

COVID VACCINES FOR AK-CHIN

ATTENTION All Ak-Chin Elders 55 and Over

Gila River Health Care Corporation is providing a Mass COVID 19 Vaccination Event

**Saturday February 6, 2021
From 9am to 3pm**

**District 3 Boys and Girls Club
Seed Farm Rd
Sacaton, AZ 85147**



Ak-Chin Councilmember Delia Carlyle receives her first COVID-19 Vaccination.

BRING YOUR TRIBAL I.D.

The first mass COVID-19 vaccination event will take place this Saturday February 6, 2021.

It is ONLY available to elders 55 years or older. If you are not 55 and over, you will not receive the vaccine.

If the elder is sick or on quarantine, they are not eligible. Please DO NOT come. There will be other events.

Limited vaccines are available so first come, first serve.

CAUTION: there will be waiting and long lines. Bring something to read or do.

If there are any questions, please call Gila River COVID 19 Hotline 520-550-6079

All Ak-Chin Elders who have not received their 1st vaccination are encouraged to attend this event!

Ak-Chin participates in 59th Inaugural Ceremonies



Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel participates in National Day of Service for the Inauguration of President Biden and Vice President Harris in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was streamed on Monday, January 18, 2021.

The 59th Inaugural Ceremonies for President Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. and Vice President Kamala Devi Harris included many historic firsts; electing the first woman of color for the Vice President of the United States; the first time in over 100 years where the outgoing President did not attend his successor's Inauguration, and the first Inauguration to be held virtually, with no large crowds, no Inaugural Ball or Inauguration Parade.

Although many things had to be canceled due to the unprecedented crisis from the COVID pandemic and recent Capitol rioting, there was still light to be found at the end of the tunnel.

Many virtual events were planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee to welcome the new administration and help heal and restore the soul of the country, with a week-long program themed "America United".

Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, officially partook in the "United We Serve: A Celebration of the National MLK Day of Service" event, set to view on Monday, January 18. "United We Serve" was geared as a national day of service, to inspire people to volunteer their time with local organizations or groups. The event featured speakers, entertainers and dignitaries sharing stories and songs as they celebrated the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Biden-Harris Administration.

Chairman Miguel's four-minute presentation included a history and description of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, current enterprises, location and the achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The opportunity to be a part of an historic event on behalf of the community was truly exciting and I was very honored to have been chosen to be a part of celebrations leading up to the Inauguration," Chairman Miguel said.

"On behalf of the community, I congratulate President Biden and Vice-President Harris as they begin their administration and efforts in moving our country into the positive future we all are striving for. We truly look forward to the next four years and will continue to give our support during this administration."

Other than U.S. Representative Sharice Davids D-Kansas, Chairman Miguel was the only tribal leader from the United States who gave a presentation during the MLK service event.

Following the official election of President-elect Biden, Jr. and Vice President-elect Harris in November of 2020, the Office of Public Engagement team began a two-month plan with a group of dedicated professionals to help in the week-long planning of sessions, festivities and events leading up to the 59th Inaugural Ceremonies.

Democratic National Committee (DNC) Native American Political Director Theresa Sheldon reached out to Chairman Miguel and respectfully requested his participation in the MLK event. Prior to her position with the DNC, Sheldon was a member of the Tulalip Tribal Council in Washington state.

Following his acceptance, Miguel recorded a video with the assistance of the Gila River Indian Community and their telecommunications office, which included staff members, Ruben Riglero and Diana Antone.

"I'd like to personally thank Ruben and Diana for a tremendous job in shooting and producing the video," Chairman Miguel said.

The entire presentation can be seen on YouTube under, "United We Serve": A Celebration of the National MLK Day of Service Biden-Harris Inauguration 2021." Chairman Miguel's segment begins at the 1-hour mark.

ASU wins Copper Cup at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes

Story by R. Peters, photo by J. Cohen-Troon



Southern Dunes General Manager, Brady Wilson (in white) presents The Copper Cup trophy to Team ASU Men's Golf team on Monday, January 18, 2021.

Over MLK weekend, Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club was pretty busy, as they played host to Arizona and Arizona State Men's Golf teams. Both teams were competing for bragging rights and the honor of being the first-ever winners of "The Copper Cup".

