3,000 pack indoor Trump rally in Arizona as COVID-19 cases surge to record high



Phoenix, June 24 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump traveled to Arizona, where he toured a section of newly built border wall, claiming the concrete and metal structure had "stopped COVID."

Trump's claim came as Arizona confirmed 3,600 new coronavirus infections on Tuesday — a daily record. Hospitalizations topped 2,000 — also a record — with intensive care units now at 85% capacity.

Trump later held his second campaign event since the start of the pandemic, speaking to 3,000 students in a packed megachurch in Phoenix. Few of the students wore masks, and none of them practiced social distancing, raising fears the Trump rally could be another coronavirus "superspreader" event.

During his remarks, President Trump drew cheers when he mocked COVID-19 and repeated a racist nickname for the disease. President Donald Trump said: "Kung flu, yeah. Kung flu."

On Tuesday, Twitter flagged another Trump tweet for violating its policy prohibiting abusive or violent language, after Trump wrote: "There will never be an 'Autonomous Zone' in Washington, D.C., as long as I'm your President. If they try they will be met with serious force!"

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