



TO THE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

2020 General Election Safety Mitigation Plan

Pasted below is the safety mitigation plan developed by the current Election Board. The policy has utilized all avenues outlined by the Tribes' ordinance concerning Tribal member suffrage and lays out a safety plan that will enable all membership the opportunity to cast their vote in the 2020 General Tribal Election. This policy is solely intended to lay out a temporary process to be utilized for the election during the current state of emergency to reduce the risk of transmission of covid-19. It is the request of the Election Board of this mitigation plan so the Tribe could successfully promote the use of the absentee ballot request if the membership has concerns for their safety and participating in the voting process described within the plan.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Government Code, Art. 2, Chapter 3 Section 2-401 (e)

Location: Executive Office Lobby

C.R.I.T. Tribal Administration Building

26600 Mohave Road, Parker, Arizona

Staff: Election Board Member (1) Security Officer (1)

Tribal Member may directly dial the Election Board Member who will be stationed in the Executive Office Lobby. It is recommended that Tribal Members provide notice of their arrival prior. The Election Board Member will identify the Tribal Member and provide the Tribal Member with a ballot and instructions on how to correctly complete the ballot and cast their vote. The Tribal Member will be provided the appropriate area of privacy to complete their ballot and cast their vote.

Tribal members will be required to wear the appropriate face cover upon entrance, pursuant Tribal Resolution: 98-20, if you do not have a face covering one will be provided. Any individual entering the Tribal Administration Building will be subject to temperature screening, utilizing the no-touch thermal kiosk, and any other supplemental questions required prior to entrance. If entrance into the building is not appropriate, due to fever or any other risk identified, the Tribal Member will be asked to exit the building and extra precautionary measures may be taken to allow the Tribal Member to cast his/her ballot (See Attachment 2). The screening and risk assessment will be performed, reasonable and prudent, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All individuals will be identified utilizing the eligible voters listing.

POLLING SITES

Government Code, Art. 2, Chapter 3, Section 2-301 (c)

DISTRICT 1

Location: C.R.I.T. Tribal Council Chambers
26600 Mohave Road, Parker, Arizona
Staff: Election Board Members (3)
Enrollment Staff (1)
Tribal Law Enforcement Officer (1)
Security (1)
Consulting Technician (1)

On the day of the election the Tribal members will enter the building at the entrance to the C.R.I.T. Executive Office Lobby. Upon entrance they will be greeted by security staff and directed to proceed to the chambers in a socially distance fashion, the floor will be marked to promote that distance. Tribal members upon entering the chambers will be identified by the appropriate individual of the Election Board who will provide the necessary instructions for receiving and completion of the ballot. Tribal Members upon the completion of the ballot will exit through the chamber doors.

Tribal members will be required to wear the appropriate face cover upon entrance, pursuant Tribal Resolution: 98-20, if you do not have a face covering one will be provided. Any individual entering the Tribal Administration Building will be subject to temperature screening, utilizing the no-touch thermal kiosk, and any other supplemental questions required prior to entrance. If a risk is identified that individual may be asked to leave the building and extra precautionary measures may be taken to allow the Tribal Member to cast his/her ballot (See Attachment 2). The screening and assessment will be performed, reasonable and prudent, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All individuals will be identified utilizing the eligible voters.

DISTRICT 2

Location: C.R.I.T. Head Start
18026 Mohave Road, Parker, Arizona
Staff: Election Board Members (3)
Enrollment Staff (1)
Tribal Law Enforcement Officer (1)
Security (1)
Consulting Technician (1)

On election day the Tribal Members will enter into the C.R.I.T. Head Start Complex at the gate entrance closest to the Head Start Administrative Office. The Tribal Members will be directed to the appropriate room in a single file and socially distant manner. Upon entrance into the room they will be greeted and identified by an Election Board Member and will be provided instructions on how to receive and complete their ballot. Tribal members upon the completion

of their ballot will exit the building utilizing the identified route for exit of the C.R.I.T. Head Start complex.

Tribal members will be required to wear the appropriate face cover upon entrance, pursuant Tribal Resolution: 98-20, if you do not have a face covering one will be provided. Any individual entering the C.R.I.T. Head Start Complex will be subject to temperature screening, utilizing the no-touch thermal kiosk, and any other supplemental questions required prior to entrance. If a risk is identified that individual may be asked to leave the building and extra precautionary measures may be taken to allow the Tribal Member to cast his/her ballot (See Attachment 2). The screening and assessment will be performed, reasonable and prudent, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All individuals will be identified utilizing the eligible voters listing.

