



PUEBLO OF ISLETA

P. O. BOX 1270, ISLETA, NM 87022

August 5, 2020

Dear Pueblo of Isleta Community:

I hope you and your family are well and keeping safe at home. I know this time has been very challenging for all, and despite the recent incidents within our employee population, our community continues to be healthy due to your help in holding to the safety guidelines to contain the spread of the disease. I know this because I have received a report from the Health Center that the results of all 104 tests collected at our community testing event last Thursday were negative. However, I recognize that some of you continue to be concerned and I hope to address these concerns now.

On July 29, 2020, we received notification of two (2) positive cases within the Pueblo of Isleta (POI) employee workforce. The Isleta Health Services response team conducted immediate case investigation and contact tracing. The case investigation includes a comprehensive interview with the infected person(s) to gather information to determine if others were in close contact. "Close contact" is defined as someone who was in 6-feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2-days before they were sick, or for persons with no COVID-19 symptoms, 2-days prior to their testing. The POI employees who met this criteria were notified and ordered to quarantine for 14-days. Quarantine means they must stay home and monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms. They have been instructed to contact their health care provider immediately if they get sick or develop any other symptoms. They were also given information on how to care for themselves and others while in quarantine. Finally, they will be retested and must have a negative result prior to returning to work.

Together with the Tribal Council, we have taken further action by closing the non-essential service departments. Employees in these departments have been sent home for a period of 14-days. This does not mean that they were exposed or are quarantined. This decision is merely a precautionary measure to assure the safety of the community. In addition to this step, the Health Services department will be conducting another employee testing event. The announcement for testing will be made once the arrangements are confirmed with the New Mexico Department of Health.

In my daily conversations with each person I encounter, I say "*stay home*" and "*stay safe*". Please continue to adhere to the following COVID-19 safe practices:

- ✓ Stay home and avoid contact with people outside of normal household unit
- ✓ Practice social distancing (6 feet apart from others), no more than 5 people in a group
- ✓ Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds



- ✓ Cover your cough, and wear a clean non-medical face covering at all times possible
- ✓ Disinfect and clean high touch surface areas regularly
- ✓ Contact your healthcare provider immediately if you have fever, cough, or shortness of breath

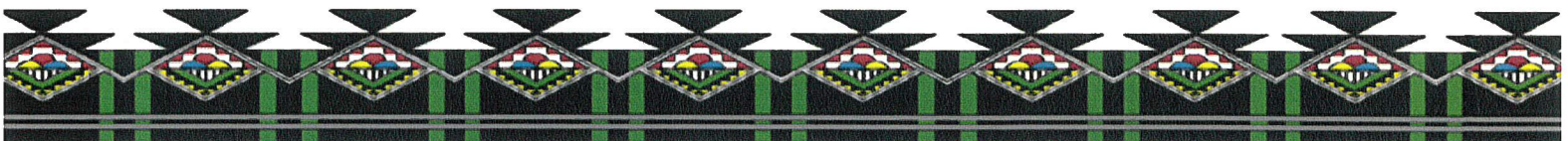
It is our social responsibility to hold to these practices, as they are our greatest weapon in combatting this virus. In keeping with this mission, I must bring to your attention the most recent Public Health Emergency Order 2020-02 issued July 30, 2020, which is attached. It reinforces strong safety practices and guidelines necessary for our community.

In closing, I want to thank you for your cooperation in keeping all healthy and safe. Together we can reduce the spread of the Coronavirus in our community. I will continue to pray for the health and safety of our people.

With sincerest regards,



Max A. Zuni, Governor





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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-02

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JULY 30, 2020

1. The intent and purpose of this Public Health Emergency Order is to prevent and mitigate community spread of COVID-19 within the Pueblo of Isleta.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to the Tribal Health Officer authority set forth in Title 40, Communicable Disease Code, Pueblo of Isleta, effective May 11, 2020, as adopted by Tribal Council Resolution No. 2020-016 on May 7, 2020, I hereby order that:

- A. All individuals two years of age and older within the external boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta are required to wear a mask while in public, except when eating, drinking or exercising.
- B. Any person who travels outside of the state of New Mexico for any reason is required to quarantine for 14 days upon their return. Any person who makes contact or visits such a person in quarantine is required to subsequently quarantine for 14 days from the date of last contact of the person in quarantine.
- C. Any visitor from outside of the state of New Mexico is required to quarantine for 14 days prior to making any contact with any other person.
- D. Any person or household member that allows a visitor from outside the state of New Mexico is required to subsequently quarantine for an additional 14 days from the date of last contact with the visitor.
- E. Mass gatherings are prohibited.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the all persons within the external boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta must abide by the following preventive measures:

1. All persons should perform frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or frequently use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
2. Maintain social and physical distancing. Keep at least 6 feet away from others when out of the home.
3. Avoid touching the face, nose, eyes or mouth.



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Definitions:

1. **Mask:** A facial covering designed to filter breathing through both the nose and mouth and thereby contain or limit respiratory droplets. A mask must snugly cover the face around both the nose and mouth. This may be a commercially made facemask or a homemade cloth face covering such as those found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
2. **Public:** Any area outside of an individual's residence wherein one could come in close contact with someone not from the individual's household.
3. **Visitor:** Any person, including tribal members, arriving from outside of the state of New Mexico.
4. **Quarantine:** The physical separation of someone potentially exposed to infection from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected but have no symptoms. People in quarantine are required stay in a designated location of residence at all times, remain separate from all others, and monitor their health for the entire quarantine period.
5. **Mass gathering:** Any public gathering, private gathering, organized event, or other grouping that it brings together (five) 5 or more individuals and a single room or connected space, confined outdoor space or open outdoor space. Businesses, workplaces, houses of worship, and places of lodging do not qualify as mass gatherings but must adhere to all applicable reopening policies and Executive Orders.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 6:00 PM, and shall remain in effect until otherwise ended by a subsequent Public Health Emergency Order.

ADDITIONAL ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT, SO ORDERED THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2020.

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Riley Nelson M.D.
Tribal Health Officer
Isleta Health Center Medical Director

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Max A. Zuni, Governor