



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 9, 2020

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

The Honorable Supervisors Elect
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: **Most Recent White House Coronavirus Task Force Recommendations for Arizona**

To underline the seriousness of the present rate of infection, today we are reported 721 infections bringing the total infections for the first 8 days of December to 7,711. The same during the second highest month of July which totaled 7,780. The recommendations of the White House Task Force are restated for emphasis and clearly support present and continuing actions to contain and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- If state and local policies do not reflect the seriousness of the current situation, all public health officials must alert the state population directly. It must be made clear that if you are over 65 or have significant health conditions, you should not enter any indoor public spaces where anyone is unmasked due to the immediate risk to your health; you should have groceries and medications delivered.
- If you are over 65 or have significant medical conditions and you gathered outside of your immediate household, you are at a significant risk for serious COVID infection; if you develop any symptoms, you must be tested immediately as the majority of therapeutics work best early in infection.
- The silent community spread that precedes and continues to drive these surges can only be identified and interrupted through proactive, focused testing for both the identification of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals. This must be combined with significant behavior change of all Americans.
- Ensure masks at all times in public; increase physical distancing through significant reduction in capacity in public and private indoor spaces, including restaurants and bars; and ensure every American understands the clear risks of ANY family or friend interactions outside of their immediate household indoors without masks.

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- New hospital admissions in Arizona are rapidly increasing and mitigation must be increased.

It is important to understand these statement are directly from the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

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