



**Hopi Tribe
Cultural Preservation Office
NAGPRA Pesticide Testing Project**

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Hopi Tribe of Northeastern Arizona

Pueblo Culture

Reservation Size:

2,969 sq mi

Tribal

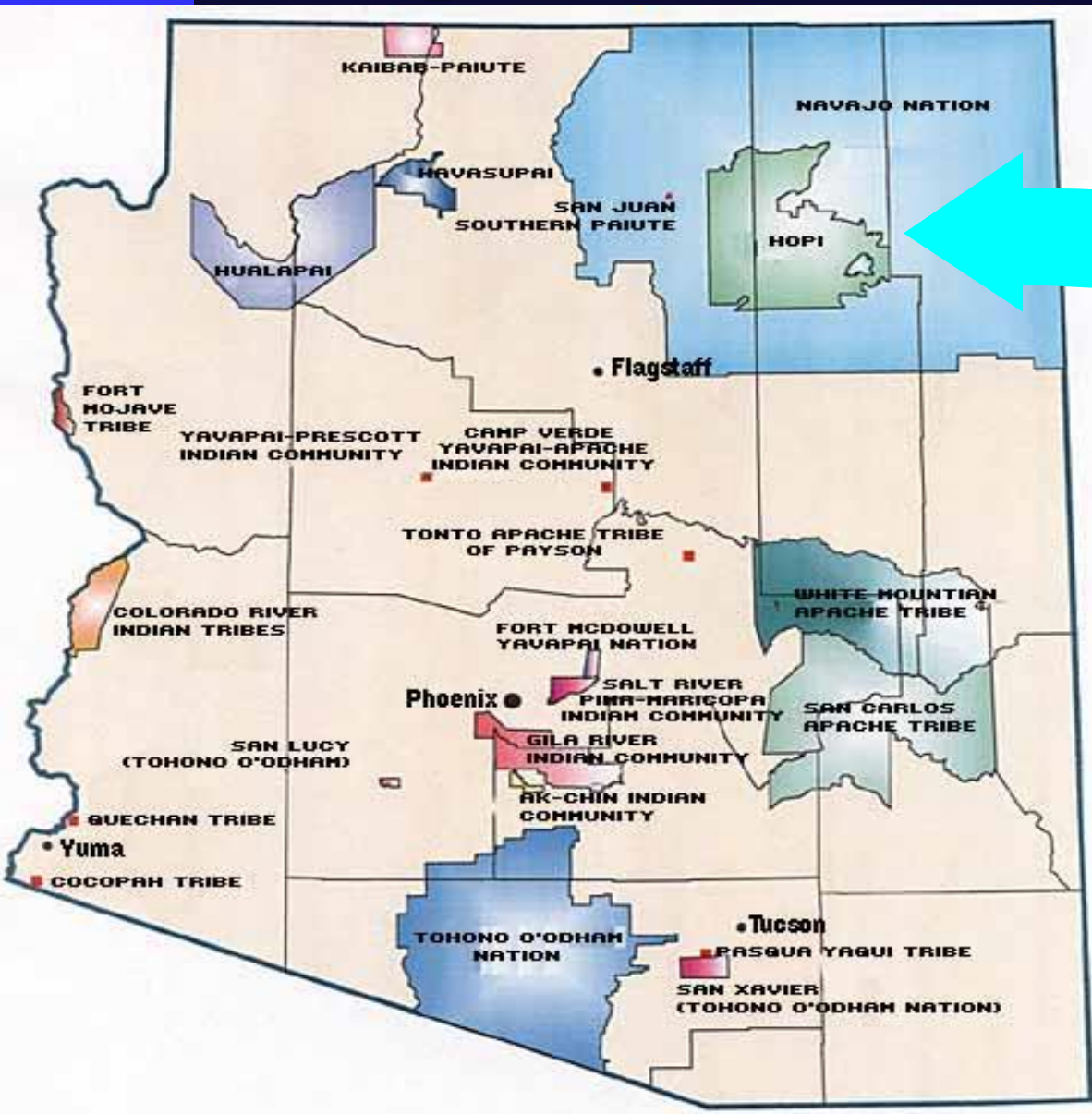
Membership:

11,791+

Reservation

Population:

7,360



Background- Hopi Concerns of Contaminated Collections

- Hopi on a 1995 Peabody-Harvard NAGPRA visit were concerned when told to wear protective gloves and respirators during their examination of collections.
- In 1997 the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office (HCPO) began planning to test repatriated Hopi cultural items for pesticides and other preservation treatments.

