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HOPI CALENDAR

Tömö Paamuyaw
January

The Moon of
Positive Hopi Life

- Jan Tömö'Paamuyaw
- Feb Powamuya
- Mar Ösömuyaw
- Apr Kwiyamuyaw
- May Hakitonmuyaw
- June Woko'uyis
- July Tala'Kyelmuya
- Aug Tala'Paamuyaw
- Sep Nasanmuyaw
- Oct Angakmuyaw
- Nov TömöKyelmuyaw
- Dec Kyaamuyaw

THIS MONTH IN HOPI HISTORYS

- AD: Hopi ancestors built houses in dry caves in the Four Corners region.
- AD 1260-1300: Betatakin and Keet Seel occupied by Hopi Clans.
- 1895: Hopi leaders imprisoned at Alcatraz for eight months.

Happy Birthday!

Thomas Nahsonhoya Lim & Tae Il Lim

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Hopi Tribe and Arizona Dept. of Pubic Safety Sign Mutual Aid Agreement During Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day



Front Row: Colonel Heston Silbert, AZDPS Director, Hopi Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma. **Back Row:** Hopi Vice Chairman Craig Andrews, Mishongnovi Council Representative Mervyn Yoyetewa; First Mesa Council Representatives: Ivan L. Sidney, Albert T. Siquah, Dale Siquah and Hopi Tribal Council Secretary Judith Youvella, First Mesa.

Photo by: Mr. Shayne Gastelum-AZDPS

For Immediate Release

Phoenix—On Wednesday, January 12, the Hopi Tribe, and the Arizona Dept. of Public Safety (AZDPS) signed and entered into an agreement for mutual aid and the cross commissioning of AZDPS Troopers.

The agreement provides for the orderly and effective enforcement of criminal and traffic laws on the Hopi Reservation through mutual aid assistance between Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) and AZDPS. It will also provide cross-commissioning of AZDPS troopers on the Hopi Reservation to enforce Hopi law. By allowing the Hopi Tribe and AZDPS to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries, this agreement enhances public safety for all Arizonans.

The Hopi Tribe is a sovereign nation located in northeastern Arizona. The reservation encompasses more than 1.6 million acres (larger than the state of Delaware) and occupies

parts of Coconino and Navajo counties. Hopi Tribe has twelve villages located on three mesas with an estimated population of more than 10,000 people.

“We are delighted to have collaborated with the AZDPS to create this agreement which will help supplement our HLES to increase the potential for orderly and effective enforcement of the criminal and traffic laws of the Hopi Tribe,” said Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, “the Agreement leads to a foundation that together, we can build upon the availability of law enforcement and medical services in case of emergency.”

Colonel Heston Silbert, Director of AZDPS, said, “This agreement provides the framework for mutual aid and the cross-commissioning of AZDPS troopers on the Hopi Reservation in efforts to enhance greater public safety and cooperation.”

Walpi Village Hires New Community Service Administrator Alan Chavez

Hello readers of The Village Crier. My name is Alan Chavez and as of January 3, 2022, I became The Village of Walpi's new Community Service Administrator.

My background in administration has been in the medical field, where I climbed the ladder from Emergency Medical Technician, to working in a Radiology Dept. to the Emergency Room.

I recently moved back home due to the need for an experienced work force to develop and aid our communities. I have always wanted to work closely with my community here at home and, as I moved back, I have worked with the election's office and the executive director's office, because I needed to learn the workings of our government.

I am here to seek out opportunities and programs that can benefit the community at large, and in an utmost importance to move forward with many of the plans this administration has had in the works for too long.

As the year marks on I hope to begin construction on a Community Building for our elders and youth. This building will have much potential for growth of our families and learning opportunities for those continuing school. The building is planned to have a Museum, Full Kitchen, Program

room, Administrative offices, Workout equipment room, Computer room, and Restroom facilities.

In the continuing months we will begin operations of our laundry, cleaning services for chimneys, continuation of our wood project, and installment of water filtration services on First Mesa. This is only a small sample of what I would love to accomplish as this administration rolls on.

Further, with a full staff on board and new Office Manager Darian Poleyestewa and Office Receptionist Maria Garcia we plan to move this office forward with all wheels on the ground. Maintenance through Daylan Qotswisiwma whose projects include reaching out to organizations for the redevelopment of Walpi Village, revitalization of damaged trails, and clean up of First Mesa. The Youth and Senior program coordinator Lori Nuvayestewa will continue diligent effort to include all that she has serviced with new and upcoming projects that will help enrich our communities.

Please do come by the office if there is anything I have left out for more progress. Thank you,
Alan Chavez, CSA



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Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Sr.,
Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Today, the Hopi Tribal Government is operational without an approved annual budget and only by a continuing resolution based on a percentage of the last annual budget.

Since the closure of Peabody Coal Mine resulting in the loss of 80% of tribal revenue, no revenues have replaced this loss. The Hopi Business Development and the Tribal Administration are responsible to immediately implement revenue generating business operations. Those Hopi persons working with environmental organizations helping to cease the use of coal in producing electric power, offered no assistance in replacing the lost revenues. The Hopi Tribal Government remains with the same programs and some employees are now faced with insufficient budgets.

It is my understanding that the Hopi Tribal Council already withdrew replacement funds for the tribal budget to remain at the same levels from tribal financial reserves for the past four years. Also, at this withdrawal rate, most of our bank savings accounts will be depleted with no replacements. Why were there no preparations beginning prior to the Peabody closure when it was known of the closure date?

No executive orders have been issued to curtail expenditures by hiring freeze, restricted trainings and travel, no capital purchases, etc. Today, one of the costly operations is contract payments to lawyers on legal services, not bringing in revenue. Although some of the lawsuits are important, these cases have been on going for years resulting in payments amounting to millions of dollars.

No audits have ever been conducted of village office operations receiving annual fundings and some villages report having savings accounts in the millions. These appropriations were justified in 1990 to provide community services and to establish revenue generating projects. The Hopi Tribal Council should have held a referendum to reduce tribal council representation to maybe two representatives per village. Other cost saving measures with the legislative and administrative operations of the tribal government.

The Hopi Tribe still utilizes the same strategic planning document developed 60 years ago, with none of the business developments cited in the plan becoming a reality. The tribe purchased land and established a tribal ranch, offices in Flagstaff, hotel in Sedona, John Wayne Ranch, land on Colorado River, Hopi Telecommunications, Inc., how much annual revenue do these businesses generate. The Hopi Tribe spent millions purchasing state land in the 1980's, referred to as "Checkerboard land, Half state and tribal." Hopi Tribe retained lawyers almost 30 years ago to convert the lands to tribal lands and have been paying this law firm with no results. All these should be subject to financial audits, especially at the time the tribe is facing financial crisis.

