Club was started by four members who share the highlights of each chapter with one another.

They are the staff of the SRPMIC Veterans Representatives Office: Veterans Representatives Amanda White and Troy Truax, who is also a representative of the American Legion Post #114 Bushmasters; Assistant Elisabeth Thomas; and Director Glen Law.

"Glen ordered four books and we picked one book to start with," said Truax. "We break it down into chapters and we convene and talk about the highlights, what our thoughts are, how it makes us feel and what was significant about the portion that we read. The books we are reading are based on Native Americans [in the military]."

The first book the club read is "From Warriors to Soldiers: A History of American Indian Service in the U.S. Military" by Gary Robinson and Phil Lucas. The club finished that title at the beginning of the year.

"Our director [Glen Law] initiated getting these books because we need to learn about other tribes and different warriors and veterans and their stories," said White. "And you can pretty much say that it's the same across the board in Indian communities, because we were the first people here [on the continent]. It's just getting a more broad idea on different authors, stories, tribes and eras, mostly Korea and Vietnam veterans and moving along the timeline to now."

The Warriors Book Club will read a chapter and then meet up at the Veterans Hall or on Skype and engage in discussions. "The book club discussions get pretty deep among the four of us," said White.



Troy Truax, Jr. reading in the Warriors Book Club.

The club has taken a couple field trips, including to the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona and the Arizona State Capitol. They discussed what visiting those sites meant to one another in relation to the book they were reading.

"With social media, if the SRPMIC members were to see that we're actively reading [these books] and talking about them, the biggest thing we want to do is show the Community that there are books out there and resources that they have. Be active in [your] reading, because they're really good stories and they will definitely get you motivated," said White.

The book club is now on its second title, "Warriors in Uniform: The Legacy of American Indian Heroism" by Herman J. Viola.

You can follow the veterans page on Instagram @saltriver_veterans1879.

If any veteran would like to join the Warriors Book Club, please have them contact SRPMIC Veteran Services by email at veteranservices@SRPMIC-nsn.gov or by phone at (480) 362-7884.

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Coyotes in the Community

BY CHRIS HORAN, CDD-EPNR DIVISION MANAGER
Community Development Department

Over the past several months, there has been a significant increase in coyote sightings on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, causing families safety concerns about their young children and pets. While they typically avoid humans, coyotes have become more comfortable around people and residential neighborhoods.

Coyotes are members of the Canidae family and share a lot of the same traits of their relatives: wolves, dogs, foxes and jackals. They have narrow and elongated snouts, lean bodies, yellow eyes, bushy tails and thick fur. Coyotes hunt at night and howl to communicate their location. They are also known for being “wily”; in fact, they are very smart creatures and have heightened senses of hearing, smell and sight. Coyotes are about the size of a medium dog (think of a lab or smaller-sized German shepherd), though they are smaller than wolves. Coyotes’ fur may be gray, white, tan or brown, depending on where they live.

Coyotes are not picky eaters. They eat small game such as rodents, rabbits, fish and frogs, and larger game like deer. Generally, coyotes will frequent a home or neighborhood if they find food, water or shelter there. Coyotes eat whatever is available, including seeds (mesquite bean pods), fruit, dead animals, garbage, pet food, house cats and small dogs. Water sources can include a pet’s outdoor water bowl, swimming pools or play pools. Shelter can include a storm drain or any cave-like area beneath a shed, a porch, E-Z Up tent, tarped area, junk pile or



A coyote roaming the Chaparral Business Park area. Photo submitted by CDD.

unused building.

Coyotes often mate for life. Breeding season is February and March. In the spring, females build dens in preparation for their young. Females have a gestation period of 63 days and give birth to groups of three to 12 young at once. The groups of babies are called litters and each coyote baby is called a pup. The size of the litter depends on where the coyotes live. In areas where there are a lot of coyotes, there will be smaller litters. In areas with fewer coyotes, more pups will be born. Both the male and female participate in taking care of the pups. The male will bring food to the female and the pups and help protect them from predators.

Tips to Avoid Coyote Conflict

- * Remove any items outside your home that may attract coyotes, such as garbage, pet food, and water sources and bird feeders that can attract rodents and birds for coyotes to eat.
- * Encourage your neighbors not to feed coyotes or leave anything out

- that might attract the animals.
- * Feed your pets inside, and never leave your beloved pets unattended outside, especially at dusk and dawn when coyotes are most active.
- * Trim and remove ground-level shrubs and branches that provide hiding places or den sites for coyotes or their prey.

How to Scare Off a Coyote

- * Make loud noises, Shout and bang pots and pans or rattle empty soda cans with pennies inside (“coyote shakers”). Continue making noise until the coyote is out of sight, as it will return if it looks back and it appears that the threat is gone.
- * DO NOT turn and run away; the coyote may chase you.
- * Keep eye contact.
- * Make yourself seem bigger by raising your arms out to the side and yelling.
- * If the above does not work, throw small stones.
- * Spray the coyotes with a hose.
- * Use a commercial repellent like pepper spray, if necessary, on bold animals that refuse to leave.

