

# FIRST MESA CONSOLIDATED VILLAGES

To First Mesa Village Members, Community Members and Residents

Recently traditional leadership has been asked to support and to help alleviate community concerns in regards to the overall health, wellness and safety of all village members, community members and residents of First Mesa that have arisen due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. As leaders, we have met several times to discuss necessary steps that needed to be taken to best protect our community. Per Resolutions FMCV01-2020 and FMCV02-2020, it is at this time a curfew as well as safety reminders are deemed necessary.


As traditional leaders, we first and foremost provide guidance, expectations, as well as identify and warn of consequences if established guidelines are not adhered to in regards to traditional customs. However, in this instance, as a result of heightened concern for the safety and health of the First Mesa community, and in response to community requests, we the traditional leaders of First Mesa are requesting the support of all First Mesa members, community members and residents to adhere to and practice the guidelines below:

- Practice social distancing and refrain from socializing and gathering as you are taking an unnecessary risk of exposure to COVID-19. In the case of an emergency, if you need to speak to an individual please utilize and exhaust all efforts to communicate via phone call, text, or email and take all precautions to maintain a physical distance if in person contact is warranted.
- Limit your trips outside of the community for essential supplies only. If support is needed please contact one of the village offices or HERT to inquire about food distribution services, medical supplies or other necessities. (See contact numbers below) If there is no answer, leave messages and continue calling until your question/concern is addressed.
- Report ALL suspicious and illegal activity to FMCV Public Safety Officers or to Hopi Law Enforcement Services (See contact numbers below). We are all responsible for the safety and oversight in our community, and we ALL have the first responsibility to discourage negative behaviors in our homes as well as enforce any necessary corrections.
- Continue to practice good hygiene and safe sanitary practices (including wearing face masks), especially when leaving your homes to conduct essential business, work, or engage in outdoor farming/ranching activities.

There shouldn't be questions of how enforcement of the curfew will take place, but rather we should collectively agree to abide by the above directives, as well as support all our community offices that are providing services. Lastly, as the leaders vested with responsibilities of upholding our ceremonial

customs we will continue to do so in manners we deem suitable. However, we also understand that the support and inclusion of all our village members brings more strength, prosperity and well-being for all. By following the guidelines, we will be able to overcome this challenge and it is our hope that we can all come together to uphold our customs and traditions. Be cautious, be disciplined, and be respectful.

First Mesa Traditional Leaders:



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Mr. James Tewaguna, Kikmongwi

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Date



6-18-20

Mr. Leo Lacapa, Soyal Mongwi

Date



6-18-2020

Mr. Samuel Tenakhongva, Katsinmongwi

Date

Contact Numbers:

First Mesa Consolidated Villages: 737-2670

Walpi Community Office: 737-9556

Sichomovi Community Office: 737-1258

Tewa Community Office: 737-2254

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT): 734-3661

FMCV Security: 737-2670

Hopi Law Enforcement Services: 734-7340

Hopi Fire: 738-2233

Hopi Health Care Center Emergency Room: 737 -6240