



A Message from Fire Chief Bryan Savage Reference: COVID-19, March 16, 2020

As we all prepare for, and respond to, the COVID-19 outbreak, it is important to remember that as of this morning, there are no confirmed cases of the disease in Navajo County. Please be diligent in caring for yourself and use resources such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), or the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) for information about COVID-19 and what you can do to protect you and your family.

Timber Mesa is monitoring the situation closely, and we are working diligently, both internally and with our community partners, to plan for the worst-case scenario while praying that our community is spared from any significant impacts. I want to assure our community members that we are always ready and willing to respond to your emergency but here are some steps you can take to help us:

- **Follow CDC recommendations on hygiene, social distancing, travel, etc.**
- **If you are sick, please contact your primary care physician first and follow their instructions.**
- **Please DO NOT go to the fire stations for assistance. If you are severely ill or in respiratory distress dial 911 and we will respond appropriately.**
- **If you call 911 you will be asked a series of simple questions to determine the likelihood that you may have been exposed to the disease. Answer the questions honestly.**
- **Do not be alarmed if you see our firefighters wearing masks, eye protection, or other safety equipment, we are simply trying to protect the responders from exposure.**

We will always prepare to protect our community in every way possible. Our firefighters are making every effort to take care of the community while also caring for their families, and their own personal health. Unfortunately, firefighters in other communities have already been quarantined for exposure to COVID-19; we cannot afford to have any of our firefighters unable to work. Please join us in being responsible in how we use the resources we have so that we can continue to do the most good and protect our community.