If you see a coyote near your home, don’t ignore it. The coyote may lose its natural fear of humans, which can eventually lead to bold behavior.

If you have questions or concerns, or to report a coyote that appears sick or injured, please leave a message on the CDD-EPNR Hotline at (480) 362-7500.

CALL FOR SRPMIC ARTISTS

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and it’s Health and Human Services Division are seeking SRPMIC enrolled member artists for work to be exhibited within the River People Health Clinic, scheduled to open January, 2022 at 10901 E McDowell Rd (Country Club and McDowell).

Mediums of all kinds are being sought: paintings, photography, mixed media, sculptures, pottery, beadwork, basketry, gourds, leatherwork, and more! Informational artist meetings will begin in March, 2021. Please contact Blessing McAnlis-Vasquez to RSVP.
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Learn More:
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Heavy Equipment Tech Leon Thomas Retires After 22 Years of Service

SUBMITTED BY SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Salt River Department of Transportation would like to recognize the retirement of Leon Thomas, a valued employee for the past 22 years. Thomas's employment started in 1999, when he worked as an automotive technician in Fleet Motor Pool. He brought to the department the experience of being a senior shop technician and ASE-certified master mechanic.

Sharing his knowledge of automotive repair along with his leadership skills, Thomas quickly gained the respect of his fellow technicians. He always accepted challenges by volunteering to take on tough tasks whenever they would arise.

As the years progressed, Thomas found himself seeking to be challenged, so he applied for and accepted the position of heavy equipment maintenance technician. In his new role, he progressed from making repairs on light-duty vehicles to working on large vehicles such as fire apparatus, highway trucks, school buses, sanitation trucks and construction equipment. Thomas also showed an interest in pursuing a career in emergency vehicle repairs and becoming a certified emergency vehicle technician (EVT). The amount of training and testing required to reach the level of certified EVT is substantial,

and the position is very rewarding and highly sought after. Thomas continued with training and testing, earning several EVT certifications, and was the first technician in department history to become EVT certified.

Thomas's accomplishments continued as he moved up to lead heavy equipment technician. This position seemed to be right up his alley, giving him a platform to share his knowledge and mentor his fellow technicians.

Now, after 22 years of hard work and dedicated service, Thomas has decided to hang up the wrenches and retire. He has been a vital part of Salt River's Fleet Operations and paved the way for the next generation by daily demonstrating the difference between being a mechanic and being a certified vehicle technician.

The Department of Transportation would like to thank Leon Thomas for all of his years of service, accomplishments, contributions and dedication to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. We will always cherish the memories and good times we shared with him. Although he will no longer be an employee in this department, he will be a lifelong co-worker in the Transportation family.



Above: Leon Thomas' family did their own retirement party for him.

R: Leon Thomas with his Transportation family.



SRPMIC – VEHICLE AUCTION COMING SOON!

Department of Transportation invites all enrolled community members to submit sealed bid. We ARE OFFERING something new this auction. will include vehicles, AUTOMOTIVE parts (new opened AND UNOPENED), equipment and tools. Rules for Entry to view and place a bids - person(s) must present a Salt River Tribal ID. All bidders are required to wear a mask while viewing auction items at all times.

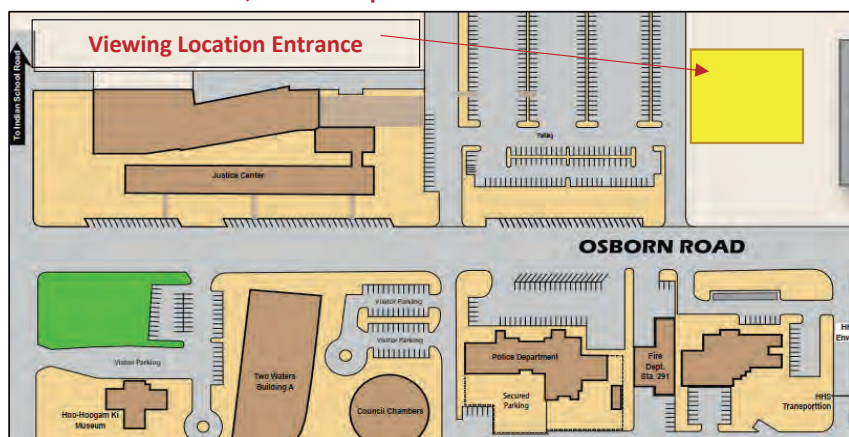
VIEWING DATES SCHEDULE

(NOTE: LISTING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON 1ST DAY)

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Saturday, April 10, 2021 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Saturday, April 17, 2021 – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All auction items are sold as is (Running or not) srpmic reserves the right to cancel any sale or issue a refund.