Hopi Objects are in Worldwide Collections

- Currently many objects have been identified in the U.S. for possible repatriation.
- Repatriated Items on the Hopi reservation are either in protected storage or returned to appropriate individuals & communities.
- Objects are made of various types of mainly organic materials subject to pesticide application.
- These artifacts have been handled by Hopi cultural advisors (elders) without proper notification of possible health risks during identification visits to museums.

HOPI KATSINAM

Supernatural Beings of
Hopi Religion & Culture



Bear



Eagle



Wolf

How are Hopi artifacts handled upon initial return?

- I. Brought in conjunction with ceremony or cultural context.
- II. Handled by appropriate means to re-consecrate items.
- III. New user takes into storage, usually an individual or clan group.
- IV. May be renewed by the application of paints, feathers, etc., which involve more handling.

The Storage of Repatriated Objects involves:

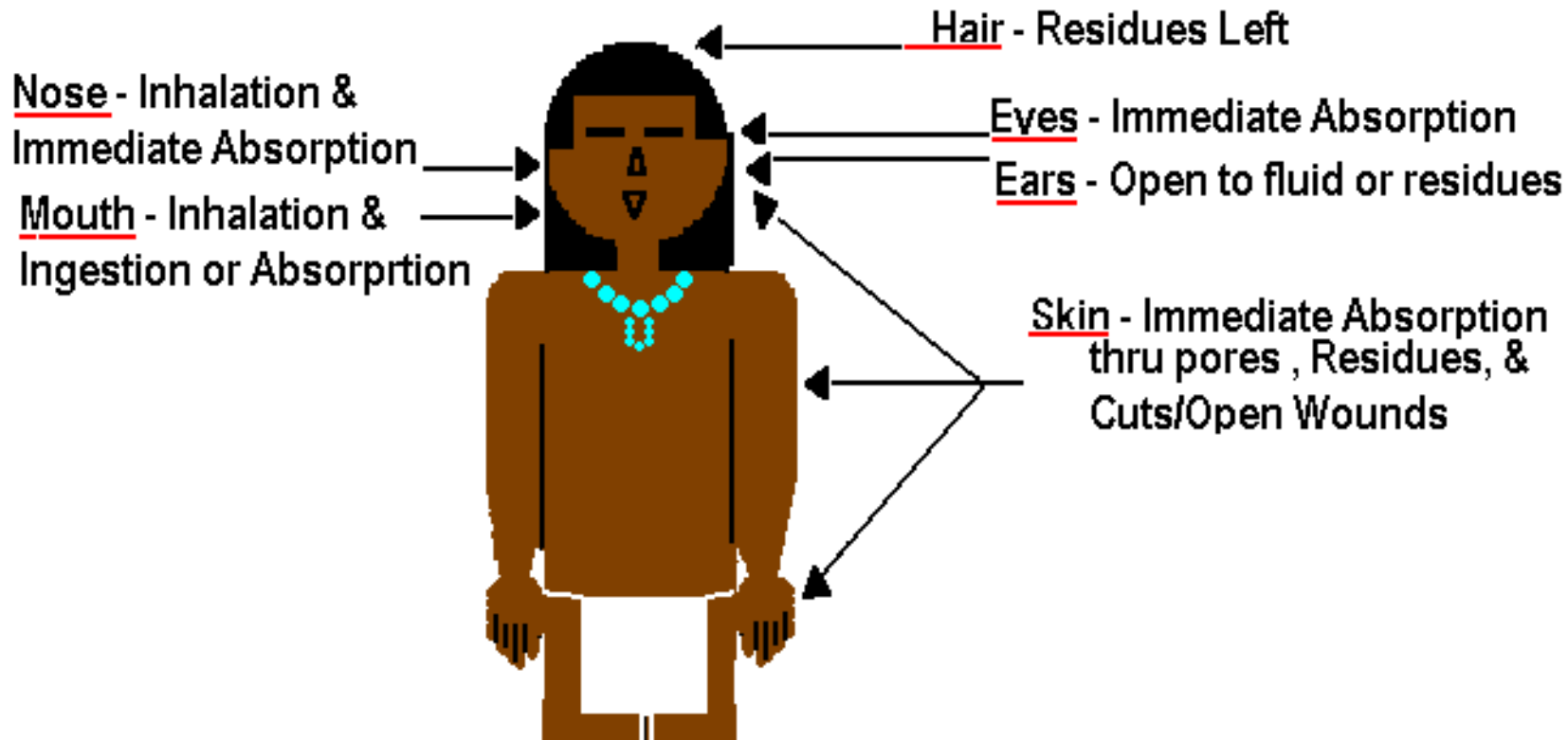
Homes (Extended Family, Small Rooms & Daily Activity)

