

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NAVAJO OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION PROGRAM**

April 17, 2020

Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-007

Public Health Emergency Order Mandating Use of Masks in Public Due to COVID-19

- I. Paragraphs I – IX from Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 are incorporated herein, addressing the various Navajo Nation (Nation) authorities related to the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- II. The intent and purpose of this Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-007 is to prevent community spread of COVID-19 on the Nation.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to the power and authority set forth in the NDOH enabling legislation (NNC Resolution No. CO-50-14), taken together with the plans of operation for NDOH, the Navajo Division of Public Health Services (NDPHS), and the Navajo Office of Environmental Health and Protection Program (NOEHPP), in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Public Health State of Emergency Declaration (CEM Resolution No. 20-03-11) and all Navajo Nation Public Health Emergency Orders and Executive Orders related to COVID-19:

A. All individuals two (2) years of age and older on the Nation shall wear **masks** while in **public**, as those terms are defined herein.

B. Definitions:

1. **Mask:** a covering designed to filter one's breathing through both the nose and mouth. A mask must snugly cover the face around the nose and mouth to prevent the wearer from breathing unfiltered air. May be a commercially-made face mask, or a homemade cloth face covering such as those found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
2. **Public:** any area outside your home where you could come within 6 feet of someone who is not from your household.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public must take the following preventive precautions:

1. **All persons on the Navajo Nation should leave their residence or home site areas only if necessary.**

2. Socially distance yourselves. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep at least six feet from others and wear a mask in public.

3. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

4. To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, etc. Wear gloves or use a barrier such as a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hands or fingers if you must touch something.

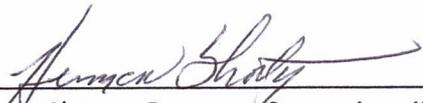
5. Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, mouth. Cover your mouth and nose with the best-available protective material, including masks, when in public.

6. Clean and disinfect your home and vehicles to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, steering wheels, door handles, gearshifts, and cell phones).

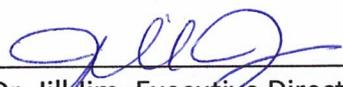
7. Avoid all public gatherings and unnecessary travel.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect Friday, April 17, 2020 at 8:00 P.M MDT, and shall remain in effect until otherwise ended by a subsequent Public Health Emergency Order.

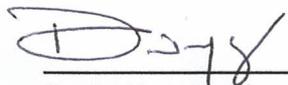
ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



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