BIDS SUBMIT AND CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY – APRIL 23, 2021 AT 5 p.m. SHARP – NO EXCEPTIONS.



- You can bid on all auction items, but there will be one winning vehicle bid per household (giving everyone a fair chance for a vehicle). Bidders on parts pallets will also be one winner per bidder can also be a winner of vehicle. Equipment and tools will be one winner.
- Bidders fill out a bid – please use proper address and active phone number (2/contact numbers is recommended)
- All bids placed to be placed in a sealed envelope for all auction items. All auction items; bids must be one bid per envelope for each auction item.
 - For vehicles - write vehicle numbers on the outside of envelopes that you are bidding on.
 - For Part Pallets - write pallet number on envelope that you are bidding on.
 - For Equipment and Tools - write item number on envelope.
- Note: there will be three (3) attempts to contact highest bidder, after (3) unsuccessful attempts, bid will move to next highest bidder and (only 1-winning vehicle as stated per household).
- For Bid Winners – payment must-be-paid in full at SRPMIC Finance.
- In order to pick up your winning auction item, you must bring your payment receipt and ID and auction items will-be-released to you.

Department of Transportation (480) 362-7315
 or Contact Cecelia Nash (480) 362-7606

COVID-19 Vaccine Providers: Is this a Vaccine Immune Response or is it actually COVID symptoms?

What to Expect: Immune Response/Side Effects after 2nd COVID-19 vaccine dose



It is more common to have an increased immune response (side effects/symptoms) after the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine than the first since the body is responding to foreign material that it has already seen. It can be hard to tease out COVID-19 vaccine side effects from acute COVID-19 infection since both can produce systemic symptoms such as fever, chills, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, and joint pain

Highlights include the following:

- About 55–83% of people develop at least one systemic symptom following vaccination.
- Most systemic post-vaccination signs and symptoms are mild to moderate in severity, occur within the first three days of vaccination (the day of vaccination and following two days, with most occurring the day after vaccination), resolve within 1-2 days of onset, and are more frequent and severe following the second dose and among younger persons compared to those who are older (>55 years).
- In contrast, **cough, shortness of breath, rhinorrhea, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell** are **not** consistent with post-vaccination symptoms, and instead may be symptoms of COVID-19 or another infection.
- If any of these latter symptoms occur after vaccination, COVID-19 should be considered and evaluated for.
- Also, if systemic symptoms persist longer than is usual after vaccination, another cause should be looked for.
- Ultimately, clinical judgement should be used to determine the likelihood of infection versus post-vaccination symptoms and the indicated clinical approach.

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Can You Get COVID-19 More Than Once?

Despite what you have heard, no one is truly immune

SUBMITTED BY THE SRPMIC COVID-19 COMMAND TEAM

By this point in the pandemic, you probably heard the following statement from family members and friends.

"I've already had COVID-19. I can't get it again."

"You know, I did get really sick after going on vacation last fall. That probably was the coronavirus."

"I've been around crowds without masks and nothing. I must be immune."

These statements simply are not true in many cases. The thing with COVID-19 is that there are still a lot of unknowns. With that being said, we cannot assume that we know how it works.

Can you get COVID twice or more?

There seems to be a lot of misconceptions around this question. While the CDC has said that cases of reinfection have been reported but remain rare, that does not mean you are totally in the clear should you contract COVID-19. Since some things are always changing, the rare status for cases could always change as well. Your previous infection may prevent you from getting sick, but that does not necessarily mean that you cannot become infected and then spread it to others. You might think you are safe because your antibodies are there, but you may still spread it to others for a short period of time.

Being infected once is not a hall pass to ignore all of the protocols put in place – masking, hand washing and physical distancing. If anything, to protect yourself and other, you need to stay on top of those recommendations.

Your bad illness last fall most likely was not COVID-19

Many people have pinned terrible illnesses that popped up right before the pandemic on the coronavirus. However, some doctors say it is highly unlikely. Why? Because many viruses can cause similar symptoms to those of COVID-19.

It is too early to assume that you are out of the woods if you think you may have had Covid-19, you can be tested to be sure. Many other viruses out there cause similar symptoms. You could have had a severe cold or flu or you have had any number of viruses – adenovirus, etc. you really cannot tell the difference between the coronavirus infection and adenovirus

infection or any of these other viral infections. They can all be bad. Therefore, it is best not to assume that you have already been infected with COVID-19. There are still people that remain susceptible.

If most people to this point had already been infected, we would not be seeing the large case numbers every day. It just tells you how many susceptible people are out there and that we all have to work together to try to minimize how many people get infected.

Being around people without a mask and not getting sick – so far – does not mean you are immune to COVID-19

For example according to the CDC, dogs bite 4.5 million Americans every year. Just because you have not been bitten yet does not mean that you never experience a dog bite. In addition, your personal experience does not change the fact that millions of others have these painful encounters throughout the course of the year.

