



# NEWSLETTER

## First Mesa Consolidated Villages

### FMCV Adopts Resolutions to Protect Community Members from Coronavirus

IHS/Hopi Health Care Ctr reported their first positive case of the corona virus on March 2 and since then, the number has risen to 7.

On April 3, Bacavi Village announced a Village member had tested positive and is being treated at the Tuba City Health Care facility.

It is now evident that the virus has reached the Hopi Reservation and everyone must take this seriously and do their part to help stop the spread of this deadly virus.

In response to the alarming rate at which the virus is spreading and the amount of lives succumbed to this pandemic, the FMCV leadership approved two Resolutions to become effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #1-2020 adopted on March 16 (P4) approves a *Village Emergency Action Plan* and authorizes FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney to immediately implement the Plan and work with Villages, Tribes, State and Federal Agencies (Plan P5).

RESOLUTION #2-2020 approved on April 6, *Restricts Visitors, Non-Tribal Members and Non-Residents into Villages and Remain-At-Home and Restrict Travels Order*(P6).

With this Resolution, all Visitors and non-residents are prohibited from entering the Villages except for emergency and essential services.

Home-to-Home Visitations and Gatherings of 6 or more is restricted during this pandemic. Distant Socialization, via telephone, is recommended.

### Important Message to Village Members from FMCV Tribal Council Representative

The Hopi Tribal Council has been focused on providing continued services to the Hopi/Tewa People. We are presently practicing the concept of "Social Distancing" by holding our meetings with only one Tribal Council Representative from each Village present in the Council Chamber. The remainder of the Reps participate in the sessions via telephone.

This is an unfamiliar adjustment; however, we must keep the Government intact to continue addressing Tribal Business and the cur-

rent health situations.

I encourage everyone to, Stay-At-Home and follow the directions provided to protect yourselves and your families.

The State of Arizona has issued a "Stay-At-Home" order as has the Hopi Tribe. This is to protect us from spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

As the sun rises each day, ask for your safety and protection of all people. Stay strong. May you all be safe.

A.T. Siquah

FMCV Tribal Council Rep

**The CDC reports there is currently no vaccine to prevent the coronavirus (COVID-19). Staying At Home and sheltering in place, can help stop the spread and keep everyone safe.**

#### THIS IS YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**If you have news or information to post for the Community, forward articles to the FMCV Office, Attn: Newsletter.**

**During this time of Distant Socialization, we would like to share your news, announcements and stories.**

**First Mesa Consolidated Villages**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TO VILLAGE & COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Hopi Tribe issued an Emergency Declaration-Executive Order #01-2020 and a Stay-At-Home Order—Executive Order #02-2020.

The FMCV Leadership also approved Resolution #1-2020 Village Emergency Action Plan and Resolution #2-2020 Restrict Visitor, Non-Tribal Members, Non-Residents into the Village and Remain-At-Home and Restrict Travel Order.

The FMCV Admin Office will adhere to these Orders by operating at reduced hours:

- **OPEN: 10am—12n & 1pm—3pm.**  
**Walk-Up / Window Service only.**  
**Push buzzer at door and Staff will assist you via intercom.**
- **Water payments may be made during these times with exact cash or Money Order. Customers are encouraged to pay by telephone using debit/credit card or Pay Pal/Bill Pay.**
- **Water Maintenance is a high priority & Operators are on call 24/7.**
- **Security Guards are on duty monitoring the Villages and Communities.**
- **Residents are encouraged to Remain-At-Home and shelter in place to protect yourselves, your families and the Community.**
- **Immediately go to the Health Care if you are showing symptoms of the virus**
- **Call 911 for Emergencies.**

- **Cloth face masks are recommended to protect yourself and others from the coronavirus**
- **Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze**
- **Use the inside of your elbow when you cough**
- **Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
- **Use hand sanitizer to kill bacteria**
- **Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.**

## First Mesa Baptist Church Makes Donation to First Mesa Consolidated Villages

In a recent visit to the FMCV Office, Senior Pastor Taelim Lim from First Mesa Baptist Church delivered a check donation to assist the First Mesa Consolidated Villages during this time of emergency. The FMCV traditional leadership approved an Emergency Action Plan on March 16.

“This generous love gift donation from our Village Church, Pastor Lim and Pastor Park is greatly appreciated,” said FMCV Administrator Ivan Sidney. “This will help cover the costs of equipment, supplies and resources needed during this Emergency; especially, since FMCV does not receive funding from the Hopi Tribe and does not solicit donations. As far back as I can remember, the Church has always been a hub for First Mesa and village members; especially during

times of emergency. I am happy it continues today.”

In March, the Pastor’s wives, Eunhee Lim and JiYoung Park also launched their own ministry by making protective masks for the village elderly.

They purchased material and supplies and the church ladies sewing club came together for one week to “sew, rip & stitch.” The non-medical, re-usable masks were delivered to the Elderly Program Coordinators at Walpi, Sichomovi and Tewa.

