



PUEBLO of JEMEZ

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Pueblo of Jemez Community Members
FR: Governor David M. Toledo
1st Lt. Governor John Galvan
2nd Lt Governor Elston Yepa
DT: April 3, 2020
RE: Pueblo of Jemez Governors' Orders – Additional Restrictions

UPDATE – It has come to our attention that the surrounding tribal communities in New Mexico are being impacted by the COVID-19 virus. We are very fortunate at this time that Jemez Pueblo has NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of Friday, April 3, 2020. **It's important to understand that once COVID-19 hits a tribal community, it's highly contagious.** In order to protect yourself, your family and the community, you **MUST** social distance yourselves and stay away from places that have crowds of people. **Every time you or your family member goes outside of Jemez Pueblo, you increase your risk for exposure to COVID-19 and bringing it into our community.** Every time you gather in groups of more than 5 individuals, you increase your risk for exposure to COVID-19 virus.

These measures are being taken because there is no treatment or vaccine for the COVID-19 virus. You can be a carrier of the virus and not have any symptoms. Your body is the only defense against this virus. If you or your family members have an underlying medical condition such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, asthma, or other conditions that affect your immune system, you are at a much higher risk, it's important that you take every precaution necessary to protect yourself and your family. Don't be afraid to wear a mask that protects your mouth and nose – cloth or surgical mask. Wash your hands frequently. Do not touch your face - especially your eyes, nose and mouth. Don't let visitors or even extended family into your home during this time. We understand that this can be very difficult to do, but it is absolutely necessary.

Because this virus can spread very easily and quickly, additional restrictions are being Ordered by the Pueblo of Jemez Governors. **These new orders are intended to aggressively minimize person-to-person contact, reduce unintentional injuries, and provide more restrictions to travel outside of Jemez Pueblo.**

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1. **The Pueblo of Jemez Governors have ordered ADDITIONAL road closures to restrict non-residents from entering the Pueblo of Jemez. The following additional roads have been closed until further notice:**

1. Bear Head Canyon (west of Highway 4)
2. Green Acres Rd

There will now only be 3 entrances and exits into Jemez Pueblo from Highway 4. Each of these points will have a Tribal Official and/or Police Officer to monitor and restrict non-residents from entering Jemez Pueblo and limit travel outside of Jemez Pueblo.

2. **Pueblo of Jemez Residents are ordered to limit travel to only what is necessary for health, safety, and welfare.**

- Stay home and away from others. Social distance yourselves and your family.
- **If groceries or necessities are needed, plan with your family on who will go outside of Jemez Pueblo to get supplies.** Designate individuals in your family who are low risk. Do not walk into a store. Do everything you can to do pick-up orders. If you have to walk into any store, wear a mask that protects your nose and mouth, and gloves or wash your hands immediately after leaving the store or on your way out.
- **Limit your times going outside of Jemez Pueblo to once a week or not at all.** Keep in mind that every time you step outside of Jemez Pueblo, you increase your risk for exposure to the COVID-19 virus and bringing it into the community.
- **Do not enter the Jemez Health Center, unless you have a medical OR dental (emergency only) appointment.**
- JHHS Pharmacy will now bring medications to your vehicle. **Please call 575-834-0130 when you are picking up your medications and wait in your vehicle.**
- Avoid going outside of Jemez Pueblo for medical care, especially if the Jemez Health Center can address your medical needs.
 - The Jemez Health Center is here to be of service. **If you need to be seen by a medical provider, please call 575-834-7413 and ask to speak to a nurse.** The nurse will advise you appropriately and schedule you an appointment, if necessary.

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- Call the JHHS After-Hours Medical Provider Hotline at 505-309-2937, if you need to speak to a JHHS medical provider after 5PM or during the weekend when the clinic is closed.
- If you need to speak to a Behavioral Health Provider, please call the following numbers:
 - Patricia Lopez: 575-834-3193
 - Behavioral Health Program: 575-834-7258
- **If you or someone you know has travelled outside of New Mexico or to another tribal community in New Mexico, has had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call 575-834-3308 to report it to the POJ/JHHS Response Team.**
 - The POJ/JHHS Response Team is here to be supportive and provide resources to your family while under quarantine or isolation.
 - Reporting and contact tracing is important to help prevent the spread of the virus. Help us by reporting individuals who need to be quarantined and monitored.

3. **Community wide Curfew**

- We have a community curfew of 10PM, every night of the week.
- All residents of Jemez Pueblo are directed to STAY HOME. Only travel for emergency purposes. We cannot afford any unintentional injuries, it is crucial that we all be safe and avoid unnecessary trips to the hospital. Therefore, please obey all the laws including laws prohibiting intoxication, possession of alcohol and drugs, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, possession of marijuana and other controlled substances.

4. **Farming**

- Farming is to be done using caution. Practice social distancing while conducting farm work.

Read the attached fact sheet, “Social Distancing During COVID-19.” This will provide you additional guidance on the best way to prevent COVID-19. The more prevention you and your family practice, not only will you be protecting yourself and your family but you will protect our Jemez Pueblo community. Please, abide and respect all orders by the Pueblo of Jemez Governors’ Office.

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