With COVID-19 it kind of plays out a similar manner. You might be doing all the things and hanging around everyone with a mask or social distancing and feel like you are invincible because you have yet to show any symptoms of the virus. However, you could actually be infected and spreading the coronavirus to others.

Even if you do not get sick, it does not necessarily mean that you could not spread COVID-19 to other members of your family, your neighbors, or your friends. It still is very important that everyone masks up regardless.

Can people who recover from COVID-19 be re-infected with COVID-19?

The CDC is aware of recent reports indicating that persons who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 can be re-infected. These reports can understandably cause concern. The immune response, including duration of immunity to the COVID-19 infection is not yet understood. Based on what we know from other viruses, including common human coronaviruses, some reinfections are expected.

In general, reinfection means a person was infected (got sick) once, recovered, and then later became infected again. Based on what we know from similar viruses, some reinfections are expected. We are still learning more about COVID-19. Ongoing COVID-19 studies will help us understand:

- How likely is reinfection
- How often reinfection occurs
- How soon after the first infection can reinfection take place
- How severe are cases of reinfection
- Who might be at higher risk for reinfection
- What reinfection means for a person's immunity
- If a person is able to spread COVID-19 to other people when reinfected

At this time, whether you have had COVID-19 or not, the best ways to prevent infection are to wear a mask in public places, stay at least 6 feet away from other people, frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and avoid crowds and confined spaces.

What is the CDC doing

CDC is actively working to learn more about reinfection to inform public health action. CDC developed recommendations for public health professionals to help decide when and how to test someone for suspected reinfection. CDC has also provided information for state and local health departments to help investigate suspected cases of reinfection. We will update this guidance as we learn more about reinfection.

State of Arizona case definition of reinfection

A case should not be counted as a new case if within 3 months of a previously reported infection in the same individual. If confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence is received for a specimen collected at least 3 months after the original symptom onset date, or original positive specimen collection date (whichever is earlier), a new case should be created. Additional research is ongoing. Therefore, if a person who has recovered from COVID-19 has new symptoms of COVID-19, the person may need an evaluation for reinfection, especially if the person has had close contact with someone infected with COVID-19. Contact ADHS if you believe there is a reinfection within 3 months or if a case with a positive test more than 3 months after the symptom onset date appears to be the same case upon investigation.

4TH QUARTER 2020 ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE MARCH 31, 2021

Must be eighteen (18) years old, enrolled, and living to be eligible for the April 2021 Per Capita Payment.

DEADLINES FOR CHANGES

DIRECT DEPOSIT START-UPS AND CHANGES: TUESDAY, APRIL 13 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is for new start-ups for direct deposit or changes to existing information. All forms MUST be submitted with a "VOIDED" check or statement from the bank with the Routing and Account Numbers. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2021 payout. Forms received after this date will not be effective until the July 2021 payout.

PER CAPITA ELIGIBILITY: TUESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is for submitting the Adult SRP-MIC Member's Per Capita Information Certificate. Forms received by this date will be effective for the April 2021 payout. Forms received after this date will not be processed until the first week of May 2021.

DISCONTINUE DIRECT DEPOSITS: TUESDAY, APRIL 13 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is to discontinue an existing direct deposit.

*****Failing to notify the Per Capita department when an account is closed may delay your Per Capita payment.**

TAX WITHHOLDING CHANGES: TUESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 5 P.M. This deadline is for making changes to "Additional" tax withholding percentage or amount.

Tax forms are available on the Finance Per Capita Intranet Site and can also be requested by e-mailing FINPERCAP1@srpmic-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding:

Tribal ID, Per Capita Eligibility & Change Forms call Membership Services at (480) 362-7600

Tax Withholding & Direct Deposits call Finance-Per Capita at (480) 362-7710

SRPD MONTHLY CRIME STATISTICS JANUARY 2021

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) program was established in the 1920s by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to standardize crime reporting nationally, this report has become the Country's leading crime indicator, this is the reason the Salt River Police Department lists these particular crimes.

SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.		SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.	
CATEGORY	JAN.	CATEGORY	JAN.
Events	8,636	Assault	11
Police Reports	420	Forgery/ Counterfeiting	4
Priority ONE Calls	329	Fraud	6
Avg. ResponseTime (Priority One)	5.24	Embezzlement	0
Avg. ResponseTime (Priority Two)	10.09	Stolen Property	0
SRPD Arrested Persons Number of Native Adults & Juveniles		Vandalism	24
CATEGORY	JAN.	Weapons violations	5
Native Adults	45	Prostitution	0
Native Juveniles	4	Sex Offenses	3
TOTALS	49	Drug violations (sell/ manufacture)	3
SRPD Arrested Persons Number of (Native, Non-Native, Adults & Juveniles)		Drug violations (possession)	31
CATEGORY	JAN.	Gambling	0
Native	49	DUI	30
Non-Native	122	Liquor laws	13
TOTALS	171	Drunkenness	7
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.		Disorderly conduct	0
CATEGORY	JAN.	ARPA violations	0
Number of Telephone calls received	6,707	Suspicious Activity Persons & Vehicle	153
Number of 9-1-1 calls received	1,287	Curfew (persons under 18)	1
Number of Alarm signals received	35	Runaway (persons under 18)	0
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.		Domestic violence	4
CATEGORY	JAN.	All other violations (illegal dumping)	1
Number of Telephone calls received	6,707	Trespass	0
Number of 9-1-1 calls received	1,287	Animal Problems	78
Number of Alarm signals received	35	TOTALS	374
SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.		SRPD Calls for Service, Police Reports and Response Time Stats.	
CATEGORY	JAN.	CATEGORY	JAN.
Non-Injury Accident	26	Aggravated Assault	7
Injury Accident	3	Arson	0
Fatality Accident	0	Burglary	6
Private Property Accident	11	Homicide	0
Citations	768	Rape	3
DUI Arrests	30	Robbery	1
		Theft	41
		Vehicle Theft	9
		TOTALS	67

March 2021 – DISTRICT MEETINGS

* All meetings are online via SKYPE *

MEETING DATE/TIME	AGENDA	MEETING ENTRY INFO:
CM Enos DISTRICT A Mon, Mar. 8, 2021 5 pm	Agenda items not scheduled at time of print	Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/603DS9HS Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 1435605
CM Antone DISTRICT B Sat. Mar. 20, 2021 9 am	Agenda items not scheduled at time of print	Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/FFTDQSLQ Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 158927
CM Doka DISTRICT C Sat., Mar. 13, 2021 9 am	Agenda items not scheduled at time of print	Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/1LFRDG2D Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 607027
CM Grey DISTRICT D Thurs., Mar. 4, 2021 5 pm	Agenda items not scheduled at time of print	Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/8TNLD015 Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 410249
CM Largo DISTRICT E Mon. Mar. 29, 2021 5 pm	Agenda items not scheduled at time of print	Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/TQBVVZV1 Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 888905
CM Scabby CM Dallas LEHI DISTRICT Tues., Mar. 16, 2021 5 pm	Agenda items not scheduled at time of print	Website: https://meet.srpmic-nsn.gov/councilmeeting/SH9W2F25 Phone: 480-362-5990 Conference ID: 4225605

March Council Meetings *Council may enter Executive Session as necessary.*

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: March 10, 24, 31
REGULAR SESSIONS: March 10, 24, 31
WORK SESSIONS: March 4, 11, 25

*** Questions can be directed to the Council Secretaries Office at 480-362-7466 ***

TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:
-Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466
-Elyse Lewis at (480) 362-7464
-Tamar Gonzalez (480) 362-7973

TO CONTACT PRESIDENT HARVIER OR VICE PRESIDENT LEONARD:
-Ardell Moore at (480) 362-7465
-Pat Rush at (480) 362-7438

Community Members can view the public Council Meetings at:
www.srpmic-nsn.gov/government/council/councilmeetings/
Community Members can also provide public comments, concerns and/or input by emailing:
membercomments@srpmic-nsn.gov

Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Salt River Code of Ordinances

The proposed amendments would enable the Community to implement special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction, which would allow the Community to prosecute non-Native American offenders for crimes involving domestic violence and violation of a protection order when the victim is Native American and the defendant has adequate ties to the Community. The proposed changes are required by federal law in order to prosecute non-Native American offenders for these crimes. The proposed code changes would:

Require appointment of a licensed attorney for all defendants who are charged with at least one Class A Offense, in all cases in which the maximum punishment could exceed one year of incarceration, and in all cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence or violation of an order of protection.

Require appointment of a licensed judge to preside over all cases in which any defendant is charged with at least one Class A Offense, in all cases in which the maximum punishment could exceed one year of incarceration, and in all cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence or violation of an order of protection.

Create a new jury pool that would

apply only in cases in which a defendant is charged with domestic violence or violation of a protective order. This jury pool would be comprised of adult Community Members, as well as adult employees of the Community; in addition to Community Members, this jury pool would also include Native Americans who are not Community Members, as well as non-Native Americans. The jury pool for all remaining cases would remain unchanged, and would be comprised only of adult Community Members.

Assert criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit crimes of domestic violence and violations of orders of protection that occur within the Community boundaries, so long as certain legal criteria are met.

Contain other technical amendments that are necessary to ensure accuracy in numbering throughout the Code.

This proposed ordinance changes are open for public comment until March 19, 2021, and will be discussed at Council District Meetings throughout March. Please submit any questions or comments to Jeff Harmon at jeff.harmon@srpmic-nsn.gov or (480) 362-5409. All comments will be presented to Council at the end of the public comment period.