For two days both teams enjoyed excellent weather and many great rounds of golf at Ak-Chin Southern Dunes top-ranked course.

The teams played four four-ball matches and eight singles matches, similar in format to the Ryder Cup; a three-day tournament held every two years and played between top ranked golfers from the U.S. and Europe.

Due to COVID restrictions, teams everywhere have had to reduce their competition days, causing many disruptions to their overall seasons.

"In a normalized year, two college rivals never really play head to head, against one opponent...in a Ryder Cup

style fashion." Kris Strauss, Troon Senior VP shared. "With the pandemic and reduced competition days... this year this is possible...and both programs are coming together, at a world class neutral venue (in Ak-Chin Southern Dunes) to compete for the Copper Cup."

"The Copper Cup will be the first college golf tournament of the spring and a great way to celebrate the Territorial Cup rivalry and the very high level of college golf found in Arizona," notes Sun Devil head coach Matt Thurmond.

"Our team could not be more excited for the opportunity to open up the season in Arizona playing our rivals in a very recognizable Ryder Cup style format," says Arizona head coach Anderson.

"While we all understand the importance of this rivalry and competition, it has been outstanding conceptualizing this idea with Coach Thurmond and the ASU staff along with members of the Ak-

Chin Southern Dunes team, including General Manager Brady Wilson."

At the end of day one, the Wildcats took a 1-point lead, 6.5-5.5. Day two, was pretty tight as both elite clubs worked the course.

Wildcats kept the one-point lead going into the last rounds, but by the end of day two, the Sun Devils would shine on to win the 2021 Copper Cup.

"Both teams had a great time and it came down to the last match on the 18th hole to decide the cup for the Sun Devils 12.5 pts to 11.5 pts." shared Brady Wilson, General Manager of Ak-Chin Southern Dunes.

"The opportunity, in this unique golf year, to host a groundbreaking and unique event that features two of the best college golf programs in the country from right here in our home state, is exciting and hopefully a true silver lining outcome from the limitations that 2020 has brought. The

Copper Cup continues to page 6

To Ak-Chin Elders,

We hope this notice finds you and your family well. As you know, we are living in very difficult, and sorrowful times due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Ak-Chin Indian Community is experiencing COVID 19 at the very worst.

Recently, the Ak-Chin Indian Community reached its highest increase of COVID positive individuals and deaths. For the safety of Community and the Community employees, the Community Council decided to close down most of the Community Operations with the exception of a few departments that are deemed as necessary essential.

The Elder Center is a necessary essential department. In this case, the Elder Center is partially in operation with limited services for everyone's safety. Below is a breakdown of the Elder Center Hours and the Services we are able to provide at this time.

Partial Closure

The Elder Center is operating on limited hours and services. This will

continue until March 1, 2021.

Elder Center Hours

8:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Friday – If you need assistance, please call the Elder Center before 2pm. After 2pm, the Elder Center is closed.

Meal Delivery and Pick Up

The Elder Center is providing breakfast and lunch for delivery to the homebound. For elders that are not homebound and able to drive, we are preparing meals for pick up at the Elder Center.

- Breakfast is from 7:30am to 8:30am
- Lunch is from 12:00pm to 1:00p

Elder Center Transportation

Elder Center requires a 48-hour notice for medical transportation requests. The sooner we are notified of your up and coming medical appointment, your ride will be scheduled. Please let us know as far in advance of your transportation request as you can. Providing advanced notice helps you the most. We really appreciate it.

Currently, all Elder Center drivers are

out either due to COVID 19 related matters or medical leave. The Elder Center Transportation staff is now down to only one (1) person. Transportation Supervisor Georgia Corella is working and driving all of the Elder Center's scheduled transportation and requests.

The Elder Center asks that you please be patient with us. We are doing the best we can to provide what is most necessary to the elders that use the Elder Center services. Transportation is certainly here to assist you with your transportation requests. However, please understand, we have to consider those elders who are in the most need.