Kivas (Underground Ceremonial Chambers)

Storage Buildings (Near Food, Clothing, & Daily Activity)

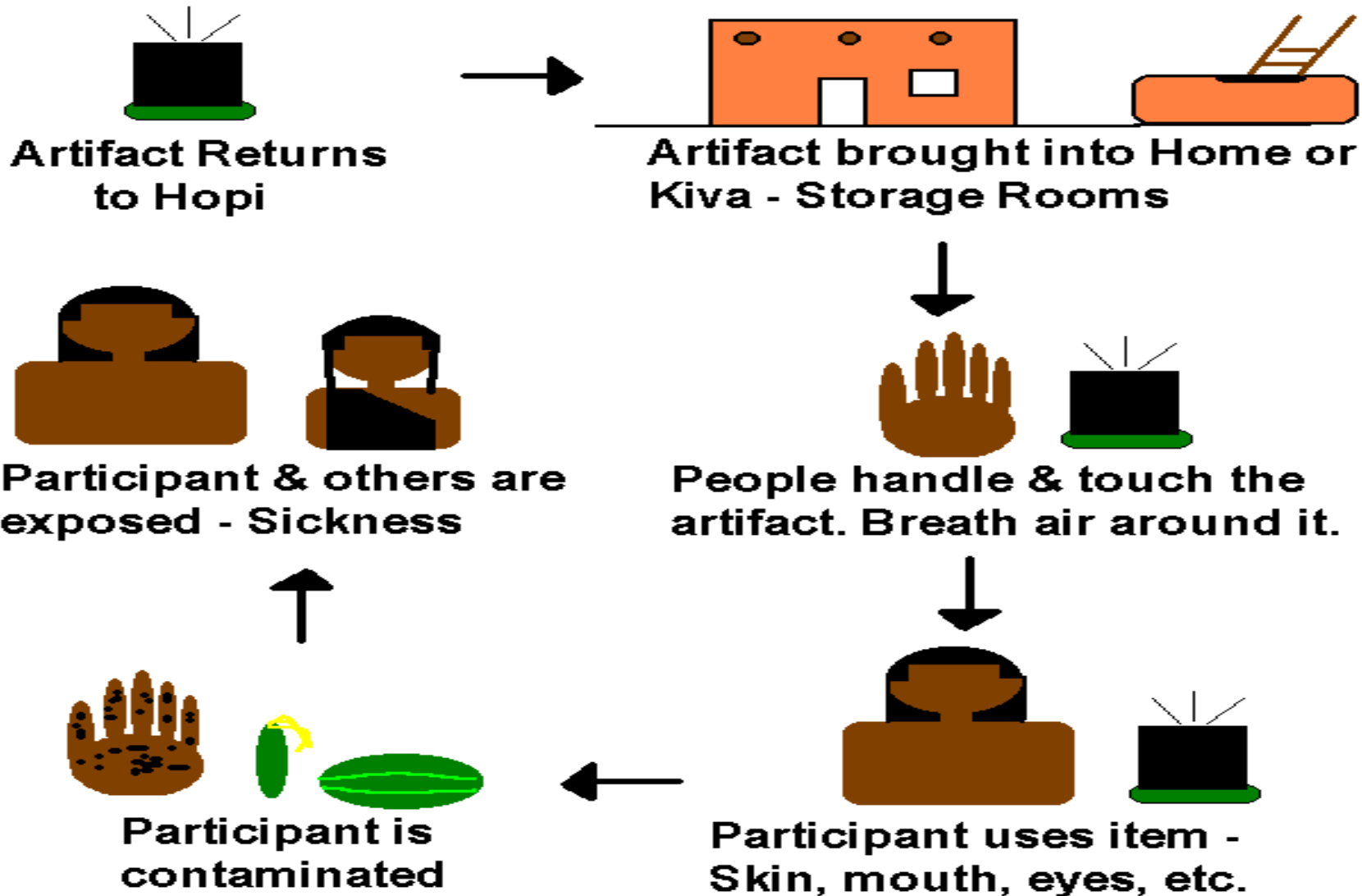


Hopi Artifacts & Possible Exposure Risks of Cultural Re-use



Re-Using Cultural Material
Human Exposure & Routes of Entry

Community Exposure?



Message to Hopi Tribal members:

“If you receive items from a private collector, museum or individuals:”

- **Ask for records or history of care for the item(s).**
- **Ask that they contact the Hopi Tribe regarding the return of the item(s).**
- **If you have already received an item, please consider submitting it to the Hopi Tribe for testing.**
- **Give us the name and address of the person and organization who returned the item(s).**