

MEDIA RELEASE

New CDC Guidelines and How they Affect Sahuarita

SAHUARITA, Ariz. — The Town of Sahuarita is asking that residents voluntarily follow the directions of the President and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in regard to the presence of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Pima County. In cooperation with the recommendations of the CDC, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has closed schools in Arizona through March 27. Essential services such as grocery, retail, hospitals, and gas stations will remain open in Sahuarita.

“We must come together as a unified community to meet this challenge,” said Sahuarita Mayor Tom Murphy. “I am confident that our strength of cooperation will help us as we do what is necessary to flatten the curve.” Murphy noted that the measures being taken are temporary and are sound, practical solutions.

“We ask that residents be kind and courteous to one another, and show care for the most vulnerable among us, such as our elderly, infirm, homeless, and those with fewer financial resources,” he said. The Town asks that residents please **DO NOT** hoard supplies. Supply chains are intact and functioning well.

Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD) has cancelled all league reservations of sports fields, so games and activities there will be postponed as long as school is closed.

Town Hall will remain open. However, we ask that if you have business to conduct at town hall, such as paying a bill, you explore options for conducting that business online or over the phone. You can call our main switchboard (520-822-8800) to find out what your options for such business might be or visit our webpage: www.sahuaritaaz.gov/COVID-19.

The town asks residents to observe the following recommendations from the CDC:

- **If you feel sick**, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
- **If your children are sick**, keep them at home. Contact your medical provider.
- **If someone in your household has tested positive** for COVID-19, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
- **If you are an older person**, stay home and away from other people.
- **If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition** that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

The CDC has indicated that even if you are otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase risk for others, and it is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, the Town of Sahuarita is asking residents to voluntarily consider the following, even if they are young and healthy:

- **Work from home**, or engage in **school from home**, whenever and however possible.
- **If you work in a critical infrastructure industry**, such as healthcare services, pharmaceutical and food supply, you have special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
- **Avoid social gatherings** in groups of more than 10 persons.
- **Increase the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options when visiting restaurants.**
- **Avoid discretionary travel**, shopping trips, and social visits.
- **Do not visit nursing homes** or retirement communities or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

CANCELLATIONS

All previously scheduled activity in Town Hall Chambers is cancelled through the end of March. Parks and Recreation will not be taking reservations for gatherings of more than 10 through the end of March. We are providing for a full refund of any reservation cancellation made in the next 30 days, through the end of April.

- Biz Launch meeting at Pub 22 is cancelled for March 25
- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is cancelled for April 1
- Live Music at the Lake is cancelled for April 4
- Spring Festival is cancelled at Anamax for April 11
- Town Meetings are cancelled through April 13
- Arbor Day Celebration is cancelled at Parque Los Arroyos for April 17
- Movie Night is cancelled at Parque Los Arroyos for April 17
- Sabrosita Sahuarita is cancelled at Quail Creek-Veterans Municipal Park for April 24

COVID-19 HOTLINE

A COVID-19 hotline has been set up to answer any questions from the public and healthcare providers about testing, symptoms, and any other questions you have about the virus. Call **1-844-542-8201 (State)** to reach a health care professional.

For the latest information about COVID-19, visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus or Pima County Department of Health at www.pima.gov/COVID19 and www.sahuaritaaz.gov/COVID-19, for more local information. Follow the Town of Sahuarita on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), where we post up-to-date information on all issues relevant to the town and its residents.

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