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Zuni Tribal Council Issues Amended and Supplemental COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

November 16, 2020

Resolution No. M70-2020-P078

Amended and Supplemental COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Emergency Declaration

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, I 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 is a public health emergency related to the pandemic spread of COVID-19. On April 3, 2020 Governor Val R. Panteah issued an Executive Order, a curfew within the boundaries of the Zuni Reservation between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. This Resolution and Order were reviewed by the Zuni Tribal Council on August 6, 2020 and on September 2, 2020, and Amended and Supplemental Covid-19 Emergency Declarations, M70-2020-P058 and M70-2020-P062, were issued; and

WHEREAS that emergency continues and the Zuni Tribal Council on this date has reexamined the need for the restrictions set forth in the immediate preceding paragraph and finds that based on the increase in COVID-19 cases which are now at 566 and the

number of deaths which are now at 31, with no end in sight as there is not yet a vaccine or other medical treatment to cure or stop this virus, that these emergency restrictions need to be continued; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council has determined that 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 and 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.

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To reach the Pueblo of Zuni COVID-19 information center, open every day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, call:

(505) 782-2466, (303) 917-3181,

(505) 782-7114, or (720) 576-4014

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Currently, there have been 59,034 cases and 1,158 deaths from COVID-19 in New Mexico and 5,148 cases and 265 deaths in McKinley County, New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, it is 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 when not at their residences unless excepted by this Declaration. (CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Considerations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings, Help Slow the Spread of Covid-19. Updated November 4, 2020, and Public Health Order, New Mexico Department Of Health, Acting Secretary Billy J. Jimenez, November 5, 2020). Excepted from this directive are Zunis participating in traditional and cultural and religious activities.
- 2. Meetings of five (5) or more people are prohibited unless excepted by this Declaration. (CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Considerations for Events and Gatherings, Updated July 7. 2020, and Public Health Order. New Mexico Department Of Health, Cabinet Secretary Kathyleen M. Kunkel July 13, 2020). Excepted from this directive are traditional cultural or religious meetings as long as number 1 above and number 3 below are complied with.
- 3. All in-person meetings between members of the Zuni Community which are not inconsistent with #2 above 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. (CDC Guidance and Tips for Tribal Community Living During COVID-19, Social Distancing and Coping During COVID-19, Updated July 7, 2020, and CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Social Distancing, Keep a Safe Distance to Slow the Spread.

Updated July 15, 2020).

- 4. The current evening curfews will be amended 8:00 PM-5:00 AM effective November 16, 2020.
- 5. A 57-hour weekend curfew from 8:00 PM Friday until 5:00 AM Monday is imposed to limit contact and restrict movement within the Zuni Pueblo. Exceptions are for persons traveling to work, essential travel and emergencies. This 57-Hour weekend curfew will become effective for the next 2-weekends, November 20-23, 2020 and November 27-30.
- 6. All businesses located within the Zuni Reservation will be closed during the 57-hour weekend curfews, including grocery stores, jewelry stores, and restaurants/drive-through

food establishments including local vendors. These closure and cease-operations requirements do not apply to the healthcare operations, public safety, post office, and other essential government functions. Programs must work with local fuel distributors to ensure fuel is available for purchase for their program vehicles during the extended curfew.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED

that members of the Zuni Tribe are put on notice that violations of the above directives 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 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zuni Tribal Council may review and change the directives as reasonably appropriate to deal with this pandemic.

ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor b/	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent
Carleton R. Bowekaty, Lt. Governor al	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent
Virginia R. Chavez, Head Councilwoman b/	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent
Clyde Yatsattie, Councilman	[] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [X] Absent
Arlen P. Quetawki Sr., Councilman b/	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent
Eric Bobelu, Councilman b/	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent
Ricky R. Penketewa Sr., Councilman b/	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent
Arden Kucate, Councilman a/	[X] Approved [] Opposed [] Abstained [] Absent

Note: a/ Voted at Tribal Chambers; b/ Voted Telephonically

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: 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent on **November 16, 2020**.

Tribal Council Secretary

APPROVED DESAPPROVED

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

ZYEP Supports #GivingTuesday

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project (ZYEP) is excited to support local youth and local artists on #GivingTuesday and beyond. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving back. We hope you'll join us on December 1st when you'll have the chance to join people around Indian Country and around the world to support causes close to your heart.

We have some great news to share! Our longtime partner, First Nations Development Institute, has provided a generous matching grant to support even more youth through ZYEP's arts-based programs, which provide local youth opportunities to connect to and express their culture.

Zuni-centered programming and the arts are more important than ever. Please join us on #GivingTuesday!

We'll be talking to local artists on Facebook Live and Instagram Live throughout the day.

Please forward this to friends, follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and be sure to mark you calendar for December 1. 2020.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

As many of you are aware, there has been a significant increase in COVID-19 infections within the Zuni community, surrounding areas, state and nationwide. We must remain vigilant and not let our guards down. We must protect our families, our children and our elders. "Living in a COVID-positive world requires discipline from all of us." (All Together NM, Oct 2020) Our behavior is important in slowing and stopping the spread of COVID-19. Do your part!