During this pandemic, all services at the Church are cancelled; however, Sunday Service is broadcast via FMBC Facebook/U-Tube each Sunday at 10am. Pastor Lim invites everyone to join Sunday Worship. Tel: 737-2724

## First Mesa Schools, Villages, Business, Churches CLOSURES AND HOURS OF OPERATION

**LOCAL SCHOOLS, HEAD START & CHILDCARE**  
CLOSED through the end of the School Year.

**FMCV ADMIN OFFICE**  
Limited Staff Coverage  
OPEN: M-F 10am-3pm  
Water Operation: 24-7  
Village Tours Cancelled

**SICHOMOVI VILLAGE OFC**  
CLOSED thru April 17

**WALPI VILLAGE OFFICE**  
Limited Staff Coverage  
OPEN: M-F 10am-3pm  
CLOSED: April 7-April 10

**TEWA VILLAGE OFFICE**  
Per CSA, Hours available via Social Media and KUYI Radio

**FIRST MESA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
All Services Cancelled until further notice. Sunday Worship Service available via u-tube at 10am.

**POLACCA CIRCLE M**  
OPEN: M-F 9am-6pm  
Sat-Sun 9am-3pm  
**Elderly Shopping 65+**  
Wed. 8am-9am

**HOPI TRADERS-KMS CNYN Shopping Center**  
OPEN: M-F 9am-6pm  
Sat-Sun 9am-3pm

**Elderly Shopping 65+**  
Wed 8:30am-9:30am

**Gallery**—CLOSED

**Café:** Take Out Orders only  
OPEN: M-F 10:30a-6:30p  
CLOSED: Sat-Sun

**Gas & Food Mart**  
OPEN: M-F 9am-6pm  
Sat-Sun 9am-3pm

**Auto Parts & Garage**  
OPEN: M-F 10am-5p

**Laundromat**  
OPEN: M-F 9a-5pm  
Sat-Sun 9a-3p

**First Mesa Consolidated Village  
RESOLUTION #1-2020  
approves an Emergency Action Plan (p4)**

WHEREAS, First Mesa Consolidated Villages remains under the traditional governance since time immemorial and which was included in the Constitution and By-laws of the Hopi Tribe in its enactment by the United States Department of Interior in 1936, and

WHEREAS, this traditional governance is under the Village Leadership of the Kikmongwi supported by the Traditional Religious leaders, and

WHEREAS, the FMCV Traditional Leaders are responsible for the health and welfare of the village members and including considering all people to be their children, and

WHEREAS, the world wide spread of Coronavirus (COVID – 19) is now within the United States and rapidly spreading throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, this virus is a serious threat to our people, leaders, cultural, religion, and

WHEREAS, President Trump declared “A State of Emergency in the United States” releasing 50 Billion dollars to develop testing and possible cure for the virus, and

WHEREAS, our FMCV conducted research and obtained various written documents by the Federal Government, State of Arizona, Navajo County and the Navajo Nation regarding their written emergency plans and instructions to the public with safe guards and protection measures, and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Chairman only restricted travels and provided statements on the local radio station KUYI and failed to have his administration provide written documented emergency plans and including providing any technical assistance to First Mesa Consolidated Villages,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

By this resolution, the attached First Mesa Consolidated Village’s Emergency Action Plan is hereby approved along with all attachments made referenced to and made a part of.

\*Community Service Administrator for First Mesa Consolidated Villages is hereby authorized to work with all villages, tribes state and federal agencies to put into effect the Emergency Action Plan

\*All agencies are humbly requested to assist FMCV with our emergency plan.

\*FMCV Tribal Council Representatives are directed to ensure that the responsibility of the Executive Office is carried out to its fullest in cooperation and under the directives of the Hopi Tribal Council according to the Constitution.

\*FMCV is authorized to approve use of village buildings, resources, additional staff and including use of our limited funds.

\*The FMCV Water Services are placed on high alert to provide water and sewer services to our village and prioritize water to the Hopi Health Care Center and Dialysis.

\*Report to our FMCV Leaders information received from the Indian Health Service, Phoenix Office, if necessary, regarding plans for testing, protection and treatment for Coronavirus.

I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly considered by the FMCV Leadership to provide for the Emergency Management at a meeting at First Mesa, Polacca, Arizona on this 16th day in March, 2020.

/s/ James M. Tewayguna, Kikmongwi FMCV

## FMCV EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

**1. Authority:** First Mesa Consolidated Villages is one of the villages included in the Constitution and By-laws as a Self-Governing Village remaining under the Hopi Traditional Governance. This self-governance provides for full authorities and responsibilities for the general welfare of its Village Members. The Hopi Tribal Council is designated as only the government to government representative thru its Village Tribal Council Representatives.

**2. Purpose:** This Emergency Action Plan is to provide for the organized structure to make assessments, prepare a plan of operation, identify resources (including funds), remedy obstacles and/or challenges, inventory supplies and buildings and make assignment of village staff.

