

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

**June 5, 2020**

**Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-013**

**Public Health Emergency Order Regarding Daily Curfew**

- 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 as well as the escalating incidents and community spread of COVID-19 on the Nation.
- II. A Stay at Home (Shelter in Place) Order is in effect for all residents of the Nation, requiring individuals to limit their movement within and outside of their immediate communities and to limit contact with individuals who are not in their immediate household. (Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003 (March 20, 2020), extended by Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 (March 29, 2020). Individuals may leave their place residence only to perform "**Essential Activities**", defined herein, which primarily include activities and tasks essential to health, safety, and welfare.
- III. The intent and purpose of this Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-012 is to remind the public that the Nation has a daily Curfew from 8:00 P.M. MDT to 5:00 A.M. MDT, pursuant to Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 (March 29, 2020).

**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN** that pursuant the power and authority set forth in the NDOH enabling legislation (NNC Resolution No. CO-50-14) and in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Public Health State of Emergency Declaration (CEM Resolution No. 20-03-11):

- A. **Daily Curfew:** 8:00 P.M. to 5 A.M. curfew across the Nation, applicable to all individuals, seven days a week. All individuals shall remain at home during curfew hours except in the event of an emergency.
- B. Essential Businesses shall limit operations before 6:00 A.M. and after 7:00 P.M. to permit customers to obey the Daily Curfew.
- C. This Daily Curfew does not apply to Essential Employees reporting to or from duty, with official identification and/or a letter of designation from their Essential Business employer on official letterhead which includes a contact for verification.
- D. This Daily Curfew does not apply to Essential Businesses that do not directly serve customers, including Food Cultivation (as described in Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that it is greatly advised that the public take the following preventive precautions:

1. Plan and act ahead: buy or get supplies you might need, including medical supplies, food, water, animal feed, firewood or coal, and fuel for your vehicles, during non-curfew hours.
2. Socially distance yourselves. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep at least six feet from others 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. 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).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall take effect immediately 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 5th DAY OF June, 2020.**

  
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## Definitions

**Emergency:** a serious, unexpected, or dangerous situation requiring immediate action, including a medical condition that requires immediate treatment.

**Essential Activities** includes: (1) activities or tasks essential to the health and safety of one's household (including livestock and pets), such as obtaining critical medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional for an imminent health need; (2) obtaining necessary services or supplies (such as canned food, dry goods, produce, pet supplies, meat, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of a residence); and (3) engaging in daytime outdoor activity such as walking, hiking, or running; provided that Essential Activities are performed in limited numbers at all times adhering to Social Distancing Standards. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020). Voting is also an essential activity. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-009, May 14, 2020).

**Essential Businesses:** Healthcare Operation, Essential Governmental Functions and Essential Infrastructure (e.g., courts of law, medical providers for urgent care, public utilities, and critical school operations such as nutrition programs). (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002, March 19, 2020 and expanded through Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020 to include grocery stores, food banks, convenience stores, hardware stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of groceries and non-grocery products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences, among other things.)

**Essential Employees:** Those employees identified by Essential Businesses deemed to be necessary to the continued operation of those Essential Businesses.

**Essential Governmental Functions:** all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the /government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002, March 19, 2020).

**Essential Infrastructure:** Public works construction, construction of housing, water, sewer, gas, electrical, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services). (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020).

**Gathering:** means any grouping together of individuals in a single connected location. (From Public Health Emergency Order dated March 18, 2020).

**Healthcare Operations:** Government or private clinics, hospitals, and programs providing medical diagnosis, treatment, or emergency response. Does not include commercial production, agricultural, retail, or wholesale operations, even if health-related in some way.

**Social Distancing Requirements:** Limiting contact of people within 6 feet from each other. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002, March 19, 2020).

**Social Distancing Standards:** Not shaking hands, standing at least six feet away from other people, avoiding crowds, etc. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020).