A critical requirement was the downsizing of the Tribal Government operations. It has been stated that our government operations have become top heavy

and programs must be justified according to priority. Also, the federal and state government contract programs must be separated from programs funded by the Hopi General Funds (H-13). General Fund Budget expenditures include funds still supplemented by some of the contract programs. This was one of the reasons some of us opposed the contacting of the BIA Law Enforcement Services.

Law Enforcement is proven to be the costliest operations and this contract was approved at the time of declining revenues. The tribe did a great benefit to the BIA by taking over its costly operations.

Considering the loss of revenues, the Hopi Administration expended CARES Act funds without the consideration of our depleting revenues and should have been governed by priorities that would serve the villages and Hopi People. Example, approximately 16 million was spent on so-called Tawa-Ovi which will increase the cost of operations to the people and tribal operations due to the distance from villages. We are continuing to be faced by COVID and the justified spending of these funds would have provided for the recurring virus we are facing now.

What should be the plans of the Hopi Tribal Council to manage the deficit and remain to serve the people. My recommendations would be as follows:

1. Request the Hopi Tribal Treasurer disclose the financial status of the Hopi Tribe.
2. Report based on a complete audited report on the current tribal revenues, especially all the business owned by the tribe.
3. Hopi Tribal Council approved and prioritized government program's structure.
4. Downsize personnel organization in support of the current revenues.
5. Operational expenditure restrictions.
6. Tribal Council mandated disclosures of business development proposals completed by administration.
7. Complete report to the Hopi People of all of the above.

The approval of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget must be justified to be approved based on a professionally developed financial plan. All this should have already been planned out and prepared, prior to the closure of Peabody Coal and especially during the decline of revenue. Who is responsible for this plan of financial management? It is the responsibility of the Tribal Government Administration under the leadership of the Hopi Tribal Chairman. When the Chairman is questioned by the Hopi Tribal Council on his duties, he responds by stating, "It's the people who put me into office." The people must now require that the accountability and responsibility be placed on the oversight and leadership of the Chairman to complete the work to be completed and presented to the Hopi Tribal Council for approval.

Unless a justified budget is completed and with the support of the Hopi People, I will have to vote NO, on the FY 2022 Budget.

Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Albert T. Siquah,
Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages

EDUCATION:

The Hopi Education Transition Team has Identified a Candidate to fill one of the vacant positions on the new Hopi School System. The Team is preparing a Resolution to the Hopi Tribal Council for approval of this appointment.

HOPI TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Interviews were held for the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners: Merwin Kooyahoema, of Second Mesa and Rosalie Talahongva of First Mesa were selected to fill two of the positions on the Housing Board.

I would like to emphasize village members, to take heed to the recommendations of self protection, related to the current Omicron surge. Take every precaution to stay healthy. Each of you are important to the survival of our culture!

**First Mesa Consolidated Villages
Tribal Council Representatives
Report Card**

FMCV Council Reps. are required to make monthly reports and updates to the First Mesa Community. However, due to gathering restrictions, Reports are published in the Village Crier. Below is a recap of reports submitted by your Representatives, beginning January 1, 2021 to Present.

2022 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	√/√	√	√	√
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				

2021 Reports Received	Ivan Sidney	Albert Siquah	Dale Siquah	Wallace Youvella Jr
January	√	√	√	√
February	√	√	0	√
March	√	0	√	√
April	√	√	0	√
May	√	√	0	0
June	√	√	√	√
July	√	√	√	√
August	√/√	√	0	√
September	√/√	√	0	√
October	√/√	√	√	√
November	√	√	0	0
December	√	0	√	√



Hopi Tribal Council Report – State Legislative Day

By: Ivan L. Sidney, Sr.

Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages

The Arizona State Legislature held its annual Indian Nations and Tribes Day in Phoenix on Wednesday, January 12. This annual event brings tribes from around the state to meet and hear from State Legislative officials on issues pertaining to and having interest with the affairs of Indian Tribes. It is an opportune time for Tribal Leaders and Tribal Council Representatives to meet with their respective District State Legislators.

The Hopi Tribal Council recently approved a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety which was scheduled for a signing ceremony. The Agreement required the signature of the Arizona Public Safety Director and the Hopi Tribal Chairman. This agreement is not specific to the mutual aid services and only time will determine the accomplishments of the agreement. In the past, the Arizona DPS assigned two Highway Patrol Officers, now called State Troopers to the Hopi Reservation.

The last was Eddie Sidney who retired and resided on the Hopi reservation. Their assignment provided focus on daily traffic enforcement and provided specialized accident investigations services in time of need. Also supplementing their services was the occasional use of the DPS Helicopter and State Crime laboratory evidence processing. This agreement does not provide for the use of State Troopers to respond to police assistance in villages. First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives A.T. Siquah, Dale Siquah and Ivan Sidney were in attendance.

This was a momentous occasion since Ivan Sidney was one of the first Native American State Highway Patrol Officer and was assigned to the Hopi Reservation.

The First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives were among the Hopi Tribal Officials to meet with our District #7 State representative, the Honorable Jasmine Blackwater-Nygram. This meeting was to request her continued support as a member of the State Transportation Committee for BIA Route 60, now Upper Polacca Road (Low Mt. Rd.). Our Representative did confirm her continued support and shared the continuing questions from other members of the committee and state legislators. She recommended a joint support from the Navajo Tribal Council and Hopi Tribal Council which would greatly solidify the need and support for the road construction.

On return from the meeting with Representative Blackwater-Nygram, information was requested from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and The Hopi Department of Transportation. It was reported that the rights-of-way document required an update and was holding up the project. Nona Tuchawena, Superintendent of Hopi BIA Agency responded immediately reporting that her office has not received the right-of-way documents requiring BIA approval. She confirmed that the holdup is with the Hopi Tribe. The HDOT Director reported that he discussed with the consultant on the project who designed the road and that there were various interests which is complicating the project. This complication is by certain tribal officials who have politicized this project.

The need to change this roads name recently by the Transportation Committee from Low Mountain Road to Upper Polacca Road was because some tribal officials were referring to this road project as the Navajo Road. This road project was initiated by the Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Gov-

erning Board years ago to provide an all-weather road for transportation of students to school and other needs such as sports activity. The current dirt road hampers the need for timely response of the Police, Fire and EMS Services. The occasional shopping at Basha's in Pinon and at one time to obtain coal from Peabody were the other needs. This road could also bring customers to our area as hopeful business developments someday become a reality.

The cost to conduct the Biological Analysis caused delays and the need to update the rights -of -way will cause delays. This work is now assigned to the Hopi Office of Real Estate. It is being proposed that this road project will be presented to the Hopi Tribal Council to be subject to a reservation wide survey. This is very interesting since this would be a first time of any project and further confirms that First Mesa is being subject of opposition.

