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Dear Tribal Members,

Attached, is **Amendment No. 03** to Executive Order No. 2020-01 which will become effective on Friday, July 2, 2021. Please carefully review the Amendment and share with your family and relatives.

I am grateful to report that the Pueblo of Acoma has reached herd immunity with approximately 85 % of our on-reservation, 12 years of age and older tribal members being fully vaccinated! The tribal government encourages non-vaccinated members to make arrangements to receive the vaccination (information attached) and to follow safety guidelines while on and off the tribal lands.

Additional information concerning the Executive Order will be distributed as information/data is received and reviewed. On behalf of the Tribal Council and Administration, we thank you for your patience and continued cooperation.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Vallo
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AMENDMENT NO. 03

Executive Order No. TA-2020-01 June 25, 2021

In accordance with EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. TA-2020-01 issued on April 10, 2020, I, Governor Brian D. Vallo, hereby issue Amendment No. 3, to be implemented within the boundaries of Acoma lands, as authorized by the Tribal Council and the Executive Order. This Amendment is in response to the current Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency and associated vaccination initiative of the Pueblo of Acoma. The intent and purpose of Amendment No. 3 is to re-issue previous provisions set forth in the April 10, 2020 Executive Order, including modified measures intended to further ensure a continued, effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic while reinstating specific access for tribal members and expanded operations of the Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Government and Acoma Business Enterprises.

The rapid spread of COVID-19 has impacted cities, towns, and Native American reservations across New Mexico and remains a threat to the public health of the Pueblo of Acoma. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states, and the situation, while improved, 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. Furthermore, the CDC urges "limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of COVID-19" and "the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread." The best way to protect you and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. Vaccines can keep you from contracting, spreading, and becoming seriously ill from COVID-19.

Therefore, Notice Is Given, that pursuant to Executive Order TA-2020-01 and in conjunction with the Pueblo of Acoma Public Health Emergency Declaration of March 13, 2020, all individuals on the Pueblo of Acoma shall comply with the following *modified* provisions:

1. COVID-19 Safe Practices for all Pueblo of Acoma Residents
2. Modified Closure of Acoma Tribal Government Operations and Acoma Business Enterprises
3. Tribal Curfew and Weekend Lockdown
4. Guidelines for Death of a Pueblo Member
5. Cultural and Religious Activities
6. Checkpoints and Road Closures
7. COVID-19 Vaccinations
8. General COVID-19 Safe Practices

The provisions of this Amendment shall take effect on July 2, 2021 at 5:00 a.m. and remain in effect until official notice is given by the Governor's Office. The following modified provisions shall serve as a guide for individuals and each head of household who must comply with and enforce this order. Acoma Police Department (APD), in cooperation with the Pueblo of Acoma Health Command Center (HCC) will monitor activity throughout the duration of the Executive Order.

1. COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES FOR ALL PUEBLO OF ACOMA RESIDENTS

- A. The Pueblo of Acoma will allow tribal members, their spouses, significant others, extended relatives (e.g., in-laws and unenrolled family members), and children, residing on and off Acoma tribal lands, to enter and exit the Pueblo. While there is no longer a restriction on children leaving Pueblo boundaries, parents/guardians are encouraged to maintain Safety Guidelines since a vaccine for children under the age of 12 is not yet available.
- B. Children K-12 may attend in classroom instruction (at both tribally controlled schools and other schools located off tribal lands), following mask mandate/face covering and other Safety Guidelines.
- C. The Pueblo of Acoma Police Department, Fire, and EMS services are re-activated to full operation and service delivery.
- D. Wood hauling with permit shall continue with no restrictions.
- E. Food delivery services for elders and children may continue with food handling safety precautions.
- F. Respect the privacy of any individual or family residing within Acoma boundaries 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.
- G. There will be no restrictions for Gatherings and Social Distancing.
- H. The following Rules for COVID-19 Safe Practices are additions and replacements for previous subsections in this section:
 - i. Mask/face covering mandate: A mask/face covering is required for all employees of Tribal Government Operations and Acoma Business Enterprises. A mask/face covering shall be optional for patrons of both tribal offices and tribal business. Tribal members are encouraged to wear a mask/face covering while in public on Acoma lands. A mask/face covering will be required during cultural events at old Acoma.
 - ii. There are no longer travel restrictions. However, three days following the return from out-of-state travel, unvaccinated travelers must inform the HCC, quarantine for 72 hours, and submit to a COVID-19 test and provide results to the HCC.