Elder category considered the highest priority are the following:

- Homebound elders (elders who cannot leave the home without assistance)
- Elders without a car
- Elders who do not or cannot drive
- Elders who do not have a caregiver or family member to drive them to and from their appointment

Gila River Transportation Services

The Elder Center is working closely with Gila River Transportation as well.

Gila River Transportation Services do have eligibility requirements. In most instances, elders are eligible. If you need a ride to a medical appointment and the Elder Center cannot provide one for you, **please call Gila River Transportation Services at 602-528-1384.**

Transportation requests are taken NO later than 2:00 pm the business day (Monday- Friday) prior to your scheduled appointment. This gives Gila River Transportation Services ample time to process your request.

The Elder Center staff will be happy to see you all again. Hopefully, very soon! Please Stay safe.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Ak-Chin Elder Center

**Georgia Corella's direct line
520-568-1769 (Transportation)
520-252-5627 (Urgent only)**

Ak-Chin Transit Dept

520-568-1630

Gila River Transportation Services

602- 528-1384

February Elder Lunch Menu

5) Fish Sticks or Chicken Tenders
Cole Slaw
Wax Beans
Yam Casserole

8) Red Chili Stew
Carrots
Peas
Chumath Cantaloupe

9) Turkey Sandwich
Corn Salad
Beets
Pumpkin Pie/Apple (D)

10) Lima Beans
Baked Chicken (D)
Asparagus, Cauliflower
Moon Bread
Apricots

11) Hot Dogs
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Beans
Apple Sauce

12 Roast Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Rolls
Strawberry Cake

15) Closed for President's Day

16) Cabbage Stew
Yellow Squash
Roasted Potatoes
Apple Rings
W/Cottage Cheese

17) Spinach Chicken
Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Black Beans
Apple Crisp

18) Potato Soup & Salad
Rolls
Mandarin Oranges

19) Indian Tacos
Corn on Cob
Jell-O

22) Bar-B-Que Ribs
Sweet Potato Fry
Plain Ribs (D)
Potato Normandy Vegetables
Fresh Pineapples

23) Spaghetti Salad
Rolls
Strawberry Cheese Cake

24) Pizza & Wings & Salad
Tropical Fruit

25) Chili Beans
Chili Meat (D)
Zucchini Roasted
Quinoa
Corn Bread/
Fresh Pears

26) Pork Roast
Stuffing Carrots
Scalloped Potatoes
Berry Mix

Ak-Chin ACES

Due to the unprecedented times in 2020, Ak-Chin Energy Services (ACES) took a break from Runner articles about energy and water conservation. We felt that if you were forced to stay home, the last thing members needed was to worry about whether their air conditioner/heater was running too much or the water was left on.

Because of state mandates, the Community saw a dramatic decrease in energy usage from its enterprises (7.4%) but saw a significant increase in residential usage (9.3%). More people worked from home, didn't travel, and had to quarantine.

In 2021, as we move back to a more normal time, ACES feels that it is important to reengage the Resource Conservation Plan. The plan was started in 2017 as a way to increase awareness of the costs the Community bears to provide utility services to its members.

The Community has historically provided these services to its members at no cost, but has been increasingly concerned about whether to continue this policy, especially when some accounts show excessive usage.

Due to the Community paying for all services, some accounts have shown usage in excess of three times what the average Arizonan uses. When people get something for free, it is common for them to put less value on it because it didn't cost them anything to acquire it. This can result in waste when it comes to utilities.

With the continued impact to the service industries, it is important that members do their part to help conserve resources for the Community and the planet. As you stay home and stay safe, we ask that you also continue to conserve when possible.

INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

Services Available!

If you are in need of a:

- Car Seat
- Pack-n-Play
- Fall Prevention items
- Drug deactivation bags

PLEASE CALL TO SET-UP A TIME FOR EDUCATION OR TO PICK UP ITEMS

Injury Prevention Program
520-568-1087

Education classes will be Virtual appointments or Curbside Pick-Up for items
Call or Email 520-568-1087 TDelacruz@ak-chin.nsn.us

Hearing Notice Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at the Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: PS-01-21: Harrah's Casino and Resort Golf Cart Valet Fence and Gate:

Applicant/Michael Kintner, Harrah's Senior Vice President and General Manager, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to construct approximately 50' of fencing and gates (two electronic sliding, one manual swinging) to secure the golf cart valet charging and parking area. The fencing and gates will be positioned between the existing ten-story hotel and screen block wall at the north and south portions of the screen block wall.

