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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. TA-2020-01 Amendment No. 08

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In accordance with EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. TA-2020-01 issued on April 10, 2020, I, Governor Randall Vicente, hereby issue Amendment No. 08, 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. 08 is to re-issue previous provisions set forth in the 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 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 greatest risk to our Acoma people is gatherings, especially when non-vaccinated individuals are in attendance. Diligence in limiting gatherings is imperative. 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 are effective and lower the risk of 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. Ongoing COVID-19 Safe Practices for all Pueblo of Acoma Residents
2. Modified Business Operations
3. Checkpoints and Road Closures
4. Guidelines-Death of a Resident Pueblo Member, Pueblo Member Residing Off Acoma Boundaries, Non-Member Residing on Acoma Boundaries, and COVID-19 Related Death
5. Traditional and Religious Activities
6. Use of Public Spaces
7. COVID-19 Vaccinations & Testing
8. General COVID-19 Safe Practices

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 (APO), in cooperation with the Pueblo of Acoma Health Command Center (HCC) will monitor activity throughout the duration of the Executive Order.

## 1. ONGOING 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 5 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/facecovering and other COVID-19 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. No personal information will be released without consent.
- G. Social gatherings while indoor is at **20 people maximum** and are required to wear a face mask. And **unlimited for outdoor events** where masks are optional. However, Social Distancing is still encouraged.
- 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. Acoma Business Enterprises will continue to mandate employees to wear a face mask. Face mask for patrons will be optional, but still be strongly encouraged. A mask/face covering will be required during all visits to Old Acoma. Masks are strongly recommended.
  - ii. Tribal members should limit travel to essential purposes only.
  - iii. Work related travel (i.e., conferences, trainings, etc.) for employees of Tribal Government Operations and Acoma Business Enterprises is restricted to essential purposes only which shall be at the discretion of Tribal Administration.
- I. COVID-19 Testing Locations:
  - i. ACL Hospital (Mon, Wed, Fri) register at: (505) 552-5300,
  - ii. Health and Wellness building can provide limited testing. Must call ahead at (505) 552-5145,
  - iii. Or find a location nearest you at: <https://cvprovider.nmhealth.org/directory.html>

## 2. MODIFIED BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Tribal buildings are open to the public for in-person business, with the safe practice of social distancing, all policies and procedures remain in effect.

- A. Tribal Vendors are authorized to operate at a limited or reduced capacity with safety guidelines in place.
- B. All Pueblo of Acoma employees will return to work in-person for all departments and businesses. Employees are mandated to wear a face mask and continue to practice social distancing.
- C. American Legion will be open
- D. Tribal members and Tribal businesses 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.
- E. Food vendors must have all required permits, e.g. food handlers, vaccination cards and must wear a mask while working with the public.

### 3. CHECKPOINTS AND ROAD CLOSURES

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 124, and BIA Tribal Roads.

- A. The only security checkpoint located below Old Acoma, shall remain in operation, and serve as the primary point of access for monitoring authorized individuals who are entering and exiting Old Acoma.
- B. A valid vaccination card must be presented at the security checkpoint to gain access to Old Acoma.
  - i. Valid vaccination card must include Name, Date of Birth, Product/Manufacture Name with Lot Number, Date and Clinic Site. (Photo of card on cell phone is valid with accompanying valid photo ID)
  - ii. Photo ID must match the vaccination card.
  - iii. Based on current COVID-19 numbers, a current (within 72 hours) valid COVID-19 test may be required.
- C. Maintain and practice social distancing with Field Chiefs and Mother. Respect their personal space and boundaries.

### 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

- A. Burials and traditional wakes are allowed with limited capacity unless death is caused by COVID-19. The Governor's Office must be informed of any death and will provide further guidance on current procedures.

### 5. TRADITIONAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

- A. Church services can resume at 75% 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. USE OF PUBLIC SPACES

- A. Use of public parks and open spaces is now authorized.

### 7. COVID-19 VACCINATIONS & TESTING

- A. COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are strongly encouraged for all Acoma Tribal Members, and non-Acoma Tribal Residents. For COVID-19 vaccination information please contact the Acoma HCC at (505) 552-5145.
- B. Positive COVID-19 rapid test results must be reported to HCC at (505) 552-5145.

### 8. GENERAL COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES

- A. Pueblo of Acoma will follow New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) guidelines for vaccinations, quarantine, masking, etc.
- B. In general, stay at home: avoid unnecessary travel and always stay at home when you are sick (except for medical emergencies).
- C. If you have been exposed to someone with the COVID-19 virus, obtain a COVID-19 test 72 hours after your last contact with the positive individual, to determine your status and seek medical attention if you experience symptoms.
- D. 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.
- E. Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable.
  - F. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - G. Arrange for all meetings or visits to take place remotely/virtually whenever possible.
  - H. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
  - I. 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 **May 9, 2022**, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022:***

**PUEBLO OF ACOMA**



Randall Vicente  
Governor