



HAVASUPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

Havasupai Tribe Public Health Statement

June 14, 2024

The Havasupai Tribe and the Havasupai Tribe Tourism office are aware of a recent increase of gastrointestinal symptoms among campers visiting the reservation. The Tribe has held several meetings over the past couple of days with various federal and state agencies including, Indian Health Services (“IHS”), Coconino County Health Department, Arizona State Health Department and Governor Hobbs’ office. What the Tribe has learned from these meetings is that a gastrointestinal illness is currently being experienced in the northern Arizona region, not only at the Havasupai campground.

The Tribe is working with IHS and other state agencies to further investigate the illness and to take measures to prevent further spreading of the illness not only to campers but to local tribal members. The Tribe is taking steps to hire additional workers to clean and disinfect more frequently the composting toilet units located in the campground.

The IHS medical clinic is available for campers who may need medical assistance during their visit. If you experience gastrointestinal symptoms while in the campground and need assistance you can reach one of the Tribal rangers stationed in the campground.

To assist hikers and campers in the excessive heat, the Tribe will be setting up a water station along the trail near Little Navajo Falls.

The Tribe reminds all tourists to (i) take responsibility for their personal hygiene while visiting and (ii) properly dispose of personal trash by hauling it out. The composting toilets are not for your personal trash.