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AMENDMENT NO. 09

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In accordance with Executive Order No. TA-2020-01 issued on April 10, 2020, and as authorized by the Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Council, I, Governor Randall Vicente, hereby issue **Amendment No. 09**, to be implemented within the boundaries of Acoma lands. This Amendment is in response to the current Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Public Health and associated Vaccination Initiatives of the Pueblo of Acoma. Prior versions of the Executive Order have focused on implementing and adjusting our emergency responses as the course of the pandemic continues to evolve. The original virus now has several variations as a result of the natural mutation that occurs with this type of disease.

We know that new variants of COVID-19 will continue to emerge, and each variant could present different health risks. We may need to re-impose mandatory measures if the infections and especially hospitalizations increase dangerously. For now, however it is time to move away from mandates and strongly encourage individuals to take personal responsibility to stay up to date with boosters and use masks at their own discretion, taking into consideration participating in an activity with high risk of COVID (i.e., small settings with poor ventilation, large indoor gatherings). The best way to protect you and your family from COVID-19 continues to be to get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. Vaccine-based immunity appears to provide very broad-based immunity against multiples of variants, and vaccines are known to be effective at lowering the risk of contracting, spreading, and becoming seriously ill from COVID-19.

The intent and purpose of Amendment No. 09 is to ensure a continued, effective response to the COVID-19 Public Health and Vaccination Initiatives of the Pueblo of Acoma by reaffirming previous provisions which include modified, deleted, and new measures set forth in this Executive Order.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Executive Order TA-2020-01, Amendment No. 09 and in conjunction with the Pueblo of Acoma Public Health Emergency Declaration of March 13, 2020, all individuals on the Pueblo of Acoma shall comply with the following provisions:

1. COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES
2. BUSINESS/GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
3. GUIDELINES FOR THE DEATH OF A RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT PUEBLO/NON-PUEBLO FAMILY MEMBER, AND COVID-19 RELATED DEATH
4. OLD ACOMA, AND TRADITIONAL/RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES
5. USE OF PUBLIC SPACES

The following modified provisions shall serve as a guide for individuals and each head of household who must comply with and enforce this order. Acoma Police Department (APD), in cooperation with the Pueblo of Acoma Health Command Center (HCC) will monitor activity throughout the duration of the Executive Order.

1. COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES

- A. Pueblo of Acoma will follow New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) safety guidelines for vaccinations, quarantine, masking, etc.,
- B. Acoma Tribal Leaders (Field Chiefs and Mothers) will decide on, and establish, safety practices for Old Acoma and their decisions will be respected.
- C. The Pueblo of Acoma tribal members, their spouses, significant other, extended relatives (e.g., in-laws and enrolled family members), and children, residing on and off Acoma Tribal lands should do the following to help protect themselves, their family, and the community.
- i. Monitoring. Please check yourself and household members daily for COVID-19 symptoms include loss of taste or smell, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, muscle pains, chills, and fatigue. Anyone having any of these symptoms should immediately isolate themselves from other people until a negative COVID-19 test is received.
 - ii. Testing. If symptomatic or if you have been potentially exposed to COVID-19.
 - Anyone who is experiencing symptoms (including loss of taste or smell, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headaches, muscle pains, chills, fatigue) or if they have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 should be tested. If you have tested positive recently, you will not need to test again for 90 days after your last positive test.
 - If you have been exposed to someone with the COVID-19 virus, obtain a COVID-19 test 72 hours after your last contact with the positive individual, to determine your status and seek medical attention if you experience symptoms.
 - COVID-19 Testing Locations:
 - a. ACL Hospital (Mon, Wed, Fri) register at: (505) 552-5300
 - b. Health and Wellness building can provide limited testing. Must call ahead at (505) 552-5145
 - c. Or find a location nearest you at: <https://cvprovider.nmhealth.org/directory.html>
 - POSITIVE COVID-19 rapid test results must be reported to HCC at (505) 552-5145.
 - **NOTE:** Oral treatments, taken from the convenience of home, can reduce your chances of severe outcomes from COVID-19, including hospitalization and death, by nearly 90% and can prevent our hospitals from being overrun during surges. Anyone who is over 65, overweight, pregnant, has asthma, is a smoker, diabetic, and any other eligible conditions are qualified to take oral treatments if they test positive and have any COVID-19 symptoms. The more qualifying conditions a person has, the more likely they'll suffer severe outcomes. If this is your medical situation, the time is now to speak with your doctor about a plan for oral treatments in case it becomes necessary.
 - iii. Vaccine and booster. COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are strongly encouraged for all Acoma Tribal Members, and non-Acoma Tribal Residents.
 - Everyone who is eligible is strongly encouraged to stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines and obtain all recommended boosters. Now that the FDA approved the Pfizer Vaccination for children 6 months to 5 years old, it is highly recommended that children within that age range get vaccinated. The vaccine for very young children is 1/10th the dosage of adults and requires a total of three (3) injections to be considered fully vaccinated.
 - For COVID-19 vaccination information please contact the Acoma HCC at (505) 552-5145.
 - iv. Face masks. Face masks are now optional but strongly encouraged.
 - If you are participating in an activity with high risk of COVID (i.e., small spaces, rooms with poor ventilation, large indoor gatherings).
 - Gatherings with a large group of non-household members would also be considered as moderately high risk.
 - Tribal members are not required to wear a mask/face covering while outdoors on Acoma Lands.
 - v. Use extra precautions when outside the Pueblo. Most of those who have contracted COVID-19 have been infected when they or a family member were outside the Pueblo. Everyone is encouraged to be responsible and continue to follow COVID-19 safe practices when indoors or in crowded spaces.

- vi. Use Sanitary Practices. Avoid COVID-19 contraction through the following:
 - Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in your home and vehicles.
 - vii. In general, stay at home. Avoid unnecessary travel and always stay at home when you are sick (except for medical emergencies). It is strongly recommended that all Tribal members limit travel to essential purposes only.
- D. Children K-12 may attend in classroom instruction (at both tribally controlled schools and other schools located off tribal lands), following mask/face covering mandates and other COVID-19 Safety Guidelines.
 - E. The Pueblo of Acoma Police Department, Fire, and EMS services are re-activated to full operation and service delivery.
 - F. Wood hauling with permit shall continue to be issued, however, it is the responsibility of the wood hauler to remain informed of any changes to the POA safety guidelines daily, due to the severity of the current drought.
 - G. Food delivery services for elders and children may continue with food handling safety precautions.
 - H. Respect the privacy of any individual or family residing within Acoma boundaries who is self-isolating or has self-quarantined as a personal choice or, has been exposed or had known direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. No personal information will be released without consent.
 - I. All gatherings outdoors & indoors are now UNLIMITED; however, practice of safety guidelines is still highly encouraged.

2. BUSINESS/GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

- A. Tribal Buildings are open to the public for in-person business, in accordance with their COVID-19 Safety policies and procedures which shall remain in effect:
 - i. A mask/face covering is now optional for all employees and patrons of Tribal Government Operations.
- B. Acoma Business Enterprises are in full operation in accordance with their COVID-19 Safety Policies and Procedures which will remain in effect.
 - i. Face mask/face covering for patrons are not required but strongly encouraged.
 - ii. ABE employees are still mandated/required to wear a mask/face covering.
- C. Tribal Vendors are authorized to operate at full capacity.
 - i. Food vendors must have all required permits, e.g., food handlers, vaccination cards. Mask/face coverings, while working with the public, will be optional.
- D. Quarantine day requirements are now between 5 and up to 10 days for all employees of Tribal Government, Tribal Entity, Acoma Business Enterprises, and Tribal Vendors.
 - i. Continued implementation of previously approved, stricter, COVID-19 requirements is at the discretion of the Tribal Government Divisions/Entities, Acoma Business Enterprises, and Tribal Vendors.
- E. Work related travel (i.e., conferences, trainings, etc.) for employees of Tribal Government Operations, Tribal Entities, and Acoma Business Enterprises are restricted to essential purposes only which shall be at the discretion of Tribal Administration.
- F. Tribal members and Tribal businesses who are doing business with outside entities shall continue to inform the HCC and/or Tribal Administration to coordinate access for those external business representatives.
- G. Whenever possible, arrange for all meetings or visits to take place remotely/virtually.

