March 12, 2020

My Dear Acoma people,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health.

As you may be aware, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which originated in the country of China, has reached the United States and just yesterday, was confirmed that 3 cases of the virus exist in the State of New Mexico with the expectation this number may increase. The Acoma Tribal Administration, our team of Executive Directors, and our Acoma Business Enterprises Board and Executive Management personnel have been monitoring this situation and are working together to develop a Community Response Plan (attached) that informs you of precautionary measures your household can incorporate into daily routines to help ensure you are safe and remain in good health. In addition to these precautions are instructions to follow if you or family members experience any symptoms that would require you to be tested for the virus. ACL hospital is aware of our Community Response Plan and have been informed that Acoma tribal members may also reach out to ACL personnel for further information and instructions.

We have enforced other precautions for both tribal employees and those who work for Acoma Business Enterprises. Acoma artists who sell daily at the Sky City Cultural Center and Haakú Museum and atop old Acoma will be informed of any modifications or closure of the Center. We are very concerned about this operation as we have visitors who travel from countries and cities who have a high number of COVID-19 cases and who may engage in direct contact with artists. Many scheduled visits by groups have already been canceled by the visiting organizations. We will keep all of you informed as the ABE Board and Executive team make decisions concerning the operation. In addition to the precautions identified on the attached flyer, please be aware of the following restrictions and considerations the tribal government has enforced:

- All large Public Events are Canceled or postponed until further notice.
- If employees are sick, they WILL be sent home.
- An out-of-state travel ban is in effect for tribal employees until further notice. We ask that you also take precautions when traveling locally (i.e. Albuquerque, Grants, Gallup) and minimize exposure to large groups of people.
- Food vending by community members at tribal offices/premises is prohibited until further notice. We also encourage vendors at old Acoma to cease the sale of any food items.
- Elders, and anyone ill are restricted from participating in Ditch Work which begins on Saturday, March 14th.
➤ Limit and/or discontinue your time in the casinos, these spaces are filled with germs and do not always have the best ventilation systems. Wash you hands often when in the casino and any adjoining spaces (i.e., restrooms, restaurant, hotel, etc.).

➤ Please check on elders who may be living alone. Make sure they have the necessities. Our Senior Center will continue to deliver as many meals as possible during the time of the Center’s closure.

➤ Please explain/discuss these precautions within the household. Provide interpretation for elders when necessary.

➤ Do your best to control the quantity of trash produced in the household.

➤ Fitness Center/Gym will be closed until further notice.

➤ Any additional mandates and instructions will be distributed to both our tribal and ABE employee lists, websites, tribal-authorized social media, and through our two schools.

The following resources are also available for additional information or to ask any specific questions:

CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE: 1-855-600-3453

NM Department of Health Website: http://cv.nmhealth.org/

On Friday, March 13th at 5:00 p.m., the NM State Department of Health will host a community forum on the Coronavirus in the Tribal Auditorium. We encourage your attendance. We will also inform and provide you with instructions should the forum be made accessible on the Web/Internet. CANCELED!

I acknowledge this situation causes great concern and stress on all of us, and as such, I encourage you to contact our tribal Social Services Department at (505) 552-5162 or Behavioral Health Services at 505-552-6661, if the anxiety becomes unmanageable. I further encourage families to support and reassure one another that there is no need to be panicked.

As a community, we must continue to pray that the virus subsides and does not impact our Acoma people. I encourage all of us to practice the safety measures and abide by any additional instructions that might be enforced in the days ahead. On behalf of the Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, and our Field Chiefs, we extend our very best wishes and prayers for your well-being, safety, happiness and good fortune as we continue on the path northward with the Sun, and anticipate our safe return together when the Sun has returned to its southern home.

Thank you for the continued support and for your cooperation during this time.

With best regards,

Brian D. Vallo
Governor
Concerned you may have novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)?
Use the flowchart below to assess your risk.

People at risk for Novel Coronavirus usually have both SYMPTOMS and EXPOSURE.

**SYMPTOMS**
Do you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath?

**EXPOSURE**
Have you been in close contact to someone known to have Novel Coronavirus infection (2019-nCoV or COVID-19)?

**OR**
Within the past 14 days, have you traveled to an area with widespread concern for Coronavirus according to the CDC?

Which category best describes your situation?

- **YES** to Symptoms
  - Please call ACL Hospital at 505-552-5300 OR
  - The Nurse Hotline at 1-844-803-2070 OR
  - NMDOH at 505-827-0006 for further instructions

- **YES** to Exposure
  - People with no symptoms are at low risk. But if you develop symptoms please contact ACL or your Primary Care Provider for treatment recommendations.

- **NO** to Symptoms
  - People with no symptoms and no exposure have no identifiable risk.

- **NO** to Exposure
  - People without direct exposure have no identifiable risk, but still need to seek treatment for their symptoms. Get care through your preferred method: appointment with ACL or Primary Care Provider, video-visit for cold/cough/flu.

Due to the risk of transmission, individuals are encouraged NOT to go the hospital but to call first.