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MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE MESCALERO, NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-14

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that pursuant to the power vested in me by the Revised Constitution of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Mescalero Apache Tribal Code, having declared a state of emergency on the Mescalero Apache Reservation at the request of the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council and in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), do HEREBY PROCLAIM that the following restrictions shall apply beginning Monday, November 9th at 6:00 P.M. and remain in effect until Monday, November 23rd at 6:00 A.M.:

A. <u>STAY-AT-HOME ORDER</u>

All Reservation residents shall remain at home except as provided below:

- 1. One individual from each home may leave to purchase food and other necessities on any Monday or Friday that falls within the effective period of this Executive Order:
 - a. Between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.; or
 - b. Where the only individual in the home who is able to drive and can travel alone is an essential employee who is on duty between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., then such individual may leave home to purchase food and other necessities on the Mondays and Fridays between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

- c. In the event of an emergency (defined as a serious, unexpected, or dangerous situation requiring immediate action, including a medical condition that requires immediate treatment), only directly involved or affected individual(s) may leave a home.
- 2. Each individual may tend to their own yards, gardens, pets, and livestock provided that where an individual must tend to his or her livestock on land outside of his or her residential assignment, then he or she must obtain prior approval from the President and the President may limit the hours and days such individual may tend to his or her livestock.
- 3. An individual does not have to remain indoors but must limit movement beyond the immediate area of his or her residence or residential assignment. This includes movement for exercise purposes.
- 4. One individual from the home may leave between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. to dispose of trash at the nearest dumpster only.
- 5. The President may approve travel by any individual who must report to work off-Reservation on a case by case basis provided that: 1) travel shall only be allowed by the most direct route to his or her place of employment; and 2) such individual must request permission in writing prior to such travel and such request must include the individual's schedule (signed by his or her immediate supervisor).
- 6. All Tribal and other governmental offices shall be closed to the public. Employees shall work from home as much as possible. Essential Tribal employees may be required to report to a location out in the field or at Tribal Administrative Offices, as a part of their duties, on an emergency basis and are exempted from this stay-at-home order for such purpose. This closure does not apply to essential healthcare facilities.

B. NO VENDORS ALLOWED

Food stands/trucks and other vendors are prohibited.

C. NO INDOOR/OUTDOOR CHURCH SERVICES

Indoor and outdoor church services are prohibited. Church services may be conducted virtually/on-line only.

D. NO ENTRY INTO RESIDENCE WHERE NON-RESIDENT

A person may not enter a residence if he or she is not a regular resident of that residence.

E. <u>LIMITATIONS ON OUTSIDE VISITORS</u>

- 1. Outside visitors to the Reservation are allowed on Highways 70 and 244 and Tribal Route 4 (from Highway 70 to the Reservation line at Carrizo Canyon Road).
 - 2. All other Tribal roads (including BIA roads) are closed to outside visitors.
- 3. "Outside visitor" means any person who does not reside on the Reservation *except* non-Resident Tribal members or affiliates, essential Reservation employees (while on duty only), Z-Trans employees (while on duty only), and U.S. Postal Service/Fed Ex/USPS workers (while delivering the mail/packages to the Reservation).
- 4. The President may allow contractors to provide services on the Reservation where he determines that the risk to public health is not increased by allowing the same, the contractor agrees to follow all Tribal COVID-19 safety precautions, and the delay in the provision of services would be detrimental to public health or welfare.

F. FACE MASKS REQUIRED

1. Face Masks shall be worn by all employees, agents, assigns, representatives and contractors/subcontractors, collectively referred to herein as "employees," of the Tribal Government, enterprises owned by the Tribe, or any other public or private entity, business,

agency, church or other religious organization, or person operating or conducting business within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, collectively referred to herein as "entities," during working hours or while performing duties or providing services except as listed herein.

- 2. In addition, all clients, customers, visitors, etc. to such entities shall be required to wear a Face Mask while physically on the premises of the respective entity.
- 3. Face Masks must also be worn at any Mass Gathering as such term is defined herein.
- 4. A Face Mask is not required where an employee is alone and in a space not regularly visited by the public, like a personal office, but that employee must put on a Face Mask when coworkers are nearby, when being visited by a client/customer/other, and anywhere members of the public or other coworkers are regularly present.
- 5. Entities shall not require a child aged two (2) years or less to wear a Face Mask because of the risk of suffocation. Parents and caregivers must supervise use of Face Masks by children to avoid misuse.
- 6. This Executive Order does not require any person to wear a Face Mask while driving alone, or exclusively with other members of the same family or household, in a motor vehicle.
- 7. A Face Mask is not required if an individual can show either: (1) a medical professional has advised that wearing a Face Mask may pose a health-related risk; or (2) wearing a Face Mask would create a risk to the person related to their work as determined by workplace safety guidelines.
- 8. A Face Mask should also not be used by anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the Face Mask without assistance.

- 9. All entities must take reasonable measures, such as posting signs, to remind the public of the requirement that they wear a Face Mask while inside of or waiting in line to enter the business, facility, or location.
- 10. In addition, all entities must take reasonable steps to prohibit any member of the public who is not wearing a Face Mask from entering, must not serve that person if those efforts are unsuccessful, and must seek to remove that person.
- 11. Wearing a Face Mask is recommended but not required while engaged in outdoor recreation such as walking, hiking, bicycling, or running; but each person engaged in such activity must comply with the other prohibitions listed herein.
- 12. As used in this Executive Order, a "Face Mask" means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face; examples include a scarf or bandana; a neck gaiter; a homemade covering made from a t-shirt, sweatshirt, or towel; or a mask, which need not be medical grade. Members of the public should not purchase medical grade masks (like N95 masks); such masks should be reserved for health care providers and first responders.

G. MASS GATHERINGS

Mass gatherings are prohibited. "Mass gathering" means any public or private gathering that brings together five (5) or more persons but does not include the presence of five (5) or more persons where those persons: 1) are in the residence where they regularly reside or 2) live together in the same residence and must travel in a single motor vehicle.

H. HEALTH CARE SUPPLIES & NECESSITIES

In order to minimize the shortage of health care supplies and other necessary goods, the Tribal Store and other retailers are hereby directed to limit the sale of medications, durable medical equipment, baby formula, diapers, sanitary care products, and hygiene products to three

items per individual.

I. <u>RELEASED INMATES & DETAINEES</u>

Any individual that was an inmate or detainee, but is released from incarceration,

regardless of the location of the prison, jail or detention center, and returns to the Reservation

must present him- or herself to Indian Health Services, Mescalero Service Unit to submit to

COVID-19 testing within eighteen (18) hours of release. Such inmate shall be exempt from the

state-at-home order for purposes of testing only.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that any person who shall violate any of the above

restrictions may be subject to criminal penalty, pursuant to Section 10-16-10 (D) of the Tribal

Code, or removal from the Reservation, in the case of non-Tribal Members; and Tribal

employees or employees of Tribal enterprises may be subject to disciplinary action including and

up to termination.

BE IT FINALLY DECLARED that this Executive Order does hereby supersede and

replace Executive Orders 12 and 13.

DONE at the Administrative Offices of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mescalero, New

Mexico this 5th Day of November, 2020 at 11:30 A.M.

Gabe Aguilar, President

Mescalero Apache Tribe

ATTEST:

Dawn Hosetosavit, Secretary

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