2. MODIFIED CLOSURE OF THE PUEBLO AND BUSINESS OPERATION RESTRICTIONS

The intent of this measure is to control access on and off all Acoma lands by all persons, with a focus on travelers and non-residents who may attempt to enter tribal lands via any of the five exits off Interstate Highway 40, NM State Road 24, and BIA Tribal Roads. The Acoma Police Department (APD) will monitor each of the exits and may request the support of other external agencies to assist the APD during this period of closure. Heads of households are encouraged to explain these provisions with family, friends, and business contacts to ensure compliance among ALL individuals.

- A. Tribal buildings are open for business beginning at 8:00AM on July 6, 2021, the start of Phase III. The Administrative Leave granted for the pandemic will cease and revert to normal working hour operations, all

policies and procedures remain in effect. The Acoma Utility Authority shall be reactivated to full operation and service delivery.

- B. Tribal businesses and vendors are authorized to operate at 100% with safety guidelines in place.

NOTE: Tribal members who are doing business with outside entities shall continue to inform the HCC and/or Tribal Administration to coordinate access for those external business representatives.

3. TRIBAL CURFEW AND WEEKEND LOCKDOWN

- A. Curfew and lockdown restrictions are terminated unless otherwise advised by the HCC.

4. GUIDELINES - DEATH OF A RESIDENT PUEBLO MEMBER, PUEBLO MEMBER RESIDING OFF ACOMA BOUNDARIES, A NON-MEMBER RESIDING ON ACOMA BOUNDARIES, AND COVID-19 RELATED DEATH

Burials and traditional wakes can resume without limited capacity unless death is caused by COVID-19.

5. TRADITIONAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

- A. Church services can resume at 100% occupancy with safety guidelines. All cultural activities will be determined by the cultural leadership of the Pueblo. Notice will be provided to the tribal community in advance of any scheduled events at old Acoma.

6. CHECKPOINTS AND ROAD CLOSURES

- A. The North Acomita security checkpoint shall remain in operation until July 31, 2021 and serve as the primary point of access for monitoring authorized individuals who are entering and exiting Acoma tribal lands. Effective July 2, 2021, the gate located at intersection Santa Maria Road and State Road 124, will reopen during the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Any expanded reopening of gates will be considered after July 31, 2021.

7. COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

- A. COVID-19 vaccinations are strongly encouraged for those 12 years of age and older. For COVID-19 vaccination information please contact the Acoma HCC at 505-552-5145.

8. GENERAL COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES

- A. In general, stay at home: avoid unnecessary travel and always stay at home when you are sick (except for medical emergencies).
- B. If you have been exposed to someone with the COVID-19 virus, obtain a COVID-19 test to determine your status and seek medical attention if you experience symptoms.
- C. Wear a face covering in all public places (both on and off Acoma lands, avoid crowds, and sanitize hands after touching any surface or other individuals.
- D. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable.
- E. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- F. Arrange for all meetings or visits to take place remotely/virtually whenever possible.

- G. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- H. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in your home and vehicles.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that provisions of this Amendment shall take effect on July 2, 2021 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by a subsequent Amendment or Executive Order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that 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(s). Any person who refuses to obey directives by law enforcement, first responders and Division of Health and Human Services Officials appointed to enforce this Executive Order, is subject to criminal and/or civil sanctions under the laws of Acoma and other applicable law(s). Any person who believes that the directive is unwarranted must follow the directive until otherwise ordered and may file their objection with the Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Court.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any employee of the Pueblo of Acoma and Acoma Business Enterprises who is in violation of the Executive Order shall be subject to disciplinary action as authorized by each entity's Personnel Policy.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that 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 Acoma tribal government and the Health Command Center.

Signed into effect on this **25th day of June 2021**:

PUEBLO OF ACOMA



Brian D. Vallo
Governor