3. GUIDELINES FOR THE DEATH OF A RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT PUEBLO/NON-PUEBLO FAMILY MEMBER, AND COVID-19 RELATED DEATH

- A. Burials and traditional wakes are allowed with unlimited capacity unless death is caused by COVID-19. The Governor's Office must be informed of any death related to COVID-19 and will provide further guidance on current procedures.
- B. Contact the Governor's Office for other information regarding permissions and services at 505-552-6604.

4. OLD ACOMA, AND TRADITIONAL/ RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

- A. The only security checkpoint located below Old Acoma, shall remain in operation, and serve as the primary point of access for monitoring authorized individuals who are entering and exiting Old Acoma.
- B. A valid vaccination card must be presented at the security checkpoint to gain access to Old Acoma.
 - i. Valid vaccination card must include Name, date of birth, product/manufacture name with Lot Number, date, and clinic site. (Photo of card is valid with accompanying valid photo ID)
 - ii. Valid Photo ID that matches the vaccination card.
 - iii. Based on current COVID-19 numbers, a current (within 72 hours) valid COVID-19 test may be required.
- C. Maintain and practice social distancing with Field Chiefs and Mothers. Respect their personal space and boundaries.
- D. Old Acoma, limit is to be no more than 10 people for gatherings, with COVID-19 Safe Practices.
- E. Church at Old Acoma will remain **CLOSED**.
- F. During the period of NO Traditional Activities, family members will be allowed access to the mesa top without a COVID test. This is ONLY to check on their homes or to go pray.
- G. Family homes needing repair or any kind of work, will require family members and workers to show a negative PCR COVID TEST, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- H. All cultural activities will be determined by the cultural leadership of the Pueblo. Notice will be provided to the tribal community. To date there are NO scheduled events at Old Acoma.
 - i. When and if there are any Traditional or Cultural activities, everyone will be required to show a Negative PCR COVID TEST. Failure to show documentation by any person will be denied access to the top, this will be strictly enforced.
 - ii. Mask/face covering will be required during cultural events at Old Acoma. KN95 or N95 masks are recommended
 - iii. Field Chiefs and Mothers have the authority to make last minute changes to events held at Old Acoma.

5. USE OF PUBLIC SPACES

- A. Use of public parks and open spaces is now authorized.
- B. Church services for McCartys and Acomita can resume at 100% occupancy.
- C. Continued COVID-19 SAFE PRACTICES are strongly encouraged.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any person who violates the provisions of this Executive Order will be subject to civil or criminal sanctions, contempt, fines, and penalties under the laws of Acoma and other applicable law(s). Any person who refuses to obey directives by Security, Tribal Sheriffs, Law Enforcement, First Responders and Division of Health and Human Services Officials appointed to enforce this Executive Order, is subject to criminal and/or civil sanctions under the laws of Acoma and other applicable law(s). Any person who believes that the directive is unwarranted must follow the directive until otherwise ordered and may file their objection with the Pueblo of Acoma Tribal Court.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any employee of the Pueblo of Acoma and Acoma Business Enterprises who is in violation of the Executive Order shall be subject to disciplinary action as authorized by each entity's Personnel Policy.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that other preventive measures will be initiated and enforced in response to any additional public health threat to the Acoma community and will be at the discretion of the Acoma tribal government and the Health Command Center.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that provisions of this Amendment shall take effect on July 11, 2022, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by a subsequent Amendment or Executive Order.

Signed into effect on this 11, day of July 2022:

PUEBLO OF ACOMA



Randall Vicente
Governor