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Memorandum

Date: March 30th, 2023
To: Governor Max A. Zuni
CC: Karen Lucero, CEO
From: Nancy Gonzales, Director of Public Health Services
RE: Update to COVID-19 Public Health Order 2022-03

The Pueblo of Isleta has implemented numerous measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These measures have been in place for a considerable period, and I am pleased to inform you that the situation has significantly improved.

Through the efforts of the community, health leaders, and tribal governance, we have seen advancements in vaccinations, access to COVID-19 testing, and educating the community on best practices. The overall trend in COVID-19 infections has declined, while the availability of resources, therapeutic treatments, and vaccines has increased. In concurrence with the current CDC Guidelines and current COVID-19 transmission rates, and the importance of resuming normal activities, the following recommendations will remain:

1. All persons 2 years of age and older are recommended to wear a mask while in indoor public settings, except when eating or drinking, or with members of the same household.
2. In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in indoor settings, crowded outdoor settings, and for activities with close contact with others.
3. All persons who are experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms are to call the COVID-19 Response Line, 505-869-9720, to schedule a COVID-19 test or obtain an at-home testing kit.
 - a. The Public Health Services Department will continue to provide testing, at-home testing kits, and vaccinations until further notice.
4. All persons who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days, if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others to minimize risk of transmission.
5. Persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if the following criteria are met:
 - a. Are up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations (a person who has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster doses when eligible) or fully-vaccinated (a person has received their primary series, dose 1 and dose 2 of COVID-19 vaccines).
 - b. Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.
 - c. Have had a confirmed COVID-19 positive test within the last 90 days.
6. Persons who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 10 days following an exposure and wear a well-fitted mask.
 - a. Persons do not need to stay home unless COVID-19 like symptoms develop.



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- b. If symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
 - c. It is recommended to get a COVID-19 test, even if you do not develop symptoms at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
7. Gatherings (including mass gatherings) will be permitted.
 - a. Social distancing and a well-fitted mask are recommended at any gathering or event at any indoor public spaces or Pueblo of Isleta venues.
8. All persons who do not lawfully reside within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta reservation will be denied access into and through the Isleta Pueblo Housing Districts and into the main village area.
 - a. Limited access will be granted to persons who are participating in Pueblo of Isleta sponsored activities or programs, such as recreation events and religious services.
9. The sale of prepared food, including but not limited to Indian Oven Bread or traditional food products, arts and crafts, agricultural and/or yard sales within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta is permitted. Vendors must abide by COVID-19 Safe Practices for all sales.

The Public Health Department will continue to monitor the situation and implement measures as necessary to ensure the safety of our community. Community Levels established by the Centers for Disease Control and the State of New Mexico Epidemiology Reports will be monitored daily, with updates provided at the end of each week by the Director of Public Health Services.

It is imperative to note that we still encourage tribal residents to take precautions to protect themselves and others. If the situation changes, we may need to reinstate some of the measures to ensure the safety of the Pueblo of Isleta.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the health and safety policies during these challenging times. Let us continue to remain vigilant and support each other as we move forward.

Definitions:

1. Access is restricted to all non-residents, with the exception of tribal members of the Pueblo of Isleta. All non-tribal members of the Pueblo of Isleta who do not lawfully reside within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta reservation will be denied access within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta reservation including the Isleta Pueblo Housing Districts, the Main Village area, and other housing areas within the Pueblo of Isleta.
2. **Well-fitted 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, have 2 or more layers of washable, breathable fabric, completely cover your nose and mouth, and have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out the of the mask. For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html>
3. **Public:** Any area outside of an individual's residence wherein one could come in close contact with someone not from the individual's household.
4. **Mass gathering:** Any public gathering, private gathering, organized event, sporting or recreational event, or other grouping that brings together 30 or more individuals in a single room or connected space, or personal
7. **Quarantine:** used to keep someone who might be exposed to COVID-19 away from others. People who



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have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months or who are fully vaccinated are excluded from quarantining as long as no new symptoms develop.

8. **Close Contact:** an individual who is within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more, individual who provides care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19, or individual who has had direct physical contact with someone who has COVID-19.

9. **Fully vaccinated:** ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

10. **Up-to-date:** persons who have received the primary series (1st and 2nd doses) and the booster dose (dose 3) of the COVID-19 vaccine series and any recommended COVID-19 vaccines.

11. **COVID-19 vaccine:** the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has issued interim recommendations for the use of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines for the prevention of COVID-19 in the United States.

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