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Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-03 Weekend Lockdown

The Pueblo of Acoma is implementing a Weekend Lockdown for all residents. The lockdown is in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the boundaries of the Pueblo of Acoma (POA).

The purpose of this Order is to restrict the movement of individuals on the POA for a 38-hour and 57-hour period by implementing a full lockdown over the course of the following two weekends:

- Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:00 a.m.
- Friday, November 6, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. to Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:00 a.m.

All provisions of this Order are to be interpreted to be in full force to achieve its intended purpose. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health of the POA. Be advised that additional lockdowns may be necessary and will be communicated after a review of active cases and the number of individuals exposed to COVID-19.

According to the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and the POA Health Command Center (HHC), the number of new COVID-19 cases have been on an upward trajectory during the previous ten (10) days. Similarly, POA new COVID-19 case trends have increased, and the percent of COVID-19 tests which are positive continue to rise and family clusters of positive cases continue to emerge in all areas within the boundaries of the POA. These cluster cases are a direct result of family gatherings and off-Reservation travel. The current situation may lead to an outbreak and another surge in positive cases on the POA, which will further overwhelm the local and regional health care system if not mitigated immediately.

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."

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to the executive power and authority enabling legislation and in conjunction with the POA Public Health Executive Order:

A. The established daily curfew hours of 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. remains in full effect for all individuals across the POA including the village of Anzac, "Canada", and other areas on the POA that exist outside of the checkpoint. All individuals shall be at home during curfew hours, except in the event of an emergency.

1. Local Essential Businesses (excluding Acoma Business Enterprises) shall limit operations to 6:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. to permit customers to obey the daily curfew.
2. The daily curfew does not apply to Essential Employees reporting to or from duty. An essential employee must carry official identification or a letter of such designation from their essential business or essential government employer on official letterhead, naming a point of contact with contact information for verification.

B. All individuals in the Pueblo shall comply with the 38-Hour and 57-Hour Weekend Lockdown across the Pueblo. All individuals shall remain home during lockdown hours except in the event of an emergency as described below:


An emergency is a serious, unexpected situation requiring immediate action. Emergencies can include health threat/endangerment, power outages, food safety and storage, fire, and drinking water shortages.

1. Individuals are permitted to cultivate food (i.e. farming) and tend to livestock. However, it is encouraged that you purchase hay, feed, and other supplies ahead of time.
2. Individuals are permitted to exercise outdoors during the Weekend Lockdown. Individuals are encouraged to exercise alone or with immediate family members who reside in the same residence. Outdoor activity is encouraged, and individuals may leave their immediate residence or home site area for exercise such as running or hiking, so long as movement is restricted to no more than five (5) miles from one's home.
3. Wood collection and hauling is a permissible activity during the weekend lockdown hours and will require a permit for all Tribal members who reside on POA, however groups must be limited to no more than 4 individuals who reside in the same household. Masks are required, social distancing to the greatest extent possible, and use of hand sanitizer are strongly encouraged.
4. Essential Businesses, including all stores and restaurants with drive-through food establishments shall be closed. All private vending remains strictly prohibited. This closure and cease operations requirement do not apply to Healthcare Operations, Essential Governmental Functions, or Essential Infrastructure (as those terms are defined below), or to Food Cultivation operations. Essential Employees reporting to or from duty are exempt from the Weekend Lockdown, with official identification or a letter of designation from their employer on official letterhead which includes a contact name and number for verification.

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

1. Plan and act ahead: Purchase the food and supplies you might need, including medication, medical supplies, and other necessities.
2. During non-curfew hours, haul water, animal feed, firewood or pellets, and fuel.
3. Socially distance yourselves. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Keep at least six feet from others if you must be 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 – door handles, handrails, etc. Use a barrier such as a tissue or gloves 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. Obtain an influenza (flu) vaccination as soon as possible and when safe to do so, and in accordance with the above requirements.

Signed into effect on this 28th day of October 2020.



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