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Officially known as the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Indian Reservation

### **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Declaration of Emergency by NM Governor – March 11, 2020 and COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Resolution Number M70-2020-PO37 issued by the Zuni Governor and Tribal Council on March 19, 2020.

Curfew effective April 6, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. - 5:00 am until further notice:

1. Limited – allowing for religious practices, medical staff, community members going to the hospital.....
2. Restricted – driving around between 8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
3. All businesses close at 7:00 p.m. to allow customers to go home.

#### **PARTIAL CLOSURE: Effective April 10, 2020**

Partial Closure – By order from the Governor - To mitigate the spread of the Covid-19 virus, limit time of entrance and exit into the Zuni Community between the hours of 5:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

1. Stay at home order issued by Zuni Tribal Council.
2. Community members allowed to leave and enter the Zuni community between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to conduct essential business.

#### **COMMUNITY CLOSURE: PENDING**

**Zuni community closed- 24 hour enforcement ordered by Governor and Tribal Council**

Leaving the Reservation:

- Only two Community members per vehicle allowed to leave the reservation between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to conduct essential shopping. Restrictions on elderly and children emphasized.
- Travelers/ Non-tribal members allowed to leave.

Coming into the Reservation:

- Travelers will not be allowed onto the reservation and can be diverted to North highway 602, east highway 53 or south highway 36.
- Tribal members will be allowed access into community – State ID with Address/Census card/Work ID ....
- Essential Non-tribal members who reside outside of the Zuni community and employed within the Zuni community allowed with proper work identification.
- Non-tribal members married to Tribal Members provided access with verification.
- Non-tribal members who reside in the Zuni community and employed within the Zuni community allowed with proper work identification.
- Non-Tribal members requesting entrance for medical care.
  - a. all non-residents accessing health care from the Zuni IHS Hospital or the Dialysis Center are restricted to those facilities only and travel to any other locations in the Zuni Community is prohibited.
  - b. Failure to comply with this order may result in citation, arrest or removal from the Zuni Community.

### **Phase III: Road Closure**

All access in and out of the Zuni community will be closed. Road barriers and the Division of Public Safety personnel will be posted at the following two checkpoint locations to ensure that closure is enforced. The third location is a complete road closure with barriers to blocks and traffic through this route. Public Safety office will be patrolling the third location regularly.

Location #1: West New Mexico Highway 53 (West Reservation Line)

Location #2: East New Mexico Highway 53 – Mile Post 17 (Weight Station Area)

Location #3: BIA Route 8 (Pia Mesa) – Full Closure with Jersey Barrier Wall

Location #4: BIA Route 25 (North of Blackrock Lake bed) – Full Closure with Jersey Barrier Wall

- Establish signage at all points – Gallup, Grants, Fence Lake, and Witch wells establishments. Announce on the independent newspaper and all local television networks.
- Signs will be placed on Nutria and Ojo Caliente access roads that notifies the public that the lakes are closed.
- Notify Arizona state and New Mexico State Department of Transportation regarding road closure of Highway 53

#### **Closure Enforcement:**

- Non-Essential tribal members will not be allowed off the reservation. All goods and services must be done within the Zuni Village area.
- Zuni tribal members who reside off the reservation will adhere to the New Mexico Governor's "Stay At Home" order. It is highly recommended that these individuals remain at their current residents to minimize the spread of this virus.
- Travelers will not be allowed onto the reservation and can be diverted to North highway 602, east highway 53 or south highway 36.
- Non-Zuni Tribal members (living outside the community) will not be allowed to enter the village to shop for goods and services.

#### **Special Considerations:**

The road closures will help mitigate the spread of the Covid-19. Listed are the following a few considerations that grant essential personnel to be allowed to have access in and out of the road closure.

- Tribal members/residents who work outside the Zuni community will be allowed to leave and return with a valid work identification or letter from their employer validating their employment.
- Essential Non-tribal members who reside outside of the Zuni community and employed within the Zuni community with proper work identification will be allowed in.
- High school and college students that have been displaced from their dormitory who need to return to Zuni are **REQUIRED** to isolate themselves for 14 days.
- Delivery of goods and services, Mail delivery, medical supply delivery, grocery, and fuel supply trucks will be allowed into the community
- Shalako Sponsors will be allowed in and out access to purchase building materials off the reservation.
- Sheep / cattle and farmers who have ranches outside the road closures will have in and out privileges; however, they are to abide by the established curfew hours.
- All General Contractors working within the village must submit employee names to Zuni Pueblo's Office of Planning & Development to obtain a temporary construction permits and identification cards in order to be allowed onto the Pueblo. If employee is not on the contractor's list, they will not be allowed to enter.
- General Contractors are to inform the Office of Planning & Development of all anticipated delivery of construction material at least 2 business days prior to delivery for truck deliveries to be allowed onto the Pueblo.

### **III. Resources**

The following resources will be utilized to complete successful road closure.

#### **EMS/Fire Department:**

Fire Chief – Chief will be designated as the Incident Commander for the Tribe

Fire Captain – Deputy IC

Emergency Manager – work with Incident Command System Incident Commander to learn about incident processes.

#### **Security / Law Enforcement Officers:**

Zuni Police Department: Configure multiple shifts to have officers maintain roadblocks to ensure that full closure is implemented per Governor's Order.

Zuni Rangers: Have them patrol Route 8 roadblock to ensure no access on and off reservation using dirt two-track roads.

Kachini Security – (Contingency Plan) – Security may be utilized for road closure if manpower gets depleted within the Zuni Division of Public Safety.

# Pueblo of Zuni COVID-19 Community Closure