It was reported to the Hopi tribal Council that lobbying by the Navajo Tribe and a few Hopi Officials were from special designated State and Federal Funds and not from funding dedicated for Hopi Reservation Projects. State funds were identified a couple years ago but the none support expressed by the Hopi leadership terminated the identified funds. One proposal being considered is to request approval of the Hopi Tribal Council to transfer this project to First Mesa Consolidated Villages office. FMCV is able to cooperatively work for the purpose of this project and join the Navajo Nation to lobby for separate funds.

Navajo President Nez and his Broadband Consultant were approached by the FMCV Village Administrator to have our village be considered to join their Broadband Initiatives Project with the State of Arizona. Plans are now ongoing to construct Fiber Optic Cables from White Cone to Jeddito Chapter. This would be matter of few miles to connect Keams Canyon and Polacca area and other villages. The priority is increase broadband for our schools and including Northland Pioneer College. Included would be the Fiber Optic's availability to public service agencies located at Antelope Mesa to serve our people.

Included is Cellular One currently providing internet to our schools and faced with limited broadband coverage due to its communications reliance only on micro-wave signal. It has now been almost eight years since Cellular One requested connections to the HTI owned Fiber Optics. To date, no connections have been made but only to one company, CommNet who apparently had an agreement with HTI and operates from HTI sites without collocate lease agreements.

This illegal placement of CommNet equipment was installed at the Lower Polacca HTI lease site which was discovered by the landowner in 2017 and reported it. This equipment remains on the site without proper lease approval and yet is currently connected to the HTI Fiber Optics. HTI claims it is owned by the Hopi Tribe and, therefore, has rights to all Hopi Lands. This again confirms that FMCV continues to be a subject of political opposition.

In the meantime, COVID has surged, and these services are critical but face continual political opposition. In the bible it states, "In the End, Only the Meek will Prevail." In Hopi, "Be Humble."

Hopi Tribal Council Report - Land Commission

By: Dale Siquah

Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Rep. Herman Honanie Village of Kyakotsmovi, Rep. Mervyn Yoyetewa Village of Mishongnovi, Rep. Raymond Namoki Village of Sipaulavi, Rep. Dale Siquah First Mesa Consolidated Villages. **ABSENT:** Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Rep. Clifford Qotsaquahu Village of Bakabi, Rep. Village of Upper Moenkopi

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rep. Herman Honanie was elected Chairman of the Land Commission.

FY 2022 Vice Chairman for Land Commission will be determined the next meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Letter from Realty was added to the agenda and agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The following minutes were reviewed with corrections made to several and were approved: November 19, 2020; April 15, 2021; May 20, 2021; June 17, 2021; July 22, 2021; September 28, 2021; October 14, 2021

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Land Settlement restricted and unrestricted account's current values/balances. Fred Lomayesva, OGC, Vernon Cole or Rockefeller representative and Wilfred Gaseoma, Treasurer and to provide clarified information/balances. (Tabled at previous meetings but Committee request to keep on agenda until actual report on balances is provided)
- The Hopi General Counsel Mr. Fred Lomayesva reported that there has been great progress on the account information and now the Treasurer and Investment Committee need to do their due diligence to give a complete report on the account. Mr. Lomayesva also noted we have a new Treasurer and she would probably appreciate more time to understand the information.
- 1996 Act State Land Acquisition: Next Steps in Arizona & Washington, Thayne Lowe /Fred Lomayesva. This information is attorney client legal advice and privileged information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Verizon Lease– Michelle Honanie/Micah Loma'omvaya, Realty.

The office of reality reported that they have an Action Item (AI) prepared for this lease. However, the office of General Counsel (OCG) has brought up several issues about the lease and the Office of Reality asked to work with OCG and any other entity needed to bring this lease to fruition. Land Commission directed the OGC, Realty, HTI and any other department required to resolve the issues voiced by the OGC on the Action Item so Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) can address the AI and approve the lease. The lease will provide much needed revenue to the Tribe.

Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC) request for a Special Land Assignment on HPL for Proposed Hopi Solar site – Fletcher Wilkinson/Edison Tu'tsi.

Mr. Wilkinson along with Mr. Tu'tsi Director of Office of Hopilands (OHL) informed the Land Commission (LC) that the original land sight requested was changed and agreed upon by both Hopi Utilities Corp (Mr. Wilkinson) and Director of OHL Mr. Tu'tsi. There were several reasons why the original site was moved and the Interim Director of Natural Resources MS. Priscilla Pavatea facilitated the issues and achieved a consensus on the land for the project. HUC proposes to build a large (100+ MW) solar PV plant, co-located with a similarly sized data center. Initial funding for the project was secured by HUC in Phase 1 of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build Back Better (BBB) Regional Challenge Grant. Should HUC meet the time lines and requirements for Phase 2 there is a potential to receive up to an additional \$75 million in funding to support development of clusters of economic development projects. A joint Land Commission and Water & Energy Committee meeting on this project is scheduled for 9am on Jan.20, 2022 via zoom hosted by Fletcher Wilkinson HUC Energy Manager meeting is scheduled

Eagle Compact Commission (ECC) – Priscilla Pavatea

Pavatea informed the Land Commission that Hopi positions on the ECC were no longer valid. She presented names of Hopi individuals which Hopi Tribal departments recommended to be on Eagle Compact review board. Interim DNR Director Pavatea mentioned several outstanding issues which may be referred to the EEC and is in Hopi's interest to fill the positions. She anticipates the Commission may be call upon to resolve issues concerning the Eagle Compact between Hopi and Navajo Tribes. The Land Commission approved the names and they are to be contacted to see if they are willing to serve on the ECC.

Student Project to study Cedar on Hopi – Stewart Koyiyumptewa (*Signal was lost during most of the discussion on the subject.*) The lack of cedar growing on Hopi land was discussed.

Hopi Tribe Historic Preservation Report – Stewart Koyiyumptewa (*This is an extensive eight-page report. I will request from Mr. Koyiyumptewa to share his report with the public*)

Koyiyumptewa presented the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Annual written report for Sept. 2020-Dec. 2021 and provided some verbal highlights of the report. His written and oral report began with a reflection of June 24, 2019 when Hopi Tribal Council approved Resolution (H-039-2019) which appointed and designated himself, Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa as the Hopi Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). His report lists fifty-one specific accomplishments during the reporting period. Some accomplishments highlighted during Oct 2020–Dec 2020:

- Twenty-one of THPO's accomplishments were consultations. Eight of the consultations were with Museums; four government agencies; three Universities; one National Monument; one National Forest; one Archaeology entity; one city; one Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and one Utility Corporation.
- Thirteen accomplishments were meetings several were monthly, one quarterly, and two annuals. The meetings were with four U.S. Government Agencies; two National Forest; two National Parks; the Chaco Heritage Tribal Association (CHTA); the Navajo Nation along with other parties; a mining company; the City of Tucson; the Hopi Tourism Board and the Villages of Upper and Lower Moenkopi.
- Two important accomplishments were when THPO conducted reburials of Hopi ancestral remains at the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and the Salmon Ruins, in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