CASE: PS-02-21: Harrah's Casino and Resort Chop Block N' Brew Outdoor Woodshed:

Applicant/Michael Kintner, Harrah's Senior Vice President and General Manager, is requesting Preliminary Site Plan approval to construct a 72 square feet outdoor metal woodshed for storage of firewood for Harrah's Chop Block & Brew restaurant. The shed is proposed within the golf cart charging area adjacent to an existing screen block wall.

AK-CHIN HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTS...

VIRTUAL FITNESS CLASSES

With Cecily Peters
H.A.S.S.A.N. TRAINING

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS | 6:30 PM TO 7 PM
SATURDAY MORNINGS | 9 AM TO 9:45 AM
CLASSES START FEBRUARY 10TH

All classes taught on ZOOM.
Exercises for all levels.
Classes are open to Ak-Chin Indian Community Members, Residents, & Employees.
Each registered participant will receive a complimentary at home workout kit!

****Please email to receive registration form, info for workout kit, and access to ZOOM classes.**

Questions? Please contact Health Education at
(520) 568-1085, mguy@ak-chin.nsn.us or
Cecily Peters at az.has.san.training@gmail.com

Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department



By Job Elliott, MS, LPC, LISAC, Behavioral Health Therapist

In this past year as well into the new year, the world has had to struggle with the weight of Covid-19 on all of its communities in an unprecedented manner in recent history. Everyone has been impacted by the pandemic personally, either directly or indirectly. So many aspects of our daily life, which we often take for granted, has been forced to change, and we with it.

Due to all of this, our mental health is an area that has been greatly impacted by these times. People have begun to experience mental and emotional distress due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. In addition, those who already struggled with mental health and substance use issues have seen an increase in their symptoms because of the pandemic and the quarantine lifestyle.

The good news is that there is support and services for people dealing with these issues. The Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department is committed to the mental and emotional wellbeing of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and has a wealth of resources for individuals who have found they could benefit from additional support in these trying times.

There is excellent web-based resource in which people struggling with mental health and substance abuse concerns related to the pandemic may find helpful. The article discusses in-depth, many of the mental health concerns which have plagued communities through the pandemic, as well as tips and resources to deal with them. <https://www.psycom.net/coronavirus-mental-health>

Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department of Behavioral Health continues to offer virtual services for the community for individuals and families who need additional and or personal support. Behavioral services conducted virtually include:

- Intake and assessment
- Individual counseling
- Substance abuse group
- Anger management group
- Parenting group services
- Case management

For any questions regarding services offered by the Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Behavioral Health Division, contact any of the following numbers for additional information:

Ak-Chin Health and Human Service Department
520-568-1090

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The Ak-Chin O'dham
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Newspaper and encourages
Community involvement.

If you have artwork, photos,
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DEADLINE

Don't forget the
DEADLINE for the
February 19 -
March 4, 2021
issue is due by
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

Material submitted after the
FEBRUARY 12TH DEADLINE
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Ak-Chin Recycles Right

Submitted by Ross Stimac
Environmental Technician

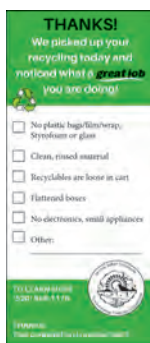
Are you recycling right? Environmental Protection Department employee Ross Stimac says that although Ak-Chin community members are doing a better job recycling the proper items in their curbside bins, recycling facilities are expecting lower contamination rates.

Non-recyclable items can lead to higher sorting costs for the recycling facilities, ruin other recyclable material, and cause possible load rejections when the Sanitation Department transports and disposes the recyclables at the local recycling facility.

To promote recycling the proper way, the Ak-Chin Environmental Protection Department conducts random recycling audits. The purpose of these visual curbside evaluations is to help residents be more careful

on what materials they are putting in the bins and teach households on what materials can and can't be placed in the bins.

If you put too much of the wrong items in your recycling bin, you will be issued an "oops" tag.



