

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

May 19, 2020

Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-011

Public Health Emergency Order Locking Down the Navajo Nation for 57-Hours During the Weekend and Closing Essential Businesses Due to Community Spread of 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 as well as 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).
- III. Regular Curfew hours are from 8:00 P.M. MDT to 5:00 A.M. MDT daily, pursuant to Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004.
- IV. 57-Hour Weekend Curfews were implemented for three (3) weekends in April 2020 and three (3) weekends in May 2020, pursuant to Public Health Emergency Orders No. 2020-005 (April 5, 2020), No. 2020-006 (April 16, 2020), and No. 2020-008 (April 29, 2020). Additionally, a 57-Hour Weekend Lockdown was implemented the weekend of May 16 pursuant to Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-010 (May 14, 2020). The intent and purpose of those orders was to restrict movement of individuals on the Nation.
- V. The intent and purpose of this Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-011 is to further restrict the movement of individuals on the Nation for one 57-hour period, and to implement a **full weekend lockdown from May 22, 2020 to May 25, 2020**, starting at 8:00 P.M. MDT on Friday and ending at 5:00 A.M. MDT on Monday.

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. All individuals on the Nation shall comply with the **Weekend Lockdown** across the Nation from 8:00 P.M. MDT on Friday, May 22, 2020 to 5:00 A.M. MDT on Monday, May 25, 2020.

All individuals shall remain at home during curfew hours except in the event of an emergency and as described below.

1. Individuals are still permitted to tend to livestock. However, plan ahead to purchase hay and feed, if needed, as vendors will be closed.
2. Individuals are not required to remain indoors during Weekend Lockdown, but must limit movement beyond the immediate area of a residence or home site. Individuals may exercise in a way that requires one to leave residence's immediate area, such as running or hiking. When performing such exercise, individuals may move no more than five (5) miles from one's home. Additional Lockdowns may follow.
3. **Essential Businesses**, including *all stores, gas stations*, restaurants and drive-through food establishments shall be closed. Hay and all other vendors must cease operations for the duration of the Weekend Lockdown. This closure and cease operations requirement does not apply to Healthcare Operations, Essential Governmental Functions, or Essential Infrastructure Activities (as those terms are defined below). This closure requirement does not apply to Healthcare Operations, Essential Governmental Functions, or Essential Infrastructure Activities. Essential Employees reporting to or from duty are exempted from the Weekend Lockdown but must carry official identification or a letter of designation from their employer on official letterhead which includes a contact name and number for verification.
4. Early New Mexico County voting sites located on the Navajo Nation may remain open and registered New Mexico voters eligible to cast a vote at these voting sites are allowed to vote without penalty, consistent with Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-009 Regarding Voting on the Navajo Nation During the Current Public Health State of Emergency (May 12).

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

1. All persons on the Navajo Nation are required to stay home during the curfew and leave their residence or home site areas only in the event of an emergency, to work as an essential employee, for exercise, or to vote, as described above.

2. 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 the week when there is not a curfew.

3. Socially distance yourselves. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep at least six feet from others in public.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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

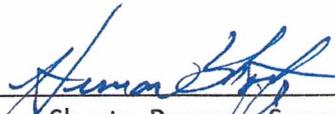
7. Clean and disinfect your home and vehicles to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, steering wheels, door handles, gearshifts, and cell phones).

8. Avoid all public gatherings.

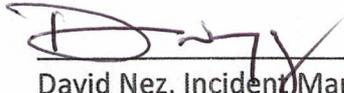
9. Avoid all non-emergency travel.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect Friday, May 22, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. MDT, and shall remain in effect until Monday, May 25, 2020 at 5:00 A.M. MDT.

ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 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 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).

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).