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Pueblo of Pojoaque voluntarily closing casinos for fourteen days.

(Santa Fe NM) The Pueblo of Pojoaque, the largest employer in Northern New Mexico, has voluntarily made the decision to cease gambling operations at all three of its casinos for fourteen days beginning 4am Monday, March 16th, 2020. "Our highest priority has always been the health and safety of our Team Members, our Guests and our Community" said Joseph M. Talachy, Governor, Pueblo of Pojoaque. Although there have been no known cases of COVID-19 on any of the Pueblo of Pojoaque businesses, we are suspending operations at our three casinos: Buffalo Thunder Resort Casino, Cities of Gold Casino and Jake's Casino, out of an abundance of caution and to promote the social distancing recommended by health officials.

Employees will be paid during the two-week closure and all of the social service programs as well as all other businesses operated by the Pueblo of Pojoaque will remain open. The three hotels on the Pueblo, The Hilton at Buffalo Thunder, Homewood Suites and Cities of Gold Hotel will all remain open.

"Our team is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all of our customers and our employees." says Talachy. "Know that as our forefathers always did, we shall flourish and thrive long after this time has passed."

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About Pojoaque Pueblo: <https://pojoaque.org/>

With its name translating to "Water Gathering Place," the Pueblo of Pojoaque places high value on the preservation of its rich tribal history. The Governor and his staff are responsible for the administration of the tribal government, including tribal law enforcement, social services, tribal education, welfare and economic development programs. The Pueblo maintains an early childhood development center, public library, Wellness Center and Poeh Cultural Center and Museum as well as provides many other services to tribal members and the surrounding community.