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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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In accordance with the Pueblo of Acoma Public Health Emergency Declaration issued on March 13, 2020, I, Governor Brian D. Vallo, hereby order the following measures to be implemented within the boundaries of Acoma lands, as authorized by the declaration, and to respond to the elevated threats of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) to the Pueblo of Acoma. The rapid spread of COVID-19 has infected cities and towns across our state and has reached the boundaries of tribal lands. In some cases, the virus has already made its way into Pueblo households.

This Executive Order also reaffirms the provisions set forth in the March 13, 2020 Declaration including all steps a community resident must follow when experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, when having had first or secondary person-to-person contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or when tested positive with COVID-19. Furthermore, all guidelines provided by the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) to those who had known contact with a person who tested positive, or who have tested positive themselves, **MUST** be followed. These individuals must comply with the 14-day self-isolation requirement and other health monitoring activity administered by the NMDOH, Indian Health Services Public Health Nurse, or the Pueblo of Acoma Health and Human Services Division (HHSD). Failure to follow the NMDOH guidelines will cause community spread and directly threaten the health and lives of community members. The NMDOH is required to inform tribal officials and Pueblo of Acoma HHSD of each positive test result involving an Acoma tribal member, as well as other Acoma members who are identified through any NMDOH investigation, as having had contact with a positive case. HHSD Executive Director, PASS Director, Social Worker, and/or IHS Public Health Nurse will perform wellness checks on Acoma members residing on Acoma lands who are in isolation/quarantine and report any non-compliance to the Pueblo of Acoma Governor and NMDOH. The Pueblo of Acoma will take action to require compliance with NMDOH guidelines.

Therefore, to prevent any further community spread of the infection within our community, I issue the following Orders:

- 1. Stay at Home Order for all Pueblo Residents**
- 2. Closure of Pueblo to all non-Residents**
- 3. Tribal Curfew for all Pueblo Residents**
- 4. Public Gathering Limit**

1. STAY AT HOME ORDER

This order shall take effect on April 10, 2020 and remain in effect until official notice is given by the Governor's Office. The following mandates shall serve as a guide for individuals and each

head of household who must comply with, and enforce this order. Acoma Police Department (APD) will monitor activity throughout the duration of this mandate.

- A. All household members will remain at home, within yard, and/or land assignment.
- B. A family member shall be designated to travel from the home for essential supplies which may include food, water, prescriptions, or to harvest wood for the household. Absolutely no children or elders, especially those with underlying health conditions, should leave the boundaries of the Pueblo to be exposed to the threats of COVID-19 except for COVID-19 testing or treatment. Children are permitted to travel to a designated food delivery location as outlined below.
- C. Non-resident tribal members are prohibited from entering Acoma lands and private residences. Families living off-reservation must also follow state ordered Stay at Home mandates and remain in their homes located in towns, cities, or in other states.
- D. Acoma community residents can travel to another household to check on the welfare of elders and other family members, while always practicing **social distancing (6ft. separation)** and taking every precautionary measure.
- E. A designated household member can leave the home to obtain medication(s) at ACL Hospital or other locations. You are encouraged to call in advance as most pharmacies conduct curbside pick-up.
- F. Designated household members can travel to the mountains on Acoma lands to harvest wood. If you do not have a current permit, you must call the Public Safety Department to inform them of the date, time, and location of your travel. **ABSOLUTELY NO HUNTING IS PERMITTED.**
- G. Tribal members who maintain livestock are permitted to access Acoma range lands to care for animals and to maintain grazing areas. Non-residents, including non-resident Acoma members who might normally aid livestock owners are prohibited from entering Acoma lands throughout the term of this Executive Order.
- H. An adult member of the household must accompany children to a designated food delivery location and return to the home to consume the food. Food service for elders will continue with deliveries left on doorstep or on doorknobs.
- I. Community residents designated as “*Essential Employees*” who work outside Acoma lands will be permitted to leave and return to the Pueblo. Please practice extreme precautions when reengaging with the household (i.e., wash clothes, shower, disinfect shoes and other items you may travel with).
- J. If community residents must leave their home, they are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering (surgical or homemade) mask or scarf to mitigate spread of those who are asymptomatic but may unknowingly have COVID-19.
- K. Respect the privacy of any Acoma family who is self-isolating or has self-quarantined as a personal choice or has been exposed or had known direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

2. CLOSURE OF PUEBLO

The intent of this measure is to control access onto all Acoma lands by all persons, with a focus on travelers and others who might attempt to enter tribal lands via any of the five exits off Interstate 40, NM State Road 24, and BIA Tribal Roads. With limited Acoma Law Enforcement capacity, other external agencies may assist the Pueblo during this time. Heads of households and individuals are encouraged to comply with, and enforce these provisions.