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Hopi Jr. Sr. High School Resumes Distance Learning on Wednesday, January, 19

Following the pause of instruction via Zoom on Tuesday, regular scheduled Zoom classes resume tomorrow, Jan. 19, 2022. HJSHS will implement changes that students need to be aware of and abide by in order to enter their respective Zoom classes. Those changes include:

1. All links for Zoom classes have been emailed to students using their school issues Gmail accounts. Students can only access the Zoom links through their email. The links are not found on the HJSHS website.
2. All Zoom classes will have a "Waiting Room" established. The majority of teachers already had this function in place. This means that students need to be let into the Zoom class by their teacher. Some classes may also establish a Passcode that students must enter to join.
3. In order to enter the Zoom class, students must utilize their FULL NAME (first and last name) for the teacher to identify who they are. Students are not allowed to use abbreviations or nicknames to identify themselves on Zoom.
4. Current teacher Zoom links will not change. If a link changes, it will be communicated to the students and updated on the list posted to the school's website.

We are asking all parents/guardians for help. Please assist us in combating social media challenges. We also ask that you take time to discuss the seriousness of using social media in such negative ways that hurts or threatens others. Please know that HJSHS takes these situations seriously and will do everything to combat them to the best of our ability. If you or your child has any information regarding these types of matters, please contact your student's respective office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

UPDATE TO DISTANCE-LEARNING

Based on our community's continued elevated positive Covid cases, HJSHS has elected to continue with distance learning through February 4, 2022.

Students will continue to login daily to their Zoom

classes. Scheduled days for packet submittal with completed work and retrieval of new packets will be communicated by the school.

To align and abide with the new Tribal Executive Orders, HJSHS will be planning to move into a hybrid model for the remainder of the 3rd Quarter, which ends on March 11, 2022. The tentative start date for the hybrid instruction model is February 7, 2022. The school will evaluate though if an extension of distant learning is needed should the numbers remain high.

This decision was not easy to make. We hope you understand that it was made in the best interest and safety for HJSHS and our entire community.

The move to a hybrid model will affect all areas of the school from food services, student schedules, bus schedules, and a variety of other facets that may affect students. More information will be forthcoming via parent nights and student sessions with their teachers.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership to provide the most effective and safe educational experience for all students.

Students, please use the linked documents below to help navigate throughout our distance-learning. All instruction is over Zoom.

Students are expected to attend each period of the day by connecting onto their teacher's Zoom session. For questions, call your student's respective office at (928) 738-5111.

[Distance-Learning ESS Bus Routes Mon-Wed .pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning ESS Bus Routes Tue-Thu .pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Hot Spot Set-Up Directions.pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Laptop Login Directions.pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Meal Distribution Schedule.pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Parent Info Presentation.pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Technology Support Items.pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Virtual Bell Schedule.pdf](#)

[Distance-Learning Zoom Best Practices and Procedures.pdf](#)

HJSHS Distance Learning



Students and Parent/Guardians, please use the information below as a one stop shop of everything needed for our current Distance-Learning period starting on Wed. Jan 12th at HJSHS. All important documents are linked below. Zoom links used to join the class sessions of HJSHS teachers have been emailed to our student's email (Gmail) accounts.

As with all of Hopi, HJSHS has seen a drastic increase over the past couple of weeks in the number of students and staff that have entered Covid protocols. The number has surpassed the 4% threshold set forth in the HJSHS Covid Mitigations triggering a change of instruction back to distance-learning.

All instruction is over Zoom. Students are expected to attend each period of the day by connecting onto their teacher's Zoom session. For questions, call your student's respective office at (928) 738-5111

Virtual Bell Schedule

Zoom Best Practices & Procedures

Hot Spot Set-up Directions

Laptop Log-In Directions

Technology Support Info

ESS Student Bus Routes (Mon & Wed)

ESS Student Bus Routes (Tue & Thur)

Meal Distribution Schedule

Parent Info Night Presentation

Hopi Tribal Council Report

By: Wallace Youvella, Jr,

Representing First Mesa Consolidated Villages

Investment Oversight Committee

* There are no committee meetings for the month of December to allow for new Council Representatives to be seated and assigned to their respective committees.

*Subcommittee meetings regarding the Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) request to extend their loan are still taking place. A secondary loan from the Compass Bank must be factored into the ongoing payments. It is Representative Youvella's suggestion that the MDC make a full report to the Hopi Tribal Council regarding the secondary loan by Compass Bank.

Transportation Task Team & Gaming Committee

*There are no committee meetings for the month of December to allow for new Council Representatives to be seated and assigned to their respective committees

Hopi Tribal Council

* Representative Youvella and the

Basalt World Corporation made a presentation to the Hopi Tribal Council. This presentation is a proposal for the Hopi Tribe to become 51% owners in a partnership that would manufacture basalt rebar products. Basalt rebar, a green energy product, is being widely sought in the construction industry due to basalt's resistance to rust, where steel often fails. It is quite possible that within five years, the Hopi Tribe could realize net profits greater than what was received by Peabody Coal. It is proposed that the manufacturing plant be located in Winslow for distribution reasons. The project was handed off to the Economic Development Board and they are to report back to the Hopi Tribal Council the week of Jan. 24. This project is a low cost initial start up, considering other possible projects, and the calculated risks are low. In the next few years this manufacturing plant could employ 50 to nearly 100 people bringing jobs to Hopi as well as the much needed and talked about

revenue. It is my hope that the Economic Development Board reports back with support for the expediting of the project. See link for more information: <https://youtu.be/yNaqmYbLXIY>

Hopi Tribe Budget

* The Hopi Tribal Council has yet to be presented with the draft budget for the Hopi Tribal Government. Although a continuing resolution was passed by Hopi Tribal Council to continue important services to the Hopi Tribe, it is not wise to operate under such a resolution for a long duration of time. It is hopeful a budget is presented in January 2022, as it will take several meetings to go through the budget, amend if needed and approve.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. As always, please take the proper precautions to protect your family and be safe. Kwah'kway
Respectfully,
Wallace Youvella, Jr.

