



PUEBLO OF ISLETA

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PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER 2021-04

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October 11, 2021

1. The intent and purpose of this Public Health Emergency Order is to prevent and mitigate spread of COVID-19 within the Pueblo of Isleta. The Pueblo of Isleta has made significant progress in vaccinating individuals and reducing community transmission. Whereas, the Pueblo of Isleta has objectively assessed the overall COVID-19 Response to provide a decision-making framework based on the level of community transmission for a two-week period.

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. 2020-016B on November 25, 2020, I hereby order that:

- A. The level of mitigation will be determined based on the level of community transmission. The significant indicators (i.e. cases, hospitalizations, and deaths) will be assessed every 2-weeks to determine the level of mitigation. If at least two of the indicators are present for 2-week period, the level of mitigation will change to control transmission within the Pueblo of Isleta. The level of mitigation and significant indicators are subject to change.
- B. During times of **substantial, uncontrolled transmission**, defined as more than 40 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, more than 10 hospitalizations, or more than 1 death within a 2-week period, a shelter in place approach will be enacted:
 - All gatherings, indoor and outdoor, will be prohibited.
 - Local schools will be virtual.
 - Access will be restricted in and out of the Pueblo of Isleta, including hard road closures to non-tribal and non-residents of the Pueblo of Isleta.
 - Travel out-of-state will be prohibited and in-state travel restrictions will be based on county level case rates.
 - Curfew will be 9PM – 6AM.
 - Essential services only.
 - Mandatory community-wide testing to screen for COVID-19.
 - All persons 2 years of age and older will be required to wear a mask while in indoor and/or outdoor public settings, except when eating or drinking, or with



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members of the same household.

- C. During times of **substantial, controlled transmission**, defined as 26-40 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, between 6-10 hospitalizations, or at least 1 death within a two-week period the following significant mitigation interventions will be enacted:
- All gatherings, indoor and outdoor, will be prohibited.
 - Local schools will be virtual.
 - Access will be restricted in and out of the Pueblo of Isleta, including hard road closures, to non-tribal and non-residents of the Pueblo of Isleta.
 - Travel will be restricted. All travelers will be required to quarantine regardless of vaccination status.
 - Curfew will be 9PM – 6AM.
 - Community-level testing for COVID-19 will be encouraged with various testing sites located in the community.
 - All persons 2 years of age and older will be required to wear a mask while in indoor and/or outdoor public settings, except when eating or drinking, or with members of the same household.
- D. During times of **minimal to moderate community transmission**, defined as 16-25 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, between 1-5 hospitalizations, or no deaths within a two-week period, the following levels of moderate mitigation interventions will be enacted:
- Gatherings will be allowed with the following conditions:
 - Indoor gatherings of greater than 30 individuals will be prohibited.
 - Any outdoor activity of greater than 75 individuals will require a COVID-19 Safety Plan approved by the COVID-19 Mitigation Team before any activity is advertised and/or carried out at the Pueblo of Isleta.
 - With an approved COVID-19 Safety Plan, outdoor gatherings of no more than 75 individuals can social distance at a length of three (3) feet.
 - Local schools will be in-person and/or virtual.
 - Access will be restricted in and out of the Pueblo of Isleta to non-tribal and non-residents of the Pueblo of Isleta.
 - Travel out-of-state will be allowed. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated will be required to quarantine for 10-days upon return from travel.
 - Curfew will be 9PM – 6AM.
 - Testing for COVID-19 will be as needed or requested on an individual level.
 - All persons 2 years of age and older will be required to wear a mask while in indoor and/or outdoor public settings, except when eating or drinking, or with members of the same household.
- E. During times **of minimal to no community transmission**, defined as 0-15 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, no hospitalizations, or no deaths within a two-week period, the following low level



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mitigation interventions will be enacted:

- Gatherings will be allowed with 3-foot distancing with minimal restrictions.
 - Local schools will be in-person and/or virtual.
 - Access will be restricted in and out of the Pueblo of Isleta to non-tribal and non-residents of the Pueblo of Isleta.
 - Travel out-of-state will be allowed. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated will be required to quarantine for 10-days upon return from travel.
 - Curfew will be 9PM – 6AM.
 - Testing for COVID-19 will be as needed or requested on individual level.
 - All persons 2 years of age and older are required to wear a mask while in indoor and/or outdoor public settings, except when eating or drinking, or with members of the same household.
- F. 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.
- G. Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if all the following criteria are met:
- Are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 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).
 - Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure.
- H. All persons who are not fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine will be ordered to quarantine after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- I. Fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure.
- J. All persons who test positive for COVID-19 are to voluntarily isolate and cooperate with contact tracing and investigation efforts to quarantine close contacts.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 40.10.1 of Title 40, Communicable Disease Code, all tribal law enforcement officers are hereby ordered to actively enforce all provisions of this Public Health Emergency Order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all persons within the external boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta must abide by the following additional 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.



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2. All persons should maintain social distance of 3 to 6 feet to accommodate safe physical distancing for protection from the spread of respiratory droplets when out of the home and in public.
3. All persons should avoid touching their face, nose, eyes or mouth.
4. All persons who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible.
5. All persons eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine should receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

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. 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/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.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, or other grouping that brings together 30 or more individuals in a single room or connected space, or personal residence. Businesses, workplaces, houses of worship, and places of lodging do not qualify as mass gatherings, but must adhere to all applicable Pueblo of Isleta policies, Public Health Orders and Executive Orders. "Mass gathering" does not include individuals who are public officials or public employees in the course and scope of their employment.
5. Essential services: services such as home health care, delivery trucks, emergency home repair services, public utilities, and Pueblo of Isleta operations.
6. Quarantine: used to keep someone who might be exposed to COVID-19 away from others. People who 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. Quarantine period is endorsed by CDC to be 14-days, but can be shortened to 10 days without testing if there are no symptoms or after 7 days after receiving a negative test result (test must occur day 5 or later). Quarantine periods will be decided by the Tribal Health Officer or designee based on local transmission levels and needs.
7. Close Contact: an individual who is within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes



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- 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.
8. 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.
 9. 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.
 10. COVID-19 Mitigation Team: the Pueblo of Isleta incident command structure comprised of Incident Commanders, Logistics Chief, Operations Chief, Planning Chief, Finance Chief, Safety Officer, and other essential representatives from the Pueblo of Isleta operations.
 11. COVID-19 Safety Plan: a formal operational plan for any outdoor activity that includes COVID-19 safe practices and guidelines that will be followed for anyone attending or participating in the activity.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect Monday, October 11th 2021 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 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

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Kristyn Yepa, RN, MPH
Tribal Health Officer/Public Health Services Director
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Vernon Abeita, Governor