

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Department of Health and Social Services

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Five (5) New Positive Cases of Coronavirus for the Colorado River Indian Tribes

The Colorado River Indian Tribes has been notified of five (5) new positive cases of coronavirus resulting from individuals who were tested at the Parker Indian Health Center. These individuals are residents of the Colorado River Indian Reservation. This brings the total to 889 positive cases for the Colorado River Indian Tribes. One (1) individual is hospitalized outside of the area at this time. To date, there have been eighteen (18) Tribal community member COVID related deaths.

The Department of Health and Social Services will work in conjunction with Parker Indian Health Center to identify and notify any persons that these individuals may have had contact with recently. If you have any symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, headache, myalgias (body aches), chills, repeating shaking with chills, and new loss of taste or smell please contact the Parker Indian Health Center or your primary physician.

All residents on CRIT reservation are reminded to follow the <u>CRIT Resolution 110-21</u> along with the <u>Reservation wide face mask guidance Resolution No. 109-21</u>, in order to protect themselves and their households. Everyone is also reminded to limit contact with anyone who is not a member of your immediate household.

The CRIT Reservation Wide Face Mask Guidance recommends all unvaccinated individuals on the CRIT reservation wear a face mask indoors when they are within a public location. Face masks remain MANDATORY for any persons conducting business within the CRIT Tribal Office Complex whether vaccinated or not and for any employee who is not vaccinated.

The best ways to protect yourself are to take certain precautions including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wear a face mask when you must leave your home to conduct essential tasks.
- Avoid close contact with anyone outside of your immediate household.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Cover your cough or sneezes with a tissue and immediately discard the tissue in the trash.

If you would like to receive COVID-19 updates along with other important community information via text message, you can do so by texting *JOIN INFO* to *30890* and you will automatically receive new updates when available. The system will reply with an acknowledgement that you have joined the group.