Land Commission Report from P3

- THPO accomplishment included three review sessions with HCPO staff, THPO Board, and Parametrix where they worked on finalizing the Hopi Tribes reports (Vol. 1 and Vol. 2) for the Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project (NGWSP). Volume two was submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in July 2021.
 - Other accomplishments for the reporting period were collaborations with Coconino National Forest, USDA, Hopi Tribal lands along with Lone Ranger Consulting including Archaeology Southwest, and Northern Arizona University's Cline Library
- Resolution H-071-2021 Passed** re: DNR Programs move back into Honahnie Building, Interim Director Priscilla Pavatea
- Pavatea reported DNR provided information requested by the Executive Director's (ED) Office for DNR personnel and several diagrams depicting DNR plans to use provided office space. Pavatea sounded confident in having the room for DNR personnel. She said the Office of Range Management (ORM) will remain at the
- Turquoise Well/Tawaovi site, explaining that ORM moved from the Hopi Agency in Keams Canyon to the Turquoise Well/Tawaovi site. There is not sufficient room for ORM in the Honahnie Bldg. Additionally, the ED's Office mentioned there are no funds were available to fund the move. Interim Director Pavatea stated DNR is prepared to load and move their own equipment and supplies in DNR vehicles. She was not definite on the time DNR would be provided for the move and noted that Department Vehicles would take additional time and trips. In her report, Pavatea said efforts for the move have slowed down due to the ED's absence. Also, problems still exist with heating provided by generators which have difficulty supplying power due to capacity. Phone service and internet services were also mentioned as inadequate.
- REPORTS:** (Once approval from departments is obtained to share their written reports with the public, I will provide them to the paper)
- NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** February 17, 2022-9:00 a.m. Subject to Change

**Get Vaccinated to Protect
Against Serious Illness**

Hopi Executive Order No. 001-2022

Return to Phase Two with Modified Provisions for all residents of the Hopi Reservation to Meet the Current COVID-19 Virus Challenge

Phase Two (Modified Provisions)

INDIVIDUALS	EMPLOYEES	SPECIFIC TYPE OF EMPLOYEE.
<p>ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS* should continue to Stay-at-home, especially those who have not been fully vaccinated. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where social distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to protect vulnerable residents.</p> <p>All individuals, WHEN IN PUBLIC (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping), should maximize physical distance from others and wear appropriate face masks. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless adequate precautionary measures are implemented.</p> <p>NECESSARY TRAVEL can resume; must adhere to CDC guidelines regarding symptom monitoring and infection identification following travel.</p>	<p>ENCOURAGE TELEWORK/ROTATION WORK SCHEDULES, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.</p> <p>Close COMMON AREAS (including but not limited to plazas, gymnasiums, and outdoor activity fields) where personnel are likely to congregate and interact or enforce moderate social distancing protocols.</p> <p>NECESSARY TRAVEL ONLY can resume; must adhere to CDC guidelines regarding symptom monitoring and infection identification following travel.</p> <p>Strongly consider SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS (telework, flexible leave utilization, removal of incentives for unmissed attendance) for personnel who are members of a VULNERABLE POPULATION.</p>	<p>SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES (e.g., Daycare, after school type activities) <i>can</i> reopen for all children ONLY IF social distancing and infection control practices can be implemented and maintained.</p> <p>VISITS TO SENIOR CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS should be prohibited. Those who do interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene.</p> <p>LARGE GATHERINGS (e.g., Eating out, sports, ceremonies) may operate under moderate physical distancing and sanitation protocols. Ensure system are in place to monitor crowd sizes to ensure they don't exceed safe numbers. For ceremonies and dances, villages should follow the same guidance and refer to village orders and directives.</p> <p>ELECTIVE SURGERIES and other NON-ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SERVICES (e.g. dental, optical, and audiological) can continue as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient and in-patient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines. (Appendix D.)</p> <p>WELLNESS CENTER GYM can open if they follow strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.</p>

*Vulnerable Individuals:

1. Elderly individuals.
2. Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, or those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer, HIV, or other immunosuppressive conditions.

SO ORDERED this 14th day of January 2022.


Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman
Hopi Tribe


Craig Andrews, Vice-Chairman
Hopi Tribe


Royce Jenkins, Public Health Authority
Hopi Tribe

WHEREAS, the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a) and (b) respectively, authorizes the Hopi Tribal Council to represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it has been almost three years since the Hopi Tribe implemented on March 23, 2020, its first Executive Order to address the COVID-19 pandemic that continues today to exist in evolving virus mutation strains; and

WHEREAS, recently, the highly transmissible COVID-19 Omicron strain has rapidly infected many people within the United States, the State of Arizona, and Counties of Navajo and Coconino; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services has reported that as of January 13, 2022, there are approximately 63.3 million positive COVID-19 cases in the United States, of which over 1.5 million cases are in Arizona (including over 29,629 in Navajo County and over 32,490 in Coconino County); and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services has reported that as of January 13, 2022, there are 299 active positive cases, which are defined as persons that have positive COVID-19 test results, across the Hopi Reservation (including Hopi tribal members residing off the reservation) within the past fourteen (14) days; and

WHEREAS, the current number of active positive cases for Hopi reflects a sharp increase over a relatively short period of time, which is similar to the outbreak that is happening throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of January 12, 2022, the total Hopi reservation percent vaccination rate is 81.99%. The total eligible Hopi reservation population vaccinated is 90.91%, indicative of a high vaccination performance rate; and

WHEREAS, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), currently confirms the COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of severe illness and death among fully vaccinated people; and

WHEREAS, as health experts continue to work to create more effective and coordinated national and international public health systems and a way forward through the pandemic, it has become necessary to refocus efforts on minimizing the impact on the health and welfare of the general Hopi public of the COVID-19 virus as it continues to mutate; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Chairman is authorized pursuant to Section 7-701(2) of the Hopi Emergency Response Plan to provide the necessary direction to preserve the peace and order of the Hopi Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe directs that Executive Order #001-2022 - Return to Phase Two shall be in immediate effect through **March 13, 2022**, unless otherwise extended, subject to the following:

1. It is recommended that everyone ages 5 years and older get a complete series of the COVID-19 vaccine (mandatory for tribal government employees).
2. Face covering use shall be required inside all public facilities and buildings, common areas, and outdoor locations.
3. Recreational tourism and visitation are not encouraged at this time, especially for individuals coming from outside the Hopi Reservation.
4. The Hopi Law Enforcement Services and health professionals, including community health workers, will coordinate with village leaders and village security officers to allow for welfare checks and other health-related contacts.
5. It is recommended that the Hopi business sector adhere to the following guidelines, in addition to those listed above for Phase Two Re-opening:
 - Limit restrictions to 50% of maximum capacity or no more than 50 people and implement 6 feet social distancing requirements.
 - Implement adequate screening process for staff.
 - Implement Intervention, Prevention, and Control (IPC), cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
 - Implement mechanisms to control flow of traffic within the facility to the extent feasible.
6. The Hopi general public is encouraged to learn how COVID-19 spreads and the steps to protect self and others.
 - a. Avoid close contact with others
 - b. Wash/sanitize hands often and carefully
 - c. Cover coughs and sneezes
 - d. Stay at home if sick/exhibiting symptoms
 - e. Stop shaking hands and hugging people (for now)
 - f. Avoid sharing personal items like cell phones

What About Long COVID?