- A. Non-residents and visitors are prohibited from entering Acoma tribal lands except for the following:
 - i. Essential supply deliveries (i.e. food, medical supplies, personal hygiene products, temporary shelters, etc.).
 - ii. Essential Employees employed by the Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma Business Enterprises, ACL Hospital, Sunrise Regional Treatment Center, Dialysis Clinic, Inc. or private Home Health Aides and Nurses.
 - iii. Non-residents accessing commercial services at Interstate 40 and Exit 102 (i.e. Travel Center).
- B. Acoma tribal members who reside outside Acoma lands and who do not meet any of the exceptions in 2. (A.) are prohibited from entering Acoma lands.
- C. All tribal offices will remain closed to the public until further notice.
- D. Non-essential businesses located on Acoma lands operated by Acoma Business Enterprises and other persons or entities shall remain closed until further notice.
- E. Absolutely no food vending of any type shall be permitted until further notice. **This type of food exchange is considered unsafe during the term of this pandemic.**
- F. Camping, hiking, cycling, running/jogging on Acoma lands by non-residents is strictly prohibited.
- G. A community resident who sees a non-resident anywhere on tribal lands, including back country, shall immediately call the Acoma Public Safety Department by dialing 505-552-6601 or texting 505-382-4061 to report any non-emergency curfew activity or other non-emergency information.
- H. Access to old Acoma by non-residents is strictly prohibited. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT OUR MOST SACRED PLACE AND THOSE WHO RESIDE ON THE MESA TOP.
- I. Only immediate family members of the Field Chiefs and the Cooks as well as traditional leaders, shall be allowed access to old Acoma during designated times.

3. CURFEW FOR ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

- A. A reservation-wide curfew shall go into effect until further notice beginning on April 10, 2020, 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily.
- B. Absolutely no automobile travel or human traffic (on-foot) village to village or within subdivisions is permitted during this designated time. Only those residents identified in Sections 1. (I.) and 2. (A.) as Essential Employees, shall be authorized to travel during the curfew period.
- C. Acoma Police Department, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Department, Behavioral Health and Social Services staff, private Home Health Aides/Nurses, and Essential Utility Authority personnel have authorization to travel during curfew period.
- D. Certain cultural leaders, Tribal Sheriffs, and family members of Field Chiefs shall be exempt from the curfew and may travel between old Acoma and other residences on Acoma lands during designated times.

4. PUBLIC GATHERINGS

- A. Absolutely no public and family gatherings of 5 or more (unless a single household is comprised of more than 5 members) shall be permitted until further notice. **STAY AT HOME AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.**

- B. Children and parents/guardians must refrain from congregating at lunch drop off sites throughout Acoma lands.
- C. Essential Employees of the Pueblo shall always observe social distancing during all food and other support delivery work.
- D. While outdoor activity is encouraged to assist with both mental and physical wellness, social distancing must always be observed. Please respect other people's space during walks, jogging, hiking, or simply sitting outdoors. Outdoor activity listed above is limited to locations within the Villages of Acomita, McCartys, Anzac, and Skyline Subdivisions and does not include the back country.
- E. While we never wish for the loss of a tribal member, we do acknowledge death as part of our life cycle. During this pandemic, it is very important to understand that changes will have to be made to the way in which we gather to mourn, bury, and carry-out associated cultural activities. Due to the great threat of community spread of COVID-19, we ask families to consider the health and wellness of each family and community member during time of loss. The Pueblo will offer guidelines to assist families during these difficult times and will provide support with burial.

SUMMARY:

The measures identified in this Executive Order shall apply to all Acoma residents. This action is taken to protect the Acoma people from any exposure and to minimize the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. Due to the contagious nature of the virus and its capacity to be easily spread from person-to-person contact, these measures must be taken seriously and shall be duly enforced.

Any person who violates the provisions of this Executive Order will be subject to civil or criminal sanctions, contempt, fines and penalties under the laws of Acoma and other applicable law.

Other preventive measures will be initiated and enforced in response to any additional public health threat to the Acoma community, and will be at the discretion of the tribal government and the Emergency Response Center Team.

Signed into effect on this 10th day of April 2020:



Brian D. Vallo, Governor
PUEBLO OF ACOMA