



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Amending Resolution 11-2021-222 to Mandate All Persons Within a Home be Placed on Quarantine When Any One Member of their household has been diagnosed with COVID-19 unless federal public health guidance recommends otherwise)

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe (“Tribe”) of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (“Constitution”) provides, at Article IV, Section 1(a) that the Tribal Council (“Council”) shall exercise the power “[t]o represent the tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe, and to make decisions not inconsistent with or contrary to this constitution”; and

WHEREAS, Throughout this worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the Council has taken proactive measures to respond to, mitigate, and prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Among those measures have been the enactments of stay-at-home orders, a mandatory curfew, and a mask mandate, all of which were implemented to try and prevent transmission of this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 11-2021-222 mandates that all persons within a home be placed on quarantine when one member of their household has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The Whiteriver Indian Health Service (“IHS”) recommends amending Resolution 11-2021-222 to comply with United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines for all individuals in a household where one or more household member has tested positive for COVID-19, as follows:

A. If a person also tests **positive** subsequent to a household member’s positive test:

-For an **asymptomatic** person, remain in isolation for 10 days from the date of the positive test;

-For a person with **mild symptoms**, remain in isolation for 10 days after date of the onset of symptoms and until fever-free for at least 24 hours; or

-For a person who was **hospitalized**, has low oxygen or is otherwise immunosuppressed, remain in isolation for 20 days past the start of symptoms and until released to work by medical providers;

B. If a person tests **negative** subsequent to a household member(s) testing positive:

1. For a **fully-vaccinated** individual:

- Who **was not exposed and is asymptomatic**, do not quarantine, but continue to practice social distancing and all other precautionary measures;
- Who was **exposed, but is asymptomatic**, do not quarantine. But get re-tested 5-7 days from last exposure and continue precautionary measures. If become symptomatic at any time, quarantine and seek testing; or
- Who is **symptomatic**, take measures, including quarantine, as recommended by medical provider. If the individual subsequently tests positive, immediately follow above measures.

2. For an individual who is **not fully-vaccinated**:

- Who was exposed but is **asymptomatic**, quarantine for 10 days from most recent exposure; or
- Who has **no exposure and low degree of suspicion**, do not quarantine but do not return to the workplace until advised by a provider to do so.

WHEREAS, The Tribe’s Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”), this day, recommends that the Council implement IHS’ above guidelines; and

WHEREAS, The Council has reviewed and concurs with the recommendations of the EOC and IHS, and finds that adopting them is in the best interests of the Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby amends Resolution 11-2021-222 and mandates implementation of the above United States Department of Health and Human Services’ Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines unless and until federal public health guidance recommends otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairwoman, or in her absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 01-2022-007

The foregoing resolution was on **JANUARY 5, 2022** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ZERO** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

 1/7/22  01-7-2022
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman Date Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary Date