We are also still learning about long COVID. Omicron hasn't been around long enough yet to have a good sense of whether it is different from earlier variants when it comes to the likelihood of lingering symptoms.

Long COVID After Omicron? We Don't Know

While the research continues to evolve, so far, it shows that vaccinated people are less likely to go on and have long COVID. New data shows that people who were vaccinated and got infected with a previous variant of the virus had a much lower risk of long COVID than unvaccinated people who got infected.

That's great data because it shows that vaccination is protective, not just against getting infected and ending up in the hospital and dying—all of which are really good benefits—but also, your risk of getting long COVID is much lower if you are vaccinated.

How to Protect Yourself

Getting booster shots is crucial. On top of vaccines, it's important people wear masks, practice social distancing and avoid indoor crowds whenever possible. Testing, if you suspect you have COVID, can help curb spread and protect others. And if you are sick, or suspect you could be sick, stay home.

There is social fatigue with the pandemic and its safety precautions—they remain important. When we let our guards down and skip out on booster appointments or throw away masks, we are giving the virus more opportunities to spread.

From the CDC and World Health Organization:

- How easily does Omicron spread? The great increase in daily cases over the past several weeks is largely related to the omicron variant, which now represents about 98% of the COVID-19 cases in the country.
 - What symptoms does Omicron produce? According to the World Health Organization, more evidence is emerging that the Omicron coronavirus variant is affecting the upper respiratory tract, causing milder symptoms than previous variants.
 - How bad is it compared to Delta? A Kaiser study shows Omicron has half the risk of hospitalization, 74% less risk of ICU admission, and 91% less risk of death. However, the staggering rise in cases - over 1 million new cases each day - has led to a high number of total hospitalizations.
 - Will vaccines work against Omicron? Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to infection with the Omicron variant. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur.
- Will treatments work against Omicron? Scientists are working to determine how well existing treatments for COVID-19 work. Based on the changed genetic makeup of Omicron, some treatments are likely to remain effective while others may be less effective.

If you suspect Omicron infection, get tested as soon as possible.

It is also important to get your booster shot, wear a mask, and avoid large crowds.

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL First Quarter Session Agenda Month of January, 2022

I. Call to Order

II. Oath of Office

Tribal Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant-at-Arms
Chief Revenue Officer

III. Certification of Tribal Council Representatives

Village of Sipaulovi and Upper Village of Moenkopi

IV. Roll Call

V. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

VI. Announcements

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Calendar Planning

IX. Approval of Minutes

X. Approval of Agenda

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Letter dated October 5, 2021 Re: Walpi Housing Management – Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe - **TABLED UNTIL JANUARY 2022**
2. Discussion/Possible Action – Letter dated July 30, 2021 Re: Request to rescind Executive Order #011-2021 and direct the Drought Task Team to reach out to Hopi ranchers and Navajo Accommodation Agreement signers to work on identifying alternatives for addressing drought issues on Hopi lands. / Letter dated August 16, 2021 Re: Executive Order #011-2021 Range Mitigation and Livestock Reduction . Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages – **TABLED UNTIL MARCH 2022**
3. Potential partnership and project with Basalt World Corporation for the Hopi Tribe. Wallace Youvella, Jr., Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item #004-2022: To approve contract with Antol and Sherman, P.C. to provide conflict counsel services to the Hopi Tribe. Author Marc S. Roy, Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Courts.
2. Action Item #006-2022: Approval to incorporate quarters #169 and #170 into the Moenkopi Day School P.L. 100 - 297 Tribally Controlled School Grant. Author David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kytotsmovi
3. Update on Tuba City Dump. Amy Mignella, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Michael Goodstein, Attorney . **Time Certain, January 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
4. Arizona Public Service Rate Case Appeal. Amy Mignella, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel and Mr. Michael Goodstein, Attorney. **Time Certain, January 4, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
5. Letter dated December 22, 2021 from Phillip Quochoytewa, Sr., re: Follow-up to Hopi Tribal Council Resolution H-071-2021 to correct the Relocation of Employees of the Department of Natural Resources to the Turquoise Well/Tawa’ovi site . Dale Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
6. Memorandum dated December 16, 2021 from Brant Honahnie re: Employment Resignation. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi
7. Letter dated December 20, 201 from Ivan Sidney, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages; re: Hopi Law Enforcement documents pertaining to contract renewal. Albert T. Siquah, Tribal Council Representative, First Mesa Consolidated Villages
8. Letter dated December 12, 2021 from Archie Duwahoyeoma, Bear Clan Elder/ Village Leader of Mishongnovi Village; re: Council Representatives Delores Coochyamptewa and Pansy Edmo. Phillip Quochoytewa, Sr., Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kytotsmovi
9. Hazardous Pay for employees, frontline workers. Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi
10. Office of the Executive Director- Investigation re: Turquoise Well/Tawa’ovi Site. David Talayumptewa, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Kytotsmovi

XIII. REPORTS

1. Office of the Chairman
2. Office of the Vice Chairman
3. Office of Tribal Secretary
4. Office of the Treasurer
5. Office of the General Counsel
6. Land Commission
7. Water/Energy Committee
8. Transportation Committee
9. Law & Order Committee
10. Investment Committee
11. Health/Education Committee
12. Report from Lobbyist, Washington, D.C.
Clifford Qotsaquahu, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

THE HOPI TRIBE MEMORANDUM

To: Hopi Tribal Department/Programs, Villages and Outside Entities
From: Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary, Office of the Tribal Secretary
Date: January 3 2022
Subj: NOTICE OF CHANGE

On January 3, 2022, the newly appointed Tribal Secretary Judith Youvella, Tribal Treasurer Nada Talayumptewa, Sergeant-at-Arms Alfonso Sakeva, Sr. and Chief Revenue Officer Gayver Puhuyesva took Oath of Offices in their respective positions.

The Tribal Secretary, Tribal Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms will serve a four (4) year term which commenced on January 2, 2022 ending on January 1, 2026. The Chief Revenue Officer will serve a four (4) year term effective January 1, 2022 ending on December 11, 2025.

Please join us in welcoming the newly appointed individuals in their positions.

You are welcome to contact the Office of Tribal Secretary at (928) 734-3132 for additional information.

THE HOPI TRIBE MEMORANDUM

To: The General Public
From: Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary, Office of the Tribal Secretary
Date: January 6, 2022
Subj: Vacancy Announcements– Hopi Election Board

The Hopi Tribal Council announces vacancies on the Hopi Election Board as follows:

- Alternate #1
- Alternate #2
- Alternate #3

The positions will remain advertised until filled. Interested individuals must submit a Letter of Interest to the Office of Tribal Secretary.

