

RESOLUTION
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Reinstate Phase Two Measures to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 with "Safer At Home" Orders Effective From September 16, 2021 until October 31, 2021.

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, in *special* meeting assembled on September 16, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (hereinafter "CRIT" or "Tribes") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, duly organized with a tribal governing body known as the Tribal Council according to the provisions contained in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(v) of the Constitution of the Colorado River Indian Tribes authorizes the Tribal Council to promulgate ordinances and resolutions providing for the administration of the health, education and welfare of members of the tribes; and

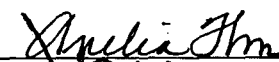
WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; the United States Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak on January 31, 2020; the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and the United States declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and CRIT also declared an emergency for the Reservation on March 13, 2020; and

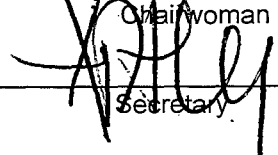
WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 54-20 on April 1, 2020 requiring all non-essential businesses to close and all non-essential personnel to stay at home until April 30, 2020 and extended until August 31st, 2020 by Resolution No. 112-20, 99-20, 75-20 and 61-20 necessary to flatten the significant surge of positive COVID-19 cases in the tribal community between May 1st and July 31st, 2020; and

The foregoing resolution was on September 16, 2021 duly approved by a vote of 5 for, 1 against and 0 abstaining, by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, pursuant to authority vested in it by Sections 1.v., Article VI of the Constitution and By laws of the Tribes, ratified by the Tribes on March 1, 1975 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1975, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (46 Stat. 984). This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

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By



Chairwoman


Secretary ACTING

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WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 135-20 approving phase two measure to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 with a “Safer at Home” Order effective until September 30, 2020 with extensions until December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes experienced a significant surge in positive coronavirus cases in December and January and reinstated the Stay at Home order effective from December 24, 2020 until March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to a significant reduction in COVID-19 cases the Colorado River Indian Tribes approved Resolution No. 47-21 to re-instate the Safer at Home Order from March 13, 2021 until April 30, 2021 with an extension until May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council approved Resolution No. 110-21, Phase 3, on May 28, 2021 in order to continue the phased and safe re-opening of the Tribal economy, with an extension until October 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, La Paz County and IHS are reporting a significant increase in COVID-19 cases during the past 14 days despite decreasing cases in the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, La Paz County and IHS continue to report low vaccinations rates of 40% and under; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes continues to be in a state of emergency and the risk of the current surge of COVID-19 continues to be a grave danger to the Colorado River Indian Tribal member and non-tribal community as an insufficient percentage of the tribal and non-tribal community have been vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is prepared to reinstate the “Safer at Home” measures to mitigate and slow the recent surge of COVID-19 cases and continue efforts to increase vaccination rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that the Colorado River Indian Tribes hereby approves reinstating “Safer at Home” Orders with the following measures:

- 1) Seasonal residents who reside in any of the Mobile Home, RV Parks, housing developments, or have a homesite lease on the reservation shall be permitted to access their residences but only members of the immediate household of the lessee shall be permitted on-site; and
- 2) There shall be no gatherings, public or private, of more than 10 individuals indoors or 25 individuals outdoors and social distancing and the use of face masks is required for all gatherings except where there

is a submission of a plan under subsection 9 approved by Tribal Council; and

- 3) Gatherings of more than 10 individuals indoors and 25 outdoors may be permitted for CRIT funerary rites provided all gatherings comply with mitigation plans established by the CRIT Cemetery Committee; and
- 4) Bars, movies theaters, gyms, museums, gym or stadium sport events, day camps (excluding child care) and concerts shall close unless submission of a plan under subsection 9 approved by Tribal Council; and
- 5) Indoor dining may be permitted at no more than 50% capacity and a plan must be submitted for Tribal Council approval detailing standards to maintain Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) and CRIT standards; and
- 6) Churches shall close unless they submit a plan for Tribal Council approval detailing standards to maintain CDC, OSHA and CRIT standards; and
- 7) Schools may remain open for in-person learning provided Arizona State schools abide by the K-12 Schools Guidance for COVID-19 issued by AZDHS or a plan is submitted for Tribal Council approval detailing standards to maintain CDC, OSHA, and CRIT Standards, including the CRIT face mask mandate as amended by Resolution No. 254-21; and
- 8) Large venues, such as the Blue Water Resort and Casino, shall close unless they submit a plan for Tribal Council approval detailing standards to maintain CDC, OSHA and CRIT standards; and
- 9) All plans submitted for Tribal Council for approval to re-open shall detail infection prevention measures, including but not limited to the use of face masks, and engineering and administrative controls for social distancing and reduced occupancy requirements preferably no greater than 50% of capacity, sanitation policies and procedures, screening of staff and patrons for COVID-19 identification and isolation, contact tracing protocol for positive case exposures, and communications, training, and procedures for implementation in accordance with CDC, OSHA, and CRIT standards; and
- 10) All CRIT Tribal Members and the reservation residents are still strongly advised get a COVID-19 vaccination and to stay at home whenever possible to reduce COVID-19 cases and protect the most vulnerable community members from COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect September 16, 2021 and shall remain in effect until October 31, 2021, or until Tribal Council, in consultation with public health officials and the CRIT Incident Command Team, determines that the threat has decreased or increased and these measures can be lifted or Stay at Home orders must be reinstated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CRIT Incident Command team shall monitor the rates of transmission of COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccination rates amongst the tribal and non-tribal community to evaluate whether an adequate percentage have been vaccinated in order to consider lifting mitigation measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any business or entity which petitioned to re-open during the pendency of Resolution No. 54-20 and its extensions, shall be permitted to remain open in compliance with the plans submitted to Tribal Council and additional Tribal mandates including any more stringent requirements passed by Tribal Council since approval was granted to re-open, such as the face mask mandate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained herein modifies the face mask requirements mandated by Resolution No. 98-20 as amended by Resolution No. 254-21, which remains in full force and effect until rescinded by Tribal Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the penalties outlined within Resolution No. 54-20 continue to apply for any violations of this Resolution and are explicitly incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairwoman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this action.