However, if you have relatively low contamination in your bin, we will place a "thanks" for doing a great job tag.

The most common NON-recyclable items found in the curbside bins are plastic bags. Plastic bags of any kind are NOT recyclable at curbside. Plastic

bags can be returned and recycled at retail stores such as Bashas, and Walmart but NOT in the curbside bins.

Other items that are not recyclable at curbside but routinely show up are Styrofoam, construction wood, chip bags, plastic toys, and other non-recyclable plastic. It is important to only place the following items in the recycling barrel (clean, dry, and unbagged).

- Cardboard (remove all packaging)
- Paper (newspaper, magazines, mail)
- Metal/aluminum beverage and food cans
- Plastic (only plastic bottles with the #1 or #2 symbol)

Consumers should know that while recycling correctly is important, so is buying products made from recyclables. By



Environmental Technician
Ross Stimac conducting
recycling audits.

purchasing products with recycled content, you do your part to maintain consumer demand for recyclables and prevent those materials from ending up in the landfill.

If you have any questions concerning recycling please contact Ross Stimac or if you are not participating in curbsides recycling but want to start, contact Ross Stimac at 568-1176.

January 2021

Ak-Chin Child Development

At Home Learning Activities

Gross Motor

- Use tape to create a line or another shape to walk on and balance.
- Play red light green light and switch the movements (running, hopping, skipping etc.).

Literacy

- Draw letters outside in the dirt using sticks.
- Read together. Then reenact the story.

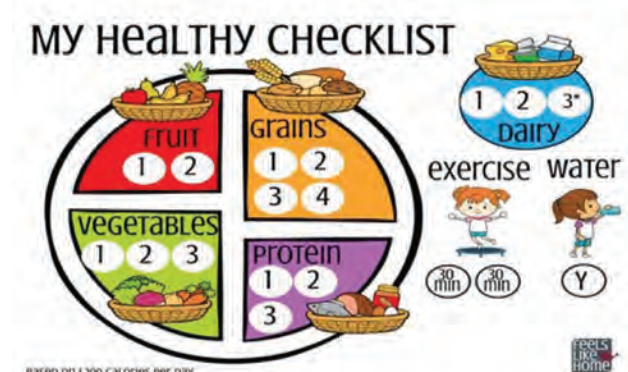
Mathematics

- Sort toys by different characteristics (big, small, colored, animal, soft, hard).
- Collect rocks outside and use them to make the outlines of shapes
- Count objects around the house such as shoes, socks, food items, etc.

Websites for you and your child to explore:

<http://resourcesforearlylearning.org/parents/>

<https://theinspiredtreehouse.com/child-development-resources-for-parents/>



If you need additional resources about home activities, have questions or concerns or would like to talk to one of our teachers, please call us at 520-568-1700. We are here to help!

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Phone: 520-568-1700 Fax: 520-568-1701

Girls Who Code

by J. Peters

Ak-Chin Library has brought yet another spectacular program, "Girls Who Code".

This program will encourage young girls to get interested in learning about the giant world of computer programming, all while bridging the gap between genders in computer science.

"Coding is a language you use to talk to a computer and or program. We deal with coding every day, we just don't understand how," says instructor Cecily Peters. "In the club we will be working on how to use code to express one's self and learn how they can make a difference in their world."

The platform teaches girls how to become

braver and more confident.

"This club is a great opportunity for girls to join, even if they hate

computer science... I promise it will be a great experience for them. They might meet a new friend as well! Sign-up and give it a try, I dare you!" Cecily added.

AK-CHIN LIBRARY GIRLS WHO CODE

Join our Girls Club!

This club is for Girls that are in 3rd to 12th grade. We will be meeting once a week to learn about how computer science can change the world. You will make new friends, create games, apps and anything you can think of. Join us in having fun and learning code. Sign up today!

\$25 Gift Card for attending 5 meetings

You will need a computer and internet access to participate! Laptops & Hot-spots available to check out (while supplies last)

For more information contact Cecily Peters:
Email cecilypeters3@gmail.com or Text (520)612-1013

The Health Ed. team did run into a tiny chip of a challenge, the partial closures within the community, has altered the incentive giveaways. They are working on a safe process to get the incentives out to their participants.