SALT RIVER VITA TAX

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MARCH 8, 2021 - APRIL 15, 2021
SENIORS / DISABLED PRIORITY

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- Copy of Driver's License or ID (tax filer, spouse)
- Copy of all tax documents (W-2, 1099's, etc.)
- Copy of Child Care Statement with child care provider name and tax ID number
- Bank account/routing number (for direct deposits)

No Filing Back Taxes and Itemized Taxes

Due To The Covid Pandemic, Vita Will Operate Under a Contactless Protocol

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Monday & Wednesday Only
12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
North Employee Parking Lot East of the Tribal Court

Vita Message Line (480) 362-7540

Leave Your Full Name & Phone Number, A Vita Volunteer Will Return Your Call

Public Input Invited

Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Begins

Maricopa County and the 25 incorporated city and towns and 2 tribes located within the county have joined forces to review and update the existing 2015 Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The goal of mitigation planning is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from natural hazard events. Mitigation is not how we respond to emergencies like floods and wildfires, but rather how we as a community prevent the impact of such things in the first place.

The mitigation planning process involves identifying and profiling the natural hazards most likely to occur in a community, assessing the vulnerability to these hazards, and establishing goals, actions, and projects that mitigate the associated risks. The update of this mitigation plan will also ensure continued eligibility for both emergency and non-emergency, federal and state hazard mitigation grants.

Public input on the mitigation planning process is important and residents are encouraged to educate themselves about the existing hazard mitigation plan and offer comments on the update. For more information, please visit the Maricopa County website at <https://www.maricopa.gov/1760/Hazard-Mitigation> to view the 2015 Plan and fill out an online questionnaire sharing your hazard related experience and opinions. Interested community members can also contact:

TERRY NELSON – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

SRPMIC – Emergency Management

Email: Terry.Nelson@srpmic-nsn.gov | Phone (480) 362-7929

OR

RUDY PEREZ - SENIOR PLANNER

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Paulina Smith, LAC NCC
and **Micki Begay, MS**

in a safe space to talk, share stories, support each other, and learn ways to cope.



Micki Begay, MS is a BHS counselor who works with adults to primarily address past trauma, anxiety, depression, grief, unhealthy relationships, and develop mindfulness skills & techniques.

Paulina Smith, LAC NCC is a Senior Behavioral Health Counselor based at the Salt River Elementary School. Paulina has her Masters in Counseling from ASU and is a Licensed Associate Counselor as well as a Nationally Certified Counselor.

Got Questions?
Call BHS:
(480) 362-5707

Submit Anonymous Questions prior to the ZOOM: Email: Jessica.Hunter@

March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24,

July 22, Aug 26, Sept 23,

Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 16

Join ZOOM Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/8176569929>





MEMORIAL SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As part of our continuing efforts to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the Community, the following restrictions are in place for all funeral services and planning

CONTACTING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The next of kin can contact Memorial Services at 480-278-7050 to notify Memorial Services staff of the passing of a loved one. The next of kin will need to provide the full name and birthdate of the loved one who has passed to begin the verification process. Families can schedule to:

- Meet via Skype with Memorial Services staff
- Meet over the phone with Memorial Services staff

TRADITIONAL PIIPAASH CREMATION

Families must seek guidance from a traditional advisor. The family must notify Memorial Services staff if they are planning a Piipaash cremation.

SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- No wakes, funerals or family meetings held at any tribal facility or at any home within the Community
- No set ups will be provided at the home
- No funeral announcements will be posted by Memorial Services staff. This is the responsibility of the family.

SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Graveside service at cemeteries ONLY (20 people maximum and services not to exceed 2 hours)
- 30 x 20 tent provided at cemetery
- 10 chairs spaced 6ft apart (Please do not move chairs and practice social distancing)
- Casket cart or table for urn
- Family and guests over the age of 7 years must wear masks
- Hand wash station, hand sanitizer, and port-a-john will be available
- If family wishes to hand dig grave, tools will be provided



Time Line of Memorial Services changes due to the following Emergency Declarations

- 3/17/20**—SRPMIC Council declared Emergency Declaration in Community
 - Memorial Services changed services to graveside ONLY (Limited to 20 people at services & up to 2 hours per services)
 - Encouraged wearing face masks
- 3/21/20**—SRPMIC Memorial Services closed facilities for all wake/funeral services due to Community Declaration
 - Stopped wake set ups at home and no family meetings at facilities
 - 4/19/20**—2nd Directive by SRPMIC Council: All individuals 7 years or age and older within the Community are required to wear a face mask outside their residence
 - Requiring all attending funeral services, must wear face masks
- 4/1/20**—1st Directive by SRPMIC Council: Stay at home order and no public gatherings

Families needing Memorial Services assistance during this time may call Memorial Services at (480) 278-7050 to schedule an appointment.

