




PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: TRIBAL DIRECTORS

FR: GOVERNOR JOSEPH M. TALACHY 

RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PUEBLO CLOSURES FOR NON-ESSENTIAL DEPARTMENTS

DATE: MARCH 12TH, 2020

With consideration to the recent outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Pueblo of Pojoaque is taking precautionary measures to protect the overall health and wellness of the entire Pojoaque Valley. With this in consideration, measures are being taken to mitigate any risk of transmission of coronavirus.

Effective Monday, March 16th, 2020, all non-essential Departments and staff will be mandated to not come to work for a minimum of 14 days. During this time, staff will be paid your standard rate of pay for your standard hours worked, without the required use of any annual or sick leave. While these closures are in effect, we recommend practicing social distancing. It is recommended that you avoid crowded public facilities (casinos, community events, concerts, malls, etc.) and unnecessary travel.

Essential Departments include:

- Law Enforcement
- Information Technology
- CHR
- Accounting

- Tribal Works
- Judicial Complex – Probation/Parole
- Human Resources – telecom work remotely
- Social Services – on-call
- Jill – counselling services – telecom work remotely, counseling sessions available via telephone if needed
- Realty – on-call
- Gaming – on-call
- Senior Center – cooks are classified as essential, as meals will still be provided to Seniors via meals on wheels program
- Legal – Leslie on-site, all other staff telecom work remotely

ANY STAFF (ESSENTIAL OR NON-ESSENTIAL) WHO ARE 60+ YEARS OF AGE, THOSE WITH COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS (I.E. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, DIABETES, ETC.) OR ANY PREGNANT WOMEN ARE IMMEDIATELY MANDATED TO REMAIN HOME FOR AT LEAST A TWO-WEEK PERIOD.

For Emergency Response and Emergency Management please contact **Chief M. Freddie Trujillo at 505-455-2295 or 505-927-3649**. For Emergency Administrative Management please contact **Christina Cartier at 505-455-4565 or 505-615-6734**. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions or concerns.