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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 2, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Supervisor Sharon Bronson's June 30, 2020 Addendum Item Request Regarding Discussion Related to Additional/Further Actions on Standards and Guidelines to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 in the Community**

The recent acceleration of COVID-19 infections in the community, indicating widespread transmission, warrants appropriate review of actions that can be taken to achieve compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders and the Board of Supervisors adopted policies, rules and regulations relating face coverings in public settings, restaurants, bars, gyms, attractions and pools regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

A number of factors have combined to make compliance of County-adopted policies and Governor's Executive Orders to reduce the spread of COVID-19 more important now than ever. These are as follows:

- Adoption and implementation of the Arizona Crisis Standards of Care Plan by the Arizona Department of Health Services. This plan is primarily designed to facilitate and expedite critical care resources when healthcare systems are overwhelmed.
- Implementation of federal emergency medical staffing support that has been requested through Pima County's Public Health Director, Dr. Theresa Cullen, and concurred in by Dr. Cara Christ, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services; 44 medical professionals have been deployed to area hospitals to support primarily intensive care beds.
- The potential shortage of the only authorized drug for reducing hospital stays for COVID-19, Remdesivir.
- The number of COVID-19 infections and hospitals nearing capacity.

Due to these factors, the Board needs to be aware of all possible enforcement actions that can be taken by the County to compel compliance with the previously mentioned policy standards and requirements. These include the following:

- 1) Criminal and civil penalties were included in the face mask/covering requirement. It is possible the Board could amend previous policies that dealt with restaurants, bars, gyms, pools and attractions to now include civil and criminal penalties.

The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors

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- 2) A possibility of revoking an establishment's restaurant food permit if the restaurant is deemed to be in noncompliance with County requirements.
- 3) Recommendation to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control that any Liquor License authorized by the State be suspended or revoked.
- 4) Suspension of a Certificate of Occupancy in the Building Code that can be invoked through due process if a particular building is found to be in violation of the requirements. This requirement can only apply to the unincorporated area.

Requirements for COVID-19 are being enforced by our public health agency. Law enforcement will only be called if our personnel have difficulty in any enforcement action or feel threatened.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
Health and Community Services  
Terry Cullen, MD, MS, Public Health Director, Pima County Health Department



# MEMORANDUM

Date: June 30, 2020

To: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson *Sharon Bronson*  
District 3 Supervisor  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Addendum Item for July 7, 2020 Meeting

Please place the following item on the Addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 7, 2020.

## NEW BUSINESS

Action/Discussion regarding the Report on Possible Violations of Pima County Adopted Public Health Rules, Regulations or Standards to Minimize the Spread of COVID-19.

I would appreciate a report on the process the County is using to receive complaints regarding noncompliance with County-approved public health rules, standards and/or requirements to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The report should include brief descriptions of the complaint, remedial actions requested and taken, degree of compliance achieved and whether the County needs to take any further actions regarding public health rules, standard and guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Thank you!

c: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator  
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
Health and Community Services