

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

**June 5, 2020**

**Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-014**

**“Safer at Home” Public Health Emergency Order and Requirements for “Drive-in” Gatherings**

- I. Paragraphs I – IX from Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 are included with this Public Health Order, addressing the various Navajo Nation (Nation) authorities related to the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as well as escalating incidents and community spread of COVID-19 on the Nation.
- II. A Stay at Home (Shelter in Place) Order is has been 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). Under that Order, individuals can leave their place of residence only to perform "Essential Activities" which primarily include activities and tasks essential to health, safety, and welfare. That Order also advised that public gatherings in excess of 5 people should be avoided.
- III. Under this Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-014, individuals are encouraged to exercise personal responsibility but are not ordered to stay home.
- IV. The Health Command Operations Center has received many requests for exceptions from Public Health Emergency Orders for various public gatherings. “Drive-in” gatherings of any size are permitted if the organizers and participants adhere to the requirements herein that include participants remaining in their vehicles for the entire event, all vehicle occupants must be from the same household, and people are not to come within six feet of participants in other vehicles. Such gatherings include parking lot gatherings for internet access, religious services, funeral services, graduations, fireworks displays, and similar events.

**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN** that, pursuant to 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. “Drive-in” gatherings of any size can be conducted during non-curfew hours, consistent with the current Public Health Emergency Orders (as long as those Orders are in effect), where event organizers ensure the following requirements are in place:

1. Outdoor "drive-in" gatherings only where people from the same vehicle remain in their vehicles.
2. Vehicles are parked at least six (6) feet from other vehicles, in all four directions.
3. Organizers and participants wear masks.
4. Gathering is conducted in a no-contact manner and maintaining social distancing standards.

B. Event organizers are also required to:

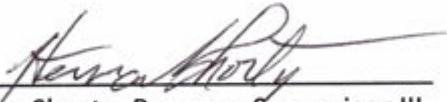
1. Limit the number of people in a restroom to no more than five (5) people.
2. Ensure that people have access to a handwashing station, sanitizer, or gloves.
3. Ensure that high-touch surfaces are regularly disinfected.

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

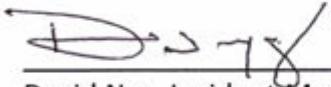
1. Plan and act ahead: buy or get supplies you might need, including medical supplies, food, water, animal feed, firewood or coal, and fuel for your vehicles, during non-curfew hours.
2. Socially distance yourselves. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep at least six feet from others in 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 – door handles, handrails, etc. Use a barrier such as a tissue or gloves 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 a future Order rescinds or changes it.

**ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 5th DAY OF June, 2020.**

  
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**Definitions**

**Drive-In** means attending a gathering without leaving one's car.

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

**Religious:** Related to spirituality, traditional beliefs, or religion.

**Social Distancing Requirements:** Limiting proximity of people to 6 feet from any other person. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002, March 19, 2020).

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