**3. Executive Summary:** This plan is to provide for an organized structure to allow the Plan to be implemented effectively and efficiently. The Plan is also intended to allow for the justified use of resources and to accomplish immediate remedy to the challenges. Today, we are faced with a challenged from the growing spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID -19). President Trump has declared a State of National Emergency and released 50 billion dollars to combat this virus. Remaining a Hopi Village since time immemorial, this world wide disease is a serious threat to our Hopi People. This Plan is to develop and implement immediate responses to provide for the protection and treatment of those that become exposed to the virus. We are completely surrounded by the State of Arizona and the Navajo Nation and we must attempt to work in cooperation to protect our Village from exposure to the virus.

#### **4. Applicability and Scope:**

Team Leader: Ivan Sidney 928-205-5504

Logistics and Supplies: Brannon Sidney 928-266-7809

Water: Alfonso Sakeva, Jr. 928-326-0703

Support: Sharon Grover and Meredith Qotswisiwma

Public Information: Louella Furcap: 928-326-7190

Buildings: Admin Office Bldg, Community Center & Ponsi.

#### **5. Essential Functions:**

- a. Within responsibility and authority of FMCV: Access to WIFI for college students; Building space for virus testing and possible treatment; Security Services to monitor non-village members, elderly, public buildings, homes, businesses, churches, religious and ceremonial area, etc.; Informational response to village members; Coordination with Navajo County Emergency Services Office; Communications with FMCV Tribal Council Representatives; Closure of Village entrance; Priority of Water Operations and complete 24/7 operational plan; FMCV's closed office operations providing direct services; No social gathering of 10 or more people; Maintain coordination with HTI and Cellular One; Purchase and install two-way radio system; Establish an FMCV Advisory Team
- b. Require cooperation and partnership; Identification and Distribution of possible medical supplies; Work with Tribal CHR Services to monitor Elderly; Determine the treatment, testing and readiness of the Indian Health Service; Evaluate all Tribal, Federal, Private and especially schools within the jurisdiction of FMCV; Self-quarantine; Request Assistance from Navajo County; Establish working partnership with Walpi, Sichomovi, and Tewa offices; Establish a partnership with Hopi Emergency Response Team; Coordinate daily village operations with Hopi Executive Offices.

**6. Plan Evaluations:** This operational Plan will be subject to an evaluation to identify its strengths as well as overall weakness. Outside emergency services will be requested to participate in this evaluation. However, without the technical assistance and leadership of the Hopi Tribal Emergency Services, we are limited with resources and technical support for the development and execution of this plan.

**First Mesa Consolidated Village  
RESOLUTION #2-2020  
Restrict Visitors, Non-tribal members, Non-residents into Village  
Remain at Home and Restrict Travels Order**

WHEREAS, First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) under the traditional government passed Resolution #1 – 2020 to approve FMCV Emergency Action Plan in response to the threat of Coronavirus (COVID – 19), and

WHEREAS, FMCV Administration is setup to respond to the needs of the village while engaging in the protection of the staff and village members to exposure to the virus, and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020 the Hopi Chairman and Hopi Vice Chairman jointly issued an official notice of off-reservation travels due to the “growing spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID - -19)”, and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020, the Chairman and Vice Chairman issued Executive Order #01–2020, Tribal Emergency Declaration for COVID–19 Virus declaring that a public health-based state of emergency exists across the Hopi Reservation due to Coronavirus (COVID -19), and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2020, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Hopi Emergency Response Team Incident Commander, Roger Tungovia issued Executive Order #002 – 2020 a Stay-at-Home Order Declaration for all residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID – 19 Coronavirus, and

WHEREAS, The First Mesa Traditional Leaders support and endorse the orders of the Chairman and Vice Chairman as it pertains to preserving the public health and safety of all residents, schools, churches, kiva members and businesses of First Mesa and all Hopi Villages; and

WHEREAS, it is now evident that positive testing of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is occurring at the Hopi Health Care Center located on First Mesa jurisdic-

tion, surrounding Navajo communities and Hopi Villages and is threatening the peace, health and welfare of the First Mesa Consolidated Villages.

**NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED,**

1. First Mesa Consolidated Villages Administration, with the cooperation and assistance of the Offices of Walpi, Sichomovi and Tewa immediately restrict visitors, non-tribal members and non-residents. All vehicles in transit along Arizona State Highway 264 are allowed passage thru the Village within the highway rights-of-way.
2. Admittance to the village will be allowed only to provide essential services and necessities by authorized services and Public Safety Agencies.
3. FMCV Administration is directed to assist and cooperate with administrative staff of all schools located on First Mesa Jurisdiction and including the Hopi Health Care Facilities.
- 4. All village members are encouraged to Remain at Home and restrict travels.**
5. All persons testing positive for Coronavirus (COVID -19) or exposed to persons affected, must immediately comply with self-quarantine procedures.
6. The Hopi Tribal Police, Federal Law Enforcement Navajo County Sheriff, Arizona Department of Public Safety and Navajo Nation Police are requested to assist FMCV Security to regulate and enforce this resolution approved, according to the Sovereign and Traditional Self-Governing Authority.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the First Mesa Leadership to provide for the Emergency Management on this 6th day in April, 2020.

/s/ James M. Tewayguna, Kikmongwi FMCV  
/s/ Leo Lacapa, Jr.  
/s/ Samuel Tenakhongva, Katsinmongwi