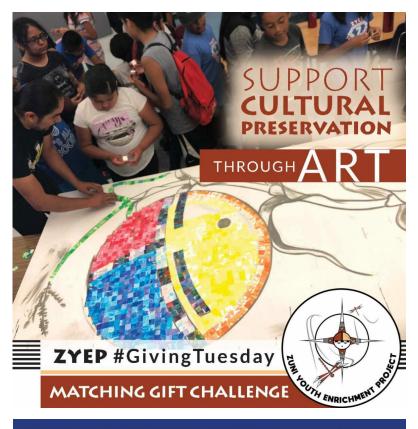
- Mask up Wash hands frequently Avoid unnecessary travel
- Always stay home when you are sick Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces.

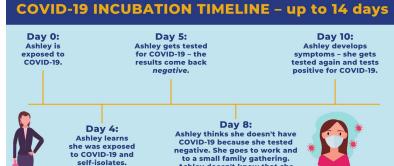


Effective November 23, 2020

COVID Drive Thru hours: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday - Friday





Ashley doesn't know that she does have COVID-19 and is contagious even without having symptoms. She has now exposed eleven people.



self-isolates.

To receive Pueblo of Zuni Alerts. Updates, and Notifications, text the word



AshiwiAlerts

To this number: 67283



Starting November 23rd, 2020 Zuni IHS walk up flu shot station open **TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 1pm-4pm** NE corner of Hospital.



Starting November 23rd, 2020 **COVID-19 DRIVE THRU TESTIN**

MONDAY-FRIDAY 10:00AM-4:00PM

505-782-7591

Let's all work together in combating covid-19.

We can do this! Hon' i:wicheman:awa.

Frontline Support

Are you working on the front lines to stop COVID-19? The New Mexico Healthcare Worker and First Responder Support line has your back. Call 1-855-507-5509 to talk.

Zuni Religious Leadership Announces Shalako Restrictions to Protect Community

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 supportive of 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

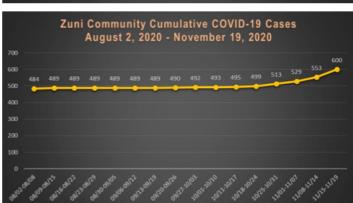
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- Zuni Tribal members must provide a census card or certificate of Indian blood in order to be allowed into the Zuni community through the established checkpoints.
- 2. Zuni Tribal Members who are coming from out of state need to take a C-19 test prior coming to Zuni and quarantine until they get their results.
 - a. <u>Tribal members who reside outside of Zuni, please</u> 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 checkpoints.
- It will be the responsibility of the individual(s) to follow all safety measures if they are diagnosed with a positive result.
- 3. Non-Zunis 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 a 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.
 - Advisement to respect the restrictions by our Zuni Religious leaders and avoid the religious observances.
- Contractors, FedEx, Semis, other company vehicles conducting business in Zuni will be allowed entry with restrictions not to conduct any other business and avoid religious observances.

THE SAFETY OF OUR ZUNI PEOPLE IS OUR PRIORITY









IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By the order of the Incident Command Team in consultation and support from the Governor, Tribal Council, and Zuni Public Health Officials; the Incident Command team will deploy mitigation measures to address the increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases in the Zuni.

The Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Council enacted a State of Emergency through an amended Resolution No. M70-2020-P078 and adopted New Mexico State Public Health Orders on November 16, 2020.

- Effective, Monday- November 16, 2020 Curfew will be enforced between 8:00 p.m. 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. (Note change in curfew time)
 - a. Essential Businesses: including grocery stores, jewelry stores, restaurants/drive through food establishments including local food vendors must close at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Extended Weekend Curfew will commence on the following dates:
 - a. 8:00~p.m. Friday November 20^{th} and end at 5:00~a.m. Monday November 23^{rd}
 - b. 8:00 p.m. Friday November 27th and end at 5:00 a.m. Monday November 30th
- 3. Curfew Restrictions all Zuni community members will comply with the orders and remain at their place of residence during the weekend curfew hours except in the event of an emergency or as described below:
 - Individuals may leave their place of residence in the event of an emergency to go to the hospital, dialysis unit, or to work as an essential employee.
 - b. Livestock owners will be permitted to leave their homes to tend to their livestock. A temporary permit from the Division of Natural Resources in coordination with the Livestock committee will be provided at the DNR office.
 - c. Individuals are allowed to be outside their homes, but not outside the boundaries of their
 - d. Essential Businesses: including grocery stores, jewelry stores, restaurants/drive through food establishments including local food vendors must cease operations for the duration of the weekend curfew. This closure and cease operations requirement do not apply to the healthcare operations and essential government functions.
 - Essential employees reporting to or from duty are exempt from the weekend curfew and are required to carry official identification and a letter from their employer on official letterhead.
 - f. Zuni religious personnel will be subject to curfew requirements; exemptions will be based on an individual responsibility. **Please limit driving activity.**