

## **Kasey Velasquez**

Executive Office of the Chairman White Mountain Apache Tribe

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Tribal Employees

FROM: Have B. V. Cascez

Kasey Velasquez, Chairman

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

DATE: September 8, 2023

**RE:** Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Tribal Employees

Recently, I have received an increase in phone calls and office visits from tribal and community members concerned about the resurgence of COVID-19. As such I assembled a team of subject matter experts on COVID-19 in my office who provided me with an update on COVID-19. As this meeting concluded I gave this team a directive to provide our Tribe with an updated COVID-19 Guidance which can be found attached to this correspondence. This guidance was completed in consultation with our partners at the Whiteriver Service Unit.

While there is a resurgence of COVID-19 on the national and state levels, there is currently no cause for concern within the boundaries of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. However, as we have learned from the pandemic this can be an evolving matter. The health, safety, and wellbeing of my people will continue to be my top priority and I wanted to ensure we are being proactive in our response to COVID-19.

Until further notice, the following guidance for Tribal Employees will govern our response to COVID-19 for our tribal employees.

Thank you.