CHURCH LISTING

LEHI CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1452 E. Oak St.
Mesa, AZ 85203
Mailing Address:
PO Box 4628
Mesa, AZ 85211
Pastor Merrill Jones
(480) 234-6091

SERVICES
-For Sunday Services available on Facebook Live. Search for Lehi Church of the Nazarene
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
-Wed. Bible Study at church, 6:30 p.m.
-SOAR Group 2nd & 4th Friday every month at the church 7 p.m.

FERGUSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

1512 E. McDowell Rd. (Lehi)
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Neil Price
(480) 278-0750

SERVICES
-Sunday School, 9 a.m.
-Worship Service, 10 a.m.
-Wed. Bible Study Service, 7 p.m.
-Sunday night Women's Bible Study 6 p.m.
Limited to 10 people at a time and planning to go digital.

LEHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1342 E. Oak
Mesa, AZ 85203
Pastor Annette Lewis

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST PAPAGO WARD

2056 N. Extension Rd. Scottsdale AZ, 85256
(480) 947-1084

SERVICES
-Sunday service suspended until further notice

PIMA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

12207 E. Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Pastor Marty Thomas
(480) 874-3016/
Home: (480) 990-7450

SERVICES
-Sunday service 11 a.m. now available through the Zoom app call church for Zoom ID.

SALT RIVER ASSEMBLY OF GOD

10657 E. Virginia Ave. Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 947-5278

SERVICES
-Sunday Prayer 10 a.m.
-Check out our Facebook page for updates

SALT RIVER CHURCH OF CHRIST

430 N. Dobson Rd. Mesa, AZ 85201
(720) 626-2171

SERVICES
-Small Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
-No Bible Classes until further notice.

SALT RIVER INDEPENDENT CHAPEL

10501 E. Palm Lane Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Rev. Melvin C. Anton
(480) 941-5419

SALT RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 10125, Scottsdale, AZ 85271

SERVICES
-Sunday service suspended until further notice

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC MISSION

3090 N. Longmore, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
(480) 994-0952
(602) 292-4466 (cell)
Administrator: Deacon Jim Trant
Parish President: Cindy Thomas
Father Alcuin Hurl and Father Antony Ticker

SERVICES
-Sunday Mass 12 p.m. limited seating
-Holy Hours, with 10 people or less.

Please call the Church ahead of time to confirm information. Information was correct at the time of print, however, services may have changed since then.



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NOTICE OF PERMANENT EXCLUSION Brandon Cruz Skouson (DOB XX/XX/1984)

This serves as notice that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ("SRPMIC") Council pursuant to Article VII, §1(g) of the SRPMIC Constitution and Sections 7-72 through 7-75 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances decided on February 3, 2021, at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting to permanently exclude Brandon Cruz Skouson from the boundaries of the Community. See SR-3853-2021. On January 19, 2021, the Exclusion Committee held a hearing and determined that Mr. Skouson was a non-member whose presence is detrimental to the peace, health or morals of the SRPMIC due to allegations of sexual assault, kidnapping, assault impeding breathing or blood circulation, and admittedly consuming dangerous and serious drugs on the Community.

Mr. Skouson's permanent exclusion was effective immediately. Therefore, he is not allowed to be within the territorial boundaries of the Community, including driving or passing through, visiting others, residing or coming within the Community boundaries at any time for any reason. Any violation of this Exclusion Order will be enforced by the laws of the Community and the Salt River Police Department. For more information and a picture of Mr. Skouson, please visit <http://srpmic-nsn.gov/government/exclusion.asp>.

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If you have a story idea, please contact OAN at (480) 362-7750 (leave your name and number and we will return your call)

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← Please visit srmaterials.com and click on the **Careers** link under the Company menu. You will have options to view our current **Employment Opportunities** as well as find out other information about working at SRMG.

→ If you see an **Employment Opportunity** you are interested in applying for, complete a **job application** by clicking on the **Complete Online** link. You can also **upload your resume** or **print the application**.

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Employment Opportunities

Mobile Equipment Operator I - Sr | 67th Avenue Plant - Laveen, AZ **Job Application**

Closing Date: January 27, 2020 [Complete Online](#)

[Please click here to view full job description](#) [Print Form](#)

Electrical Technician II | Clarkdale, AZ [Upload resume](#)

Closing Date: Until Filled **California Applicants Only**

[Please click here to view full job description](#) [CA Application](#)

Utilityperson I-II | Dobson Plant - Scottsdale, AZ

Closing Date: Until Filled

[Please click here to view full job description](#)

Hiring Process

STEP 1 – Complete [application](#) or contact Human Resources for an application to be sent to you. If you are applying for a position in California, please complete the [CA Application](#).

STEP 2 – Application information is reviewed and if selected, you will be contacted by a representative.

STEP 3 – Phone interview and/or on-site interviews with an HR representative and Hiring Manager.

STEP 4 – Hire decision is usually made within a few days and if selected a conditional employment offer is made. If not selected, you will be notified of our decision.

