

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
NAVAJO