A Message from the Pascua Yaqui Incident Command (COVID-19) to 2020 Tribal Council Candidates

We recognize the challenges candidates are facing this election year due to the coronavirus. We know the importance of reaching out to our constituents and tribal communities during this election process, and ask for your support in slowing the spread of the virus.

**DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD**
Incorporate social distancing strategies, it is the responsible thing to do.

Social distancing strategies increase the space between individuals and decrease the frequency of contact among individuals to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Keeping individuals at least 6 feet apart is ideal based on what is known about COVID-19.

If this is not feasible, efforts should be made to keep individuals as far apart as is practical and use additional barriers such as face masks.

- Increase distance between yourself and your constituent(s)
- Avoid touching of doorknobs, fences, gates, mailboxes, etc. without sanitizing your hands before and after contacting anything that could transmit the virus. Candidates should be encouraged not to bring children, grandchildren, family members or friends with them as they campaign.
- Remind voters as they approach to try to leave space between themselves and you. Encourage voters to stay 6 feet apart if feasible and refrain from greeting others with physical contact such as handshakes or hugs.
- Highly recommend using flyers, social media or other non-contact campaign platforms, especially for senior living residences and all community households who have chronic medical conditions, to minimize COVID-19 exposure among older individuals and those with chronic medical conditions and high risk of complications from exposure. Consider additional social distancing and other measures to protect these individuals during your public campaign plans.

Thursday and Friday will provide opportunities for early voting. Per the Election Board instructions to all candidates for the 2020 PYT Council Elections and the recommendation of our AG’s Office, candidate will be prohibited from setting up tables and tents inside the east parking lot of the Wellness Center.

Candidates will be allowed on the sidewalks and are encouraged to respect social distancing and mask wearing requirements per the current PYT Executive Order. These restrictions are necessary and are in place to reduce the risk of transmission and eliminate the spread of COVID-19.

"Carry out your civil duty of keeping our communities safe and healthy"