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Exceptional People...Exceptional Benefits...Exceptional Company
Phoenix Cement Company and Salt River Sand & Rock,
dba Salt River Materials Group,
both divisions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

COVID-19 Essential Services
Continues Within the
SRPMIC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)
This is subject to change. Look for updated information on the SRPMIC website and Facebook

SRPMIC Coronavirus (COVID-19) 24 Hour Hotline: (480) 362-2603

DHHS ESSENTIAL SERVICES IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- Public Health Nursing (480) 362-5555
- Centralized Scheduling (Medical/Dental) (480) 946-9066
- Behavioral Health (Outpatient) (480) 362-5707
- Journey to Recovery (480) 362-5640
- Pharmacy Main (480) 946-9 227
- Pharmacy Refill Line (602) 200-5384
- Financial Assistance (480) 362-7350
- WIC (480) 362-7300
- HHS Transportation (480) 362-5655
- BHS Crisis Team (480) 850-9230

The following services are open to **ENROLLED SRPMIC MEMBERS and TRIBAL ENROLLEES**
SALT RIVER INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE (SR Clinic)
Patient Services
Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

Patient Visit Services:

- Routine follow-up appointments and diabetes check-ups will be managed via phone.
- Nonessential wellness visits will be rescheduled to after April 12th.
- Essential acute symptom visits will be seen in clinic.
- Pre-natal visits
- Same day sick visits
- Labs will only be drawn if necessary.
- Dental Emergencies.
- Patients will be screened by a medical assistant at the front door and/or outside the clinic. If

patient has temperature > 100.4° the patient will be asked to wait in their car – medical assistant will get a nurse or provider to help triage and get a disposition for the patient.

HHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES Outpatient Counseling

Hours of Operation: By appointment only, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday
Emergencies are handled by calling our Crisis Team number.

Journey to Recovery
Hours of Operation: 24/7

HHS FIDUCIARY GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM (480) 362-5500

Hours of Operation: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday
Emergencies are handled on a case by case basis.

NOTIFICATION TO OUR PATIENTS FROM THE SALT RIVER PHARMACY
New Drive-up Pick-up Pharmacy Service

During the COVID-19 pandemic we are making every effort to serve you while limiting your risk of exposure. On April 7, 2020 we established a drive-up pick up pharmacy area which is open during our normal pharmacy hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Please continue to order your refills using the AudioCare process.
- If you don't have the prescription numbers needed you can still phone the pharmacy to get those numbers.
- Refillable prescriptions should be ready the next business day by 2 p.m.
- Prescriptions that require renewal by your provider may take up to 2 days.
- Patients will be notified by call/text when medications are ready for pickup

- Please try not to order anything else while in the drive-up pick up area as this causes delays and backup for fellow patients.
- Please be patient and remain in the parking space assigned to you to avoid delivery confusion.
- The staff is moving as quickly as safety allows.
- Please use caution in the parking lot.

S.R. CLINIC EXPANDED ACCESS FOR COVID-19 TESTING, CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR AVAILABLE TESTING

Patients identified by Contact Tracing and Public Health

- Scheduled Same Day or Next Day (highest risk w/ confirmed contact with a COVID positive patient)

Experiencing Symptoms

- Scheduling out 1-2 business day for small groups, 6+ individuals 1-2 business days depending on availability

No Symptoms

- Scheduling out 1-2 business days (no symptoms, no exposure)

NATIVE HEALTH - 777 W Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ (480) 550-4048

- Symptomatic only or exposure to COVID-19 AHCCCS AND TRIBAL ENROLLED ONLY
- Limited test kits available
- Scheduling 1-2 days out

NATIVE HEALTH - 4041 N Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ (602) 279-5262

- Symptomatic and Asymptomatic
- Seeing anyone-native, non-native, no insurance
- Scheduling 2-3 days out

DUE TO INCREASED DEMAND TEST RESULTS ARE TAKING 5-7 DAYS

SRPMIC COVID-19 TEST SITE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION NORTHEAST OF THE CLINIC

SRPMIC COVID-19 test site moved to a new location just northeast of the clinic in front of the Veterans Office. The process will have vehicles

enter from the east and exit to the west. Vehicles asked to enter from the driveways east of Cultural Resources or the Dialysis Center and proceed south around the HHS parking lot. The new site provides a streamlined approach for the increased number of testing being requested. To schedule a COVID-19 Test, call (480) 362-2603.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS IS KEEPING YOU UPDATED AND INFORMED

Stay Connected!

Through the SRPMIC Web Page, Facebook, Announcements and Text Alerts.

For SRPMIC updates, please visit the following sites:

[Facebook.com/SRPMIC](https://www.facebook.com/SRPMIC)
Text SRPMIC to 474747
OAN.srpmic-nsn.gov/

SRPMIC website for COVID-19 related info. <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19>

Sign-up for email notifications, contact Community Relations
P: 480-362-7740

E: CommunityRelations@srpmic-nsn.gov