

March 25, 2020

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the Tucson Indian Center! Due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, the Center has elected to provide only electronic client services at this time. The reasons for this client service methodology change are as follows.

On January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 Outbreak. On March 11, 2020 the Governor of the State of Arizona declared that a State of Emergency exists in Arizona due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. On March 13, 2020 the President of the United States of America found and proclaimed a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. On March 17, 2020 the Mayor of the City of Tucson declared an Emergency or Local Emergency exists due to the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Furthermore, on March 16, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued their "Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread" Health Plan. The plan, in part, states persons that feel sick, older persons and/or persons with a serious underlying health condition should stay home and away from other people. Additionally, the plan calls for limiting social contact to essential and emergency services only and to utilize good hygiene.

To protect the public health and safety of our most vulnerable community members and to mitigate the strain on our health and wellness providers, the Center has elected to provide only electronic client services to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our Indian Community. Please contact the Center at 520.884.7131 to discuss the telecommunication option that works best for you for client services.

Thank you in advance for your full understanding and support in the aforementioned action. Working together and following the National, State and Local Guidelines, we can make a difference by doing our part to fight the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will emerge from the National Health Crisis stronger and more united as an Indian Community!

Respectfully,

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