

## COVID-19 Update 10.19.2020

Hello everyone,

Director Tewalt has been traveling for business today, but I'm sure he'd want you to hear this news from us: it is with great sadness that we're reporting the COVID-related the death of an incarcerated man who was housed in the Saguaro Correctional Center in Arizona. The man's next-of-kin has asked that we not release his name at this time.

We can tell you that he reported COVID-like symptoms on October 1<sup>st</sup> and was sent to the Casa Grande Medical Center where he was later diagnosed with COVID-19. He was pronounced dead on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> around 8pm.

Please let this death, and the two that came before, remind us of the importance of wearing masks, keeping physically distanced when possible, and practicing good hand washing. We must do all that we can to mitigate the risks of COVID-19, for ourselves, our coworkers, and those in our custody.

Please stay safe.

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