

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Pueblo of Jemez Community Members

FR: Governor David M. Toledo 1

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Governor John Galvan

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Governor Elston Yepa

**DT**: November 4, 2020

**RE**: Notice for Continuance of Community Lockdown to December 31, 2020

UPDATE: As of November 4, 2020, the Pueblo of Jemez currently has <u>12</u> active positive cases for COVID-19. This has resulted in 17 different households to quarantine. In order to ensure the Jemez community is minimally impacted by the COVID-19 virus, the Pueblo of Jemez Governors have extended the community lockdown to **December 31, 2020.** 

We understand how difficult it is during this pandemic and we thank you for your continued efforts to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community. However, in recent weeks it has become apparent that more community members have decreased their efforts in following mandated orders and recommended prevention practices, especially during weekends. We want to remind each and every one of you that each Saturday is a day for you and your household family members to be out of the community. This does not mean that this is an opportunity to host social gatherings as such occasions have caused many families to quarantine.

In response to the number of cases increasing throughout the State of New Mexico and Jemez Pueblo, we will begin alternating Saturday's as an essential day to allow you and your household family members to leave the community. This an effort to ensure that we prevent the COVID-19 virus from further affecting the Jemez community.

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The following Saturday schedule will be effective beginning October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Saturday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open Essential Day
Saturday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Open Essential Day
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	CLOSED
Saturday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Essential Day
Saturday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Saturday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Essential Day
Saturday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Saturday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Essential Day

As you leave the community, please be reminded to practice prevention efforts such as the following:

- Always wear a mask! If you are in a public setting or if you are around individuals who are not a part of your household, please wear a mask.
- Avoid social gatherings of more than 5 people. Limiting your contact with those that are not within your household reduces your risk of exposure of COVID-19.
- Hand hygiene is an important safety precaution to practice. Washing your hands frequently or use of hand sanitizer reduces the spread and your exposure to germs.
- Social distance. As you go out into the public for essential items, continue to maintain a distance of 6 feet from others.

It is very important to practice all prevention efforts each and every day. We have seen families, children, and elders go through the hardship of quarantine and/or isolation. Reminders of prevention efforts are simply to prevent you and your families to go through the tragedy of quarantine and isolation. We hope that with our continued efforts, the Jemez community will continue to be minimally impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

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We will continue to have designated days for essentials. Exceptions will be made for medical appointments if proof is provided. The following schedule will continue, based on the first letter of the person's last name:

Last Name (beginning initial)	Designated Day
A-F	Monday
G-S	Tuesday
T-Z	Wednesday

## The following guidance will now be in effect with the community lockdown:

- Trips to the transfer station to haul trash will now only be allowed on essential days and/or Saturdays.
- Curfew is 8:00 PM 5:00 AM, seven days a week.
- Only two people in a vehicle. Please continue to protect our elders and children by keeping them safe and at home.
- O Saturdays will be an exception of two people in a vehicle. Elders and children will be allowed to leave on Saturdays.
- o Farmers will be allowed to enter and tend to their fields.
- o Residents must contact the Governors Office at 575/834-7359 prior to requesting service from outside businesses/vendors. This will help us to process access passes and enforce restrictive measures.
- o Non-residents will not be allowed through checkpoint unless for farming/ranching and have minimal interaction with tribal residents.
- O You will be turned around and not allowed to leave and/or enter the Pueblo if your reason is deemed unnecessary.
- o Limit gatherings. Please avoid having family gatherings at this time. Stay within your own households.
- o Continue to practice hand hygiene, social distancing and always wear a mask when you are in public.
- If you are sick, please remain home and call 575-834-7413 and ask to speak to a nurse for further instructions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding COVID-19 matters specific to the Jemez community, please contact the JHHS Response Team via email at <a href="mailto:jhhsresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us">jhhsresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us</a> or call 575-834-3308.