

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

**November 13, 2020**

**Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-029**

**Public Health Emergency Order Declaring “Red Status” for Businesses**

- 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. In response to COVID-19, the Navajo Nation has established the “Navajo Nation Reopening Plan,” to declare the Nation’s “status” according thereto, and to guide businesses in proper compliance with the plan. All provisions of this Order are to be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health.
- III. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states, and the situation is constantly changing. Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, **staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick.**”
- IV. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)” and **“the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread.”**
- V. The Nation’s roads remain closed to Visitors for the duration of the declared public health emergency, and Visitors are advised to refrain from traveling to the Navajo Nation. Tribal parks will not be accessible to Visitors and Tourists during this time. Visitors and Tourists will be informed when the Navajo Nation can safely welcome Visitors back to the Nation.

**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. The Navajo Nation Reopening Plan is declared binding on all businesses on the Navajo Nation. Available at <https://www.navajoreopening.navajo-nsn.gov/> .

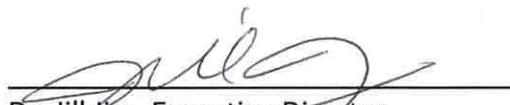
- B. Per the Plan's "reopening status schedule," the Navajo Health Command and Operations Center ("NHCOC"), having evaluated the current state of the Navajo Nation per the gating criteria and public health considerations provided in the Plan, declares the Nation to be in **Red status**. All businesses shall be bound to the conditions and requirements of Red status. The NHCOC will announce any future status changes by Public Health Emergency Order.
- C. In the Red Status, the reopening condition for Grocery Stores is 20 persons or less in the store.
- D. Red status is defined as: Grocery stores: 20 persons or less in the store. Gas stations: 5 persons or less in the store. Laundry facilities: 10 persons or less and 2 people per household. Dining or waiting establishments: allowed drive-thru only (food, banks, financial institutions). Adhere to compliance with the curfew. Not Allowed in Red Phase: Youth Programs, Casinos and video poker, museums, barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, flea markets, roadside markets, marinas, parks, gyms, recreation facilities.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall not abrogate any disease-reporting requirements (consistent with HIPAA privacy standards).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall take effect Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. MST, and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Health Command Center.

**ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2020.**

  
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