

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NAVAJO OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION PROGRAM**

April 5, 2020

Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-005

Public Health Emergency Order Implementing a 57-Hour Weekend Curfew from 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 10 to 5:00 A.M. on Monday April 12 Due to the Community Spread of COVID-19

- I. Paragraphs I – IX from Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 are incorporated herein, addressing the various Navajo Nation (Nation) authorities related to the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as well as the escalating incidents and community spread of COVID-19 on the Nation.
- II. The intent and purpose of this Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-005 is to further restrict the movement of individuals on the Nation for a 57-hour period, and implement a full weekend curfew from April 10, 2020 to April 12, 2020, starting at 8:00 P.M. on Friday to 5:00 A.M. on Monday.
 - a. All provisions of this Order are to be interpreted to effectuate this intent.
 - b. Failure to comply with any of provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the power and authority set forth in the NDOH enabling legislation (NNC Resolution No. CO-50-14) and in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Public Health State of Emergency Declaration (CEM Resolution No. 20-03-11):

- A. All individuals on the Nation shall comply with a **Weekend Curfew** across the Nation from 8:00 P.M. on Friday, April 10, 2020 to 5 A.M. on Monday, April 12, 2020. All individuals shall be at home during curfew hours except in the event of an emergency.
 1. This curfew does not apply to Essential Employees reporting to or from duty, with official identification and/or a letter of designation from their Essential Business employer on official letterhead which includes a contact for verification.
 2. Additional 24-hour or full weekend curfews may follow at the direction of the Health Command Center.
- B. **Essential Businesses** should limit operations during the stated curfew the greatest extent possible. This does not apply to Healthcare Operations, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Infrastructure Activities, or Essential Businesses that do not directly serve customers.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall not abrogate any disease-reporting requirements (consistent with HIPAA privacy standards).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that it is greatly advised that the public take the following preventive precautions:

1. All persons on the Navajo Nation are required to stay home during the curfew and leave home only in the event of an emergency.

2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

3. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

4. To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places – elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking with people, etc. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hands or finger if you must touch something.

5. Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.

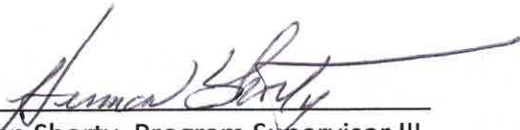
6. Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, and cell phones).

7. Avoid all public gatherings.

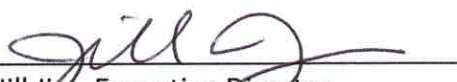
8. Avoid all non-emergency travel.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect Friday, April 10, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. and shall remain in effect until Monday, April 12, 2020 at 5:00 A. M.

ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL 2020.



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Definitions

Essential Businesses: Healthcare Operation, Essential Governmental Functions and Essential Infrastructure (e.g., courts of law, medical providers for urgent care, public utilities, and critical school operations such as nutrition programs). (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002., March 19, 2020 and expanded through Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020 to include grocery stores, food banks, convenience stores, hardware stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of groceries, non-grocery products, wholesale and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences, among other things.)

Essential Employees: Those employees identified by Essential Businesses deemed to be necessary to the continued operation of those Essential Businesses.

Essential Governmental Functions: means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002, March 19, 2020).

Essential infrastructure: Public works construction, construction of housing, water, sewer, gas, electrical, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services). (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020).

Social Distancing Requirements: Limiting contact of people within 6 feet from each other. (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-002, March 19, 2020).

Social Distancing Standards: Not shaking hands, standing several feet away from other people, avoiding crowds, etc.) (From Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-003, March 20, 2020).