For the community and the departments, these monthly activities do their part in keeping people off the couch and freshening up their bodies and minds.

"The Ak-Chin Health Education Department is very appreciative of everyone for their continued support and patience with our virtual events during this pandemic."

Please continue with your New Year's resolutions and make every day count in making healthy choices.

Please be safe, and continue to make time for fitness when you can!"



Polle Antone, with daughter and grandkids says, "Thanks, we had a great time. It's been awhile since we walked lol"

2021 Virtual New Year's 5K Top Finishers

Overall MALE	33:12
1st - Adrian Fierro – 26:16	1st - Isaiah Peters – 29:28
2nd - Eugene Peters Jr. – 27:46	20-29 FEMALE/MALE
3rd - Chris Hayes – 29:11	1st - Alyssa Dickerson – 27:47
	1st - Bryan Ramirez – 1:03:05
Overall FEMALE	
1st - Elizabeth Reyes Armstead – 25:59	30-39 FEMALE/MALE
2nd - Alyssa Dickerson – 27:47	1st - Britny DeGeest – 31:01
3rd - Amber Antone – 28:17	1st - Adrian Fierro – 26:16
0-8 FEMALE/MALE	40-49 FEMALE/MALE
1st - Araceli Fierro – 34:31	1st - Tamarita Ned – 49:27
1st - Yael Ramirez – 1:03:05	1st - Chris Hayes – 29:11
9-14 FEMALE/MALE	50-59 FEMALE/MALE
1st - Isabella Fierro – 32:31	1st - Julene Narcia – 32:59
1st - Myles Peters – 30:17	60+ FEMALE/MALE
	1st - Elizabeth Reyes Armstead – 25:59
15-19 FEMALE/MALE	1st - Lawrence Wells – 54:38
1st - Emily Peters –	

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Injury Prevention Program is here for You!
Please call 520-568-1087 or
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**FOR GENERAL INFO ABOUT CORONAVIRUS, GO TO [GRHC.ORG/CORONAVIRUS](https://grhc.org/coronavirus)
OR CALL THE GRHC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE AT (520) 550-6079**

COVID-19 TESTING DATES

AK-CHIN JUSTICE COMPLEX • 45525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa, AZ 85139

FEBRUARY 23rd, 24th & 25th
8 am - 12 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm

WHO SHOULD GET TESTED? All Ak-Chin members, and those residing within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries.

DRIVE UP COVID-19 TESTING HOURS

KOMATKE HEALTH CENTER

Please call (520) 550-6060 to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 testing.
8 am - 3:30 pm (MON - FRI)

*Gila River Health Care recommends frequent testing for anyone who has not been tested or previously tested negative and has no symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms please go the ER or Primary Care Department.
For COVID-19 test result information, please call: (520) 550-6079.*

COVID and Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)

WHAT IS MIS-C?

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. MIS-C is very rare and the overall incidence was 11.4 cases per 100,000 population. We do not yet know what causes MIS-C. However, we know that many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes COVID-19, or had been around someone with COVID-19. MIS-C can be serious, even deadly, but most children who were diagnosed with this condition have gotten better with medical care.

MIS-C STATS IN CHILDREN:

- Most cases were in children and adolescents between the ages of 1 and 14 years, with an average age of 8 years.
- More than 70% of reported cases have occurred in children who are Hispanic or Latino (554 cases) or Black, Non-Hispanic (499 cases).
- 99% of cases (1,638) tested positive for SARS CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The remaining 1% were around someone with COVID-19.
- Most children developed MIS-C 2-4 weeks after infection with SARS-CoV-2.

MIS-C Symptoms

Contact your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if your child is showing symptoms of MIS-C:



Fever



Abdominal Pain



Vomiting and/or Diarrhea



Neck Pain



Rash



Bloodshot Eyes



Feeling Extra Tired

BE AWARE THAT NOT ALL CHILDREN WILL HAVE ALL THE SAME SYMPTOMS.

