MEMORANDUM

Date: February 18, 2021

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: Update on Use of County Park Facilities for Organized Group Activities

On February 3, 2021, I provided a memorandum indicating that COVID-19 conditions had not improved sufficiently to lift the suspension on use of County facilities for organized group activities. It was indicated that these restrictions would be evaluated at two week intervals to determine if conditions have approved enough to resume issuing use permits and agreements.

While new COVID-19 cases are trending downward, the 7-day rolling average infection rate remains above 200 cases per 100,000 of population, which exceeds the threshold for substantial transmission. There have also been a number of recent infection cases in high school sports settings. As such, facility use permits and agreements for tournaments, groups and leagues will remain paused at this time.

Our public park facilities remain open for use by the general public subject to limiting gatherings to ten or fewer people. This recommendation is consistent with the February 2, 2021, Health Department Public Health Advisory, and it remains necessary since tracing results available on February 10, 2021 show that 95 percent of the over 3,000 individuals contacted were infected at a gathering involving greater than ten people.

Restrictions will be re-evaluated with Drs. Garcia and Cullen in two weeks to determine if conditions have improved to allow resumption of the issuance of permits and agreements for use of County facilities for organized group activities.

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