




MEMORANDUM

Date: November 19, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Cancelling of Sports Tournaments and Athletic Events at County Facilities**

Pima County is currently experiencing an accelerated rate of transmission of COVID-19 that is being seen in other parts of Arizona and across the United States. At this time, we expect to exceed the record number of weekly cases that occurred during the week of July 4, at 2,452.

This unprecedented growth in the number of cases has occurred precipitously over the past four weeks. Pima County's test positivity rate which had plateaued at 3 percent, now exceeds 10 percent. In addition, wastewater monitoring today revealed the highest levels SARS-COV-19 markers since the beginning of the surveillance in March of this year. As of November 19 we recorded 5,599 cases for the month. More than those recorded in July for the same period. We are clearly on a track for our worst month of total infections for the pandemic period which began 10 months ago.

The pending holidays are expected to generate additional case growth and hospital service demand. This comes at a time when COVID-like illness as reflected in Emergency Department and inpatient hospital diagnoses has climbed slowly in recent weeks and is now at 4 percent of all hospital visits in this community. COVID-19 case growth is now starting to impact hospital capacity and staffing at a time when hospitals are stretched to meet the needs of this community.

For these reasons, as well as the health and safety of this community and our visitors, we are invoking our public health authority and hereby cancelling all athletic events and tournament play involving interstate travel occurring on Pima County property from now through December 31, 2020. If conditions substantially improve we will reconsider this action.

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