You are welcome to contact me at JYouvella@hopi.nsn.us or (928) 734-3131 for additional information related to this recruitment. Thank you.

THE HOPI TRIBE MEMORANDUM

To: The General Public
From: Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary, Office of the Tribal Secretary
Date: January 6, 2022
Subj: Announcement of Vacancies on the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

The Hopi Tribal Council announces the vacancies of two (2) Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioner positions.

The memberships unfilled is for one (1) member for a (2) two year term and one (1) member for a (4) four year term.

2022 HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL Meeting Calendar and Submissions Due Dates

Council in Session	Document(s) Due for following month	Recognized Tribal Holidays
January	February	March
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 *Hopi Senom Day	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 *President's Day	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
April	May	June
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July	August	September
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 *Fourth of July	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 *Pueblo Revolt Day	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 *Labor Day
October	November	December
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Documents for the Hopi Tribal Council agenda must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Submittal Due Date at the Tribal Secretary's office located in the Hopi Tribe's Legislative Building.

Hopi Tribe Dept. of Health & Human Services COVID-19 Emergency Response January 7, 2022 Report

Be aware that when someone tests positive they became contagious 2 days before they develop symptoms; or, if not experiencing symptoms, 2 days before they tested positive - not the day they received their results

Hopi Health Care Center- Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Information

COVID-19 vaccines are available mornings and afternoons for the month of December for those 5-years and older. To schedule an appointment call (928) 737-6148 or 737-6081. Appointments are required. For questions about COVID-19 vaccines call (928) 737-6198 or 737-6197.

COVID-19 Testing Drive-up Testing schedule: Monday– Friday from 8-9:30 AM AND 3– 4 PM. Enter at the west entrance & drive around back. Mask must be worn by everyone in your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle at all times. To schedule for testing or for more information please call (928) 737-6233.

A COVID-19 hotline has been created by the Hopi Health Care Center to assist with all COVID-19 related questions and service requests. The hotline is open 7 days a week from 8 AM-5 PM. To contact the COVID-19 hotline the number is 928-737-6187.

When using an at-home test it is very important that you report your results to the Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 hotline so that contact tracing can be done and accurate data is provided to the community.

Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation- Community COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Information

To all Moenkopi residents, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation’s COVID-19 vaccine drive-thru clinic is now located west of the Health Promotion & Diabetes Prevention Center building next to the helipad. The vaccine drive-thru clinic is available Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am–4:00 pm with no appointment necessary.

Testing at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation is still being held at the outdoor tent Monday – Friday from 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Rapid and CEPHEID tests can take approximately three (3) hours. Send out tests can take 2-3 days. The address for Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation is 167 N. Main Street, Tuba City, AZ. For more information regarding Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic and testing, please call 1-866-976-5941.

On January 22 & 23, 2022, Tuba City Regional Health Care will be doing COVID-19 testing from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS:

You can now order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the United States government at [covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Only 4 tests come in an order and only one order per household. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Please do not wait to order your tests when you have been exposed or become symptomatic as the tests will not arrive in enough time for you to be tested. So please order them now so that you and your loved ones can be prepared.

Below is information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, age recommendations, and boosters:

	Age Eligibility	Primary Series	Booster Dose
Pfizer	5+ years old	2 doses given 21 days apart	Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer or Moderna (COVID-19 vaccines) at least 5 months after the last dose in their primary series. Teens 16-17 years old may get a Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine booster at least 5 months after after the last dose in their primary series.
Moderna	18+ years old	2 doses 28 days apart	Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer or Moderna (COVID-19 vaccines) at least 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.
Johnson & Johnson	18+ years old	1 dose	Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) at least 2 months after the first dose of J&J/ Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

“CDC is recommending that moderately or severely immunocompromised 5–11-year-olds receive an additional primary dose of vaccine 28 days after their second shot.” **Remember that the only vaccine that 5-17 year olds are eligible for is Pfizer.**

Recommended Updated Guidelines for COVID-19 Exposure

IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19 (QUARANTINE)

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| <p>If you: Have been boosted OR completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months OR completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 mos.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test on day 5, if possible. <p><i>If you develop symptoms get a test</i></p> |
| <p>If you: Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted OR Are unvaccinated</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days. • If you can’t quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days. |
| <p>Wear a mask for 10 days.</p> | |

If someone was less than 6 feet away from a potential positive case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period they would be considered a **close contact** regardless of whether or not both parties were wearing masks. For example, Betty was within 6 feet of Paul on Thursday night for 10 minutes and on Friday morning for 5 minutes. Paul developed symptoms Saturday evening, was tested for COVID on Monday, and received their results on Wednesday. Because Betty was within 6 feet of Paul for a total of 15 minutes over a 24 hour period within the 2 day timeframe she is now considered to be a close contact. If you have been identified as a close contact you may or may not need to quarantine depending on your vaccination status.

If an unvaccinated individual that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will need to quarantine for 14 days beginning on the infected person’s 10th day of isolation, with that day being Day 0 and the following day being Day 1. That means the caregiver could potentially be out of work for 24 days. If a vaccinated person that is not positive is having to take care of someone that is infected, they will not have to quarantine but will need to get tested 5 days from the 10th day of the infected person’s isolation. If a vaccinated person develops symptoms while caring for an infected person they will need to get tested as soon as possible and remain at home until they receive their results.

Re-testing of COVID-19 Positive Employees. Per guidance and alignment with HHCC, CDC, state and local health departments, and OSHA workplace guidance for COVID-19 re-testing of positive or suspected COVID-19 employees before they return to work, nor providing letters to go back to work is not recommended.

The recommended reason for not re-testing is an individual may continue to test positive on a viral test long after they are recovered from COVID-19. These dead viral particles will turn viral tests positive even though they cannot cause disease in others. The Hopi Health Care Center strongly encourages employers to use the CDC’s symptom and criteria below even if they continue to test positive. Once they meet the three criteria, they are no longer considered infectious to others. However, if the employee was severely ill (hospitalized) or immunocompromised, plead advise them to visit their primary care provide before returning to work.

The “checklist” below has been updated as of the most recent COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and will be used by employers to determine when an employee with confirmed COVID-19 may return to work safely. For additional questions, please call the Hopi Health Care Center COVID-19 hotline (928) 737-6188.

- It’s been at last ten days since I first had symptoms or received my positive diagnosis. If I’ve not had symptoms (please note date of first symptoms: _____)
- Overall my symptoms have improved and I am feeling better.
- It’s been at least 72 hours since I last had a fever without using fever-reducing medicine.

If you checked all three boxes, you are no longer a considered risk to infect others and can go back to work!