VULNERABLE & DISABLED ADULTS (SHUT – IN)

Government Code, Art. 2, Chapter 3, Section 2-401 (h)

Staff:

Election Board Members (2)

Law Enforcement Officer (2)

Enrollment Staff (1)

The Election Board Member will be accompanied by Tribal Law Enforcement and a member of the Enrollment Staff with all required materials to allow the identified Tribal Member to receive and complete their ballot. A listing of identified Tribal Members who meet the above-referenced criteria will be compiled by the Enrollment Department. This listing will be compiled utilizing data from the Tribes' Department of Health and Social Services.

Tribal personnel and the Tribal member will be required to wear the appropriate face cover upon contact, pursuant Tribal Resolution: 98-20. All appropriate precautions and Personal Protection Equipment will be utilized by the Tribal personnel to allow the identified Tribal Member to receive and complete their ballot. All individuals will be identified utilizing the eligible voters listing.

TRIBAL JAIL INMATES

Government Code, Art. 2, Chapter 3, Section 2-401 (i)

Staff:

Election Board Member (2)

Law Enforcement Officer (1)

Enrollment Staff (1)

The Election Board Member(s) will be accompanied by a Tribal Law Enforcement Officer and a member of the Enrollment Staff with all required materials to allow the identified Tribal Member to receive and complete their ballot. Tribal members who are incarcerated in a C.R.I.T.

Detention facility on the date of election will be furnished an opportunity to receive and complete their ballot to cast their vote until the close of the Tribal polling sites.

Tribal personnel and the Tribal member will be required to wear the appropriate face cover upon contact, pursuant Tribal Resolution: 98-20. All appropriate precautions and Personal Protection Equipment will be utilized by Election Board and Law Enforcement personnel to allow the identified Tribal Member to receive and complete their ballot. Tribal Personnel will perform and comply with all reasonable requirements implemented for entrance by those facilities. All individuals will be identified utilizing the eligible voters listing .

See Attachment 1 – Inmate Voting
ATTACHMENT 1

Men’s Detention Center

Voting will be held in the Recreation area of the Men’s Detention Center. Center Staff will set up one table and chair. Election Staff will dress in full PPE (mask, face shield, gloves, and gown) and temperatures will be taken upon entering by the Center Staff. Center Staff will escort Election Staff to the Recreation area for equipment set up.

Center Staff will begin to escort each inmate, in PPE (mask, gloves), one by one into the Recreation area to cast their vote; the Center Staff will standby entrance until vote is cast and escort the inmate back to their pod.

Women’s Detention Center

Voting will be held in the Visitation area of the Women’s Detention Center. Center Staff will set up one table and chair in Visitation area. Election Staff will dress in full PPE (mask, face shield, gloves, and gown) and temperatures will be taken upon entering by the Center by Center Staff. Center Staff will escort Election Staff to the Visitation area for equipment set up.

Center Staff will begin to escort each inmate, in PPE (mask, gloves), one by one into the Visitation area to cast their vote; the Center Staff will standby entrance until vote is cast and escort the inmate back to their pod.”

ATTACHEMENT 2
OFF SITE PROCEDURES

A Tribal Member who is denied access to the polling site, due to an identified health risk (elevated temperature and observation of physical symptoms) will receive, complete and cast their ballot utilizing the following procedure:

The Tribal Member will be asked to remain outside the polling site in a marked area. The appropriate members of the Election Committee, utilizing all available PPE to mitigate the risks of transmission of germs and respiratory fluids, will identify the Tribal Member who will receive a ballot. The Election Committee member will provide complete instructions to the Tribal Member of how to successfully complete their ballot and cast their vote. The Election Committee member will provide the Tribal Member the appropriate PPE, a ballot, a disposable marking device and a sanitary sleeve to place the completed ballot into for it to be inserted into the tabulating machine.

Upon the receipt of the Tribal Member's completed ballot the Election Committee member will immediately retrieve the sanitary sleeve with the completed ballot and place the ballot into the tabulating machine.

The parties will discard their PPE appropriately.