

COMMUNITY UPDATE



PASCUA YAQUI COMMUNITY UPDATE - COVID-19

March 26, 2020

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe will be providing updates on a regular basis. Information contained below is subject to change. We will be sharing information on the Tribe's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pytribe/> and on the Tribe's website <https://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov/index.php/covid-19>.

Tribal Departments on Modified Work Schedule

In an effort to ensure the most effective response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe has authorized all tribal departments to operate on a modified work schedule. Hours of operation and contact names and phone numbers are listed here:

https://www.pascuayaquinsn.gov/images/PDFs/pyt_reduced_workforce_alert.pdf

Community Response

If you are a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and need information about Tribal resources in the five traditional communities please call 520-879-5708 or email communityresponse@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Community Response Hotline has been created as a response to address the urgent and temporary needs for our vulnerable populations who do not have a family member or caregiver with the mobility and/or financial resources to assist during this pandemic. The following enrolled Pascua Yaqui Tribal members within the five traditional communities will be given priority:

- People 55+ and older
- People with chronic disease and medical complications
- Caregivers of elder or the chronically ill
- Foster parents

Currently, we are focusing assistance on basic needs: food, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies. We ask for your patience and understanding as we do our best to serve our most vulnerable in their time of need. Also, we encourage you to look after your families, neighbors, and people around you. Ask them: Can I go to the grocery store for you so you can stay home? Do they need something to hold them over? We are all in this together. It is our Yaqui traditional way to share and maximize our resources. Que rinda mas! Let's share with one another and look out for each other. Thank you, we appreciate you, your understanding, and your assistance.

The Senior Center is currently providing food boxes and delivery meals to all congregate members. We are identifying which members are not currently on our lists to begin extending our food services to those individuals as well. There is a limited supply of hygiene materials available for individuals 55+. This also includes individuals who are not elderly but are homebound. Individuals will need to sign for resources received. Elders in need of care and services should call or email: 520-500-7461 or elizabeth.valenzuela@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov.

Individuals wanting to volunteer can contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (520) 879-5490. It should be noted that while we appreciate all the love from our community members, we are attempting to use as much of our available workforce as possible. If you are a Tribal or Casino employee who wants to "volunteer" please make that clear to the Volunteer Coordinator as we will be prioritizing these individuals.

Pay Attention to Your Personal Well-Being

Although the Tribal Council and community health officials are encouraging the public to stay at home, we want to remind everyone that personal health is multifaceted. Here are a few ideas of actions you can take in that spirit:

- Connect with one another intentionally and often. Use text, call, and video chat to go out of your way to ensure that those in our community have safe places to be and the resources they need.
- Look out for those in your community. Before heading to the grocery store, check in with neighbors and friends to see if you can get something for them, too.
- Contact the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Health Department Helpline if you need any assistance at 520-570-7888.

Tribal Council Executive Order Details Closings/Suspensions

The following Tribal Programs/Services have been temporarily suspended until further notice:

- Liogue Senior Center, Ili U'usim Mahtawa'po Headstart, and The Dr. Fernando Escalante Library at the Itom Mahtawa'po Education Center.
- Dental services are limited to emergencies/extractions only.
- The weekly Health Transportation Services from Guadalupe to Pascua have been temporarily suspended.
- The Dia de los Ninos celebration has been cancelled.
- The Wellness Center closed on 3/23/2020 and will remain closed until further notice.
- Suspending Tribal-sponsored meetings/gatherings.

Curbside Meal Service Instituted

As a result of the closure of the schools, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe has instituted curbside service for meal pick-up. Please see the schedule below.

If you have questions or need more information, please email communityresponse@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

This service will be available Monday - Friday until further notice.

Guadalupe

Location: Itom Jiapsi

Beginning: March 20, 2020

Distribution: Curb Side Service

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Ages: 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 350 meals

New Pascua Pueblo

Location: Head Start

Beginning: March 20, 2020

Distribution: Curb Side Service *No parking permitted

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ages: 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 200 meals

TUSD Meal Distribution**Location:** TUSD Bus Stop Potam & Tetakusim**Beginning:** March 23, 2020**Distribution:** Walk up**Time:** 10:57 a.m. - 11:07 a.m.**Ages:** 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 125 meals**Location:** TUSD Bus Stop Tetakisim & Cocioim**Beginning:** March 23, 2020**Distribution:** Walk up**Time:** 11:09 a.m. - 11:19 a.m.**Ages:** 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 125 meals**Location:** TUSD Bus Stop Vatgue & Neokae**Beginning:** March 23, 2020**Distribution:** Walk up**Time:** 11:22 a.m. - 11:32 a.m.**Ages:** 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 125 meals**Location:** TUSD Bus Stop Siari Kuta Park**Beginning:** March 23, 2020**Distribution:** Walk up**Time:** 11:34 a.m. - 11:44 a.m.**Ages:** 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 125 meals**Old Pascua Pueblo****Location:** TUSD Bus Stop Calle Ventura & Calle Central**Beginning:** March 23, 2020**Distribution:** Walk up**Time:** 11:06 a.m. - 11:16 a.m.**Ages:** 0-18

Children will pick-up two meals, 1 breakfast and 1 lunch meal

Limit: 200 meals