



PUEBLO OF ISLETA

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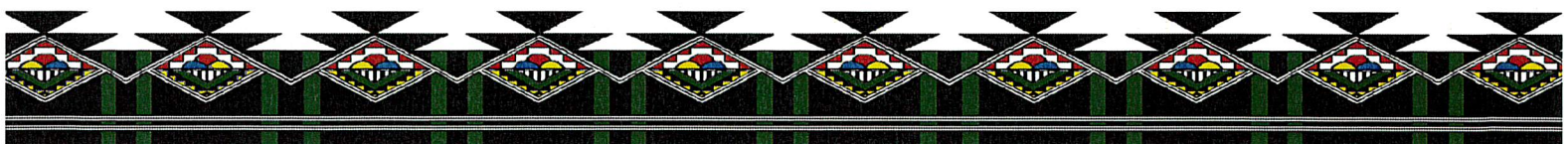
Dear Pueblo of Isleta Community:

I hope this message finds you and your families doing well and staying safe. First, I want to commend everyone for their cooperation in helping to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by staying at home and practicing social distancing. I know this is challenging, especially because we are a very close and social community, but rest assured, these measures are working. Secondly, I want to remind everyone that we cannot let our guard down. We must continue to do our part to protect our loved ones and everyone around us by strictly adhering to the emergency health guidelines. This will greatly minimize the possible risk of exposure to the deadly virus.

Believe me, this has been a challenging time for me and my family, and I know it is likely the same for you. Normally at this time of the year, we would be celebrating First Holy Communions, Head Start Graduations, Sixth Grade Rites of Passage, and High School and College Graduations, to name a few. But these are not normal times. Yet, across the country, and in cities and towns around the state, there are demands to ease the COVID-19 restrictions and re-open businesses, even as the number of cases continue to rise.

COVID-19 is still spreading and now is not the time to become impatient or complacent. We must continue to stay home, practice self-isolation, and minimize travel. It is also recommended that you follow the health guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, including:

- Wear a face covering, a cloth mask, surgical or procedural mask, when you go out in public
- Wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds
- Disinfect items you touch
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid large groups



Also, I'd like to remind you of the following Executive Orders related to COVID-19. They remain in effect until they are amended or rescinded:

- March 23, 2020 Restricting Access to All Non-Residents
- April 2, 2020 Curfew for All Tribal Residents
- April 8, 2020 Closure of Retail Cigarette Vendors
- April 14, 2020 Suspension of Sales of All Prepared Food & Arts and Crafts

In closing, we all know these are unusual and unprecedented times. Regardless, please consider the health and safety of others in the decisions you make and remember to follow all necessary precautions, especially when around our elders and our children. Remember, the sacrifices we make today and possibly into the coming months will help us as we work our way toward a safe and more normal life in the future.

Sincerely,



Max A. Zuni
Governor
Pueblo of Isleta