	COVID-19 Positive last 14-Days	Total Cumulative COVID-19 Positives
Kiqötsmovi	40	242
Orayvi	0	34
Polacca	75	531
(Walpi-Sitsom'ovi-Tewa)		
Mishongnovi	12	184
Supawlavi	14	103
Songòopavi	58	342
Yuwelu-paki	0	12
Bacavi	13	85
Hotevilla	37	277
Keams Canyon	52	145
Flagstaff	1	4
Munqapi	9	276
Phoenix	0	5
Winslow	0	12
Prescott	0	1
Tuba City	0	3
Teestoh	0	2
TOTAL	311	2258

Data includes all state-wide data from facilities such as the Hopi Health Care Center, Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals. + Includes Village member(s) retested positive.

Three Main Symptoms of the Omicron Variant

Just as vaccines became widely available and we thought we were seeing light at the end of the Covid-19 pandemic tunnel, the *Omicron variant* reared its ugly head. It seems like everybody and their mother is testing positive, despite being vaccinated, almost like it's a matter of when, not if, you'll be the next one to get infected.

Even though the Omicron variant is running rampant and proving to be even more contagious than previous variants and strains, the good news is that infections are mostly looking to be far less severe in people who are vaccinated, also making for less hospitalizations. Still, we don't blame you if you want to be smart and still do your best to avoid becoming infected at all. As such, we consulted with a physician about what Omicron Covid-19 symptoms to watch for to stay healthy.

As mentioned, the Omicron variant is causing much milder symptoms than the original Covid strain and the Delta variant, which is good news, says Suneet Singh, MD, an emergency room physician and medical director of CareHive Health in Austin, TX

The classic symptoms of the earlier strains were: cough, fever, and intense muscle aches, as well as the loss of taste or smell. In very severe cases, chest pressure, as well as shortness of breath, were also prominent symptoms.

Given we know the classic Covid-19 symptoms, let's break down just how different the Omicron variant is as far as symptoms, and how to know if you have it.

What exactly are the main and lesser-known symptoms of the Omicron variant?

Aside from classic Covid-19 symptoms, some of the distinguishing symptoms of the Omicron variant are:

- runny nose
- stuffy nose
- sore throat

"Omicron, [meanwhile,] is less likely to invade the lungs," Dr. Singh says. "Instead, Omicron is causing more upper respiratory symptoms."

Omicron is not known to result in a loss of taste or smell, unlike the other variants. However, because the symptoms of Omicron are less severe, it can be hard to differentiate it from other causes of upper respiratory conditions like seasonal allergies.

If you do have symptoms such as a runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, cough, and/or fever, it is very important to get tested as soon as possible and stay at home while you wait for your results.

What should I do if I catch it?

If you test positive for Covid-19, no matter the variant, it's important to consult with your doctor about the best treatment path forward for you as an individual. You can safely do this with a virtual visit to limit your exposure to others while you're sick. Not only is this more convenient than unnecessarily heading to the ER or urgent care, it's also likely going to be far cheaper.

"During this visit, you may be prescribed one of the two new anti-Covid medications that recently

became available on the market earlier this year," said Dr. Singh.

In any case, if you have Covid, be sure to get plenty of rest, hydrate well, and use over-the-counter medications such as throat lozenges, pain relievers like ibuprofen, and fever-lowering medications like acetaminophen, or Tylenol, he adds.

How can I protect myself from Omicron?

Without a doubt, the best means of protection against Covid altogether is to get vaccinated (that is, a full series and their recommended booster) if you haven't already.

"In addition to vaccination, social distancing remains an important part of protection from Omicron," he adds. "If possible, try to maintain a safe distance of at least six feet apart from others, minimizing physical contact and wearing an appropriately fitting mask to reduce the risk of [getting] Covid."

Additionally, if you are going to still gather with others, especially with anyone at high risk of Covid-related complications, it's also important to get tested within 48 hours of the event. This is key for detecting an infection while you may be symptomatic.

The bottom line: While you can rest easily knowing that becoming infected with Omicron is likely to be less severe if you're vaccinated, continue to do your best to avoid becoming infected altogether. And it can't be said enough: If you still haven't gotten vaccinated, schedule your appointment to do so today.

Covid Test Website Now Open to General Public

The White House Covid Tests Website is now open to the general public. Order yours today and submit your request.

Here are the requirements you need to request a kit with a total of four (4) at-home rapid tests and a list of Frequently Asked Questions:

- Each request must include a name and address
- Only one request per household will be fulfilled regardless of how many people reside in the household and you will be sent a total of 4 tests.
- Tracking will only be provided if email address is included when requesting a test kit
- Email addresses are NOT required
- A Social Security Number is NOT required. (Proof of citizenship or legal status is not required and this information will be used for shipping purposes only)
- Requests can also be made by phone starting on Wednesday, January 19. Call the COVID 19 Hotline at 281-801-5285 (English)
- The site is available in English and Spanish at this time
- You can use the same email address multiple times.

If you suspect a COVID infection, get tested as soon as possible!

It is important to get your booster shot, wear a mask, and avoid large crowds.

A COVID-19 hotline has been created by the Hopi Health Care Center to assist with all COVID-19 related questions and service requests. The number is (928) 737- 6187, open 7 days/week from 8am-5pm.

When using an at-home test it is very important that you report your results to the Hopi Health Care Ctr. COVID-19 hotline so contact tracing can be done and accurate data is provided to the community.

VILLAGE CRIER Publication & Due Dates

The Village Crier is published on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Below is the Submissions and Publication Schedule. All submissions: may be sent to Editor/Publisher: Lnahsonhoya@gmail.com

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2	1/19/2022	1/25/2022
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Terra 2022, the 13th World Congress on Earthen Architectural Heritage

Terra 2022, the 13th World Congress on Earthen Architectural Heritage, will take place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 7-10, 2022. A scholarship is available to cover attendance, accommodation, and travel costs for the Congress for speakers and participants from tribes and pueblos of the Southwest and representatives from Northern Mexico.

Terra 2022 is an educational opportunity for those working with or

studying earthen architecture. Hundreds of specialists will attend from fields including building and construction, site management, conservation, anthropology, architecture and sustainable development. Workshops, presentations, posters, and digital media will illuminate contemporary research and teach best practices in conserving earthen heritage across the world. To learn more about Terra, visit terra2022.org.

Information about Terra, the Scholarship, and application is available on the Cornerstones' website <https://www.cstones.org/terra-2022>.

Applications for the scholarship include a letter of intent, a letter of recommendation, and a resume.

Application Deadline is January 16. Eligibility will be determined largely based on demonstrated experience or interest in earthen architecture in addition to applicants be-

ing part of the communities this scholarship is for. This scholarship program is organized by Cornerstones Community Partnerships and the Getty Conservation Institute with funding from the Getty Foundation and Chamiza Foundation.

Any questions about Terra or the scholarship, may be directed to Lucas Burdick, Special Projects Manager, Cornerstones Community Partnerships at: lburdick@cstones.org