



## PINAL COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

11/05/2020

Dr. Krista Anderson  
Superintendent  
Apache Junction Unified School District #43  
1574 W. Southern Avenue  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Dear Superintendent Anderson:

On October 28, 2020 Pinal County Public Health Services was advised of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases at Apache Junction High School. Per **Arizona Department of Health Services Emergency Measure 2020-03**, "*Slowing the Spread of COVID-19: Reporting Requirements*," school personnel notified Pinal County Public Health of these cases. Per **Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-361 Novel Coronavirus**, Pinal County Public Health notified Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) of the school cases. Public Health supported the school's mitigation efforts and response at this time and provided school leadership with guidance and resources, including templates of quarantine letters and available COVID-19 test sites.

School leadership maintained contact with public health throughout the week. A virtual conference call was held with school leadership on 11/5/2020 at 1600 hours to discuss the unfolding circumstances at Apache Junction High School. In collaboration with public health, school leadership determined that Apache Junction High School's response would be modified to: *temporary closure of onsite learning from 11/6/2020 through 11/20/2020 with return to onsite learning on Monday, 11/23/2020.*

Pinal County Public Health strongly supports the school's response and will continue to offer guidance. Thank you for taking responsibility for the health and well-being of your staff, students and the community.

If you need further assistance or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 520-705-4841, Dr. Mariana Casal at 520-705-8828 or Kore Redden at 520-251-2850.

Sincerely,

Tascha Spears, Ph.D., M.Sc., RN  
Director