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MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE ANNOUNCES SECOND POSITIVE TEST FOR CORONAVIRUS ON THE RESERVATION

MESCALERO, NM. May 22, 2020. Last night, another Mescalero Apache Reservation resident tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is elderly and is hospitalized. This second positive case arose just hours after the Tribe's first case.

“At this time, we need to come together as a community. Stay home. Wear a facemask. If you are contacted for testing, then please comply. If you may have been exposed, please contact Indian Health Service or the Tribe immediately,” Tribal President Gabe Aguilar stated. He added, “Our first case was discovered because the person came in on their own – they did the right thing. You need to as well. Think about your community.”

President Aguilar indicated that the Tribe will be issuing citations for violations of the Tribe's coronavirus restrictions. President Aguilar commented, “We will be pushing for maximum penalties. We are taking this very seriously.”

The Tribe will provide updates on its official website (www.mescaleroapachetribe.com) and Facebook page.

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