

November 16, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER – MODERATE TO SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL OF MITIGATION

On October 11, 2021, the Public Health Emergency Order 2021-04 was enacted that included levels of mitigation that will be used to guide the efforts to control transmission of COVID-19 for the Pueblo of Isleta.

The significant indicators that are being assessed every two weeks are the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. For the last 2 weeks we have seen a significant increase in the number of positive cases. As of November 15, 2021 there are 49 active cases being monitored that are affiliated with the Pueblo of Isleta, 36 of those cases are residents of the Pueblo of Isleta. There are a total of 27 households being monitored due to close contact or isolation that are located within the Pueblo of Isleta boundaries. Although there has been a sudden increase in the number of cases, we have not seen an increase in the number of hospitalizations or deaths. Therefore, we will continue to operate under *moderate to substantial, controlled transmission levels* with the following interventions to be enacted, effective immediately:

- All gatherings, indoor and outdoor, shall be prohibited. There are cases linked to gatherings that have increased the risk of exposure to family members and high-risk individuals of the Pueblo of Isleta. The limitation of indoor and outdoor gatherings at the Pueblo of Isleta will help to reduce opportunity for exposure at this time until we can reduce the number of cases and control the transmission of COVID-19. For the Holidays, please celebrate within your household and refrain from gathering with individuals outside your household.
- Local schools will be virtual. The Isleta Elementary School and the Isleta Head Start will go virtual until further notice.
- Access will be restricted in and out of the Pueblo of Isleta to non-tribal and nonresidents of the Pueblo of Isleta.
- Travel out-of-state will be allowed. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated will be required to quarantine for 10-days upon return from travel.
- Curfew will be 9PM 6AM.

- Community-level testing will be encouraged. The COVID-19 Mitigation team is working on securing testing sites to be located within the community within the next 2 weeks. We encourage individuals who are wanting to be tested at this time to call the COVID-19 Response Line at 505-869-9720 to schedule a test.
- All persons 2 years of age and older will be required to wear a mask while in indoor and/or outdoor public settings, except when eating or drinking, or with members of the same household.

All other items in the Public Health Order 2021-04, specifically, Items F-J will remain the same.

Please also follow the additional COVID-19 preventative measures:

- 1. All persons should perform frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or frequently use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- 2. All persons should maintain social distance of 3 to 6 feet to accommodate safe physical distancing for protection from the spread of respiratory droplets when out of the home and in public.
- 3. All persons should avoid touching their face, nose, eyes or mouth.
- 4. All persons who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible.
- 5. All persons eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine should receive the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Your cooperation and understanding will help us control the transmission of COVID-19 at this time. Please help us in protecting those most vulnerable and one another in our community. Let's work together to control the spread of this virus at the Pueblo of Isleta. Thank you for your time and attention as we continue to protect our community's health and safety.

Vernon Abeita

Governor

Pueblo of Isleta