



COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Department of Health and Social Services

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Three (3) Tribal Community Member deaths and Five (5) New Positive Cases of Coronavirus for the Colorado River Indian Tribes

CRIT is deeply saddened to report the deaths of three (3) CRIT Tribal Community Members due to COVID-19. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families and loved ones at this very difficult time.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes has also 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 823 positive cases for the Colorado River Indian Tribes. Of these cases, one (1) individual is hospitalized locally and three (3) individuals are hospitalized outside of the area. To date, there have been seventeen (17) 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 CRIT Stay at Home Order, Resolution No. 54-20 along with the Reservation wide face mask requirement, in order to protect themselves and their households. Everyone is also reminded to stay at home except for essential tasks and limit contact with anyone who is not a member of your immediate household.

The CRIT Reservation Wide Face Mask Requirement still remains in effect, requiring all individuals, businesses and patrons on CRIT reservation to wear a face mask when in public. Face masks are MANDATORY for all CRIT Employees and any persons conducting business within the CRIT Tribal Office Complex.

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.

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