



**AMENDED**

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Due to the COVID -19 Pandemic and for the safety of our Zuni people to practice their annual Shalako ceremony in a safe and healthy manner, the Zuni Religious Leadership announces the annual Shalako observation will be limited to enrolled Zuni tribal members.

The Zuni Religious Leadership strongly encourages our Zuni people, Non-Zuni Community members, and Non-Residents alike to be understanding, considerate and support the difficult decisions they have made in order to protect our people.

Therefore, the religious leadership with support from the Zuni Governor and Tribal Council and with assistance from the Zuni Incident Command, developed the following message to the Zuni community:

**ENTERING ZUNI COMMUNITY**

**DECEMBER 4-11, 2020**

1. Zuni Tribal members must provide a census card or certificate of Indian blood in order to be allowed into the Zuni community through the established checkpoints.
2. Zuni Tribal Members who are coming from out of state need to take a C-19 test prior coming to Zuni and quarantine until they get their results.
  - a. Tribal members who reside outside of Zuni, please understand that if you planned on getting tested at the Zuni Indian Health Service, they are limited on resources and therefore you will need to plan ahead and get tested from your location prior to coming to Zuni.
  - b. Family must provide the name(s) of family/relatives living out of state to the Call Center Staff. Information will be forwarded to the Check points.
  - c. It will be the responsibility of the individual(s) to follow all safety measures if they are diagnosed with a positive result.
3. Non-Zuni's who are employed or live within Zuni will be allowed to enter with the following exemptions:
  - a. An employee ID, letter from employer or a letter from Zuni tribal member indicating that the person who is a non-Zuni lives at their residence their relationship, and for how long must be provided.
  - b. Advised to respect the restrictions by our Zuni Religious leaders and avoid the religious observances
4. Contractors, Fed Ex, Semis, other company vehicles conducting business in Zuni allowed entry with restrictions not to conduct any other business and avoid religious observances.

**THE SAFETY OF OUR ZUNI PEOPLE IS PRIORITY**

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