Seek emergency care right away if your child is showing any of these emergency warning signs of MIS-C or other concerning signs: *Trouble breathing, Pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away, New confusion, Inability to wake or stay awake, Bluish lips or face, Severe abdominal pain, and Swelling of limbs*

Doctors may do certain tests to look for inflammation or other signs of disease. These tests might include: *Blood tests, Chest x-ray, Heart ultrasound (echocardiogram), Abdominal ultrasound.*

Doctors may provide supportive care for symptoms (medicine and/or fluids to make your child feel better) and may use various medicines to treat inflammation. Most children who become ill with MIS-C will need to be treated in the hospital. Some will need to be treated in the pediatric intensive care unit (ICU).

How to Protect Children from COVID-19

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst children and young adults, it is necessary to continue to practice the following prevention methods:

- **Do not gather with members outside your household**
- **Stay home as much as possible**
- **When you go out, wear a mask and practice physical distancing**
- **Children over 2 years old should wear a mask in public**



Gila River Indian Community CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-259-3449

Copper Cup continued from front

Copper Cup will be another feather in the cap of Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club as a premier championship site in the state, region and country.”

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club was designed by Brian Curley and PGA TOUR veteran Fred Couples in 2002. Originally developed as a private club by private investors, the championship Australian Sandbelt-style golf course sits on 320 acres of land that was once a part of the Ak-Chin’s May 1912 reservation before it was removed by Presidential

Executive Order in late 1912. Nearly 100 years later, in 2010, the Ak-Chin Community recovered its sacred land when it purchased the golf facility and opened the course to public play. The course currently boasts several coveted accolades, including being included on Golfweek’s coveted rankings of the “Top 100 Resort Courses” and “Best Courses You Can Play.”

For more information on Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club, visit www.akchinsoutherndunes.com.



News cameras capture action on Southern Dunes 9th hole, which also featured an amazing lawn rendering of UofA and ASU logos.

Due to the President’s Day holiday, there will be no trash picked up on Monday, February 15th.

Instead, trash will be picked up on Tuesday, February 16th.

Thank you,
The Sanitation department



Annual Copa Glow Night Market takes flight

Story and photo by R. Bowen



Participants took turns taking flight in tethered hot air balloons at the Annual Copa Glow Night Market

Roughly 2,500 masked attendees gathered on January 15, 2021, to take part in the annual Copa Glow Night Market at Copper Sky Regional Park.

As the sun set, socially distanced participants found their way through over 70 food and craft vendors spaced out across the park. Many took turns visiting the Native Grill and Wings hosted beer and wine garden.

Guests also had the opportunity to take tethered balloon rides and gain a glance of Maricopa from above.

Over a dozen hot air balloon crews drew spectators as they set-up for the event, while many enjoyed watching the giant, colorful balloons inflate and fill the skyline with glowing airships.

Throughout the event, COVID protocols were followed; including masks, hand sanitizing stations, socially distanced messaging and seating, as well as over 60 city staff onsite assisting with guideline adherence. These safety measures were also followed on the shuttles that provided rides to and from the event.

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FEBRUARY 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<div>7</div> <div></div> <div>WATCH THE BIG GAME IN THE LOUNGE</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>HIT THE TABLES & PLAY A GAME OF 21!</div>	<div>9</div> <div></div> <div>Pariii NONSTICK COOKWARE SET GIFT GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div> <div>Pariii NONSTICK COOKWARE SET GIFT GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</div>	<div>13</div> <div></div> <div>PROGRESSIVE TIER CREDIT MULTIPLIER</div>
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<div>21</div> <div></div> <div>ASK A SLOT ATTENDED ABOUT OUR NEWEST SLOT MACHINES!</div>	<div>22</div> <div></div> <div>SHARE YOUR LOVE OF CAESARS REWARDS WITH A FRIEND!</div>	<div>23</div> <div></div> <div>Pariii NONSTICK COOKWARE SET GIFT GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>Pariii NONSTICK COOKWARE SET GIFT GIVEAWAY</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div> <div>BOOK A PLAYCATION & TAKE A DIP IN THE HEATED POOL!</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>COME OUT & PLAY!</div>	<div>27</div> <div></div> <div>THE GREAT DERIVE DUFFEL GIVEAWAY</div>
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