



**ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ZUNI TRIBE  
ZUNI, NEW MEXICO**

**April 12, 2021**

**Resolution No. M70-2021-P044**

**Amended and Supplemental COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Emergency Declaration – Turquoise**

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and six Tenientes, is declared to be the legislative authority of the Zuni Tribe by Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to approve, provide and to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe by Article VI, Section 1, paragraph d of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to enact ordinances, to provide for the enforcement of tribal ordinances and to provide by ordinance the orderly management of tribal affairs by Article VI, Section 1, paragraphs k, l and m of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020 under Resolution Number M70-2020-P037 the Zuni Tribe declared that there was a public health emergency related to the pandemic spread of COVID-19. On April 3, 2020 Governor Val R. Panteah, Sr., issued an Executive Order, a curfew within the boundaries of the Zuni Reservation between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, that emergency continues as there are or have been 1,198 diagnosed cases at Zuni and 52 deaths with no end in sight. This Amended Declaration incorporates and updates Resolution No. M70-2020-P037, and the Governor's Executive Order of April 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zuni Tribal Council has determined that the COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and well-being of the Zuni Tribe and Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico has continued to report numerous confirmed cases of COVID-19, deaths as a result of COVID-19, and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has declared a statewide public health emergency and invoked her authority under New Mexico's All Hazard Emergency Management Act; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in addition to directions given in Resolution M70-2020-P037, the Tribal Council directs the following:


1. All of Zuni Community members will wear face coverings while out in public and around public places at all times or when in contact with persons with whom they are not living in the same household; exception of when at their own residences. (CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Recommendations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings, Help Slow the Spread of Covid-19, Updated March 8, 2021) This directive includes Zuni's participating in traditional and cultural and religious activities.
2. Meetings of more than 120 people or 150 vehicles are prohibited unless excepted by this Declaration. (Updated March 15, 2021 and Public Health Order, New Mexico Department Of Health and N.M. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham 2021) Excepted from this directive are traditional cultural or religious meetings/ gatherings so as long as all members are wearing face coverings throughout the meetings.
3. All houses of worship will continue with their services for community members only and strictly adhere to (6) feet or more apart from other person in or outside the building and not to exceed at 50 -percent capacity (Public Health Order, New Mexico Department of Health and N.M. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Key Health metrics and tiering system 2021)
4. All in person meetings between members of the Zuni Community who are not members of the same household may be held if each person is wearing a face covering and standing six (6) feet or more apart from other persons in and outside public places including places where notice is placed (CDC Guidance and Tips for Tribal Community Living During COVID-19, Social Distancing and Coping During COVID-19, Updated March 7, 2021 and CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Guidelines on How Full Vaccinated people can safely resume, Updated March 8, 2021.
5. All businesses will be closed during the evening Curfews with the exception of Medical facilities. Businesses will open based on their daily business hours with an extended hour up to 9:00 p.m. (1-hour prior to curfew coming to effect at 10:00 p.m.)

6. Evening curfews will remain in effect but will be in effect starting at 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m. daily including weekends (Change in the curfew hours is due to significant decline in our COVID-19 daily positivity rate as per our local Health Officials. These hours shall change in the event the positivity rate increase in increments of 5 positive cases per week.
7. The checkpoints will be temporarily suspended as well and Kachini Security personnel will be redirected to local establishments, businesses and school events to ensure current CDC guidelines are adhered to by all persons patronizing these establishments, government offices and school events.
8. The change in Curfew hours will become in effect on April 16, 2021, following approval of this and the Public is informed through all media avenues that is available to the community.
9. Based on the New Mexico's Colored coded tiering system McKinley county is in the turquoise green level. Large events such as school events can operate at 33% capacity for indoor and outdoor events and Mass gathering not to exceed 150 people or 200 vehicles.


**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that members of the Zuni Tribe are put on notice that violations of the above directions may cause members to be charged with Public Nuisance (4-4-120), Failure to Disperse (4-4-96) and other charges as the facts may merit.


**IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Zuni Tribal Council may review and change the directives as reasonably appropriate to deal with this pandemic.

**ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:**

  
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Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor

  
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Virginia R. Chavez, Head Teniente

  
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Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr., Teniente

  
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Ricky R. Penketewa, Sr., Teniente

  
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Carleton R. Bowekaty, Lt. Governor

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Eric Bobelu, Teniente

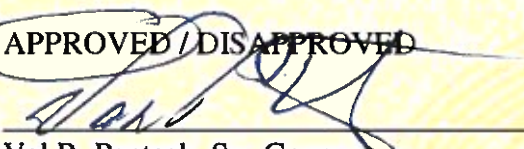
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Absent - Excused  
Arden Kucate, Teniente

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 1 absent on April 12, 2021.

  
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Tribal Council Secretary

APPROVED / DISAPPROVED

  
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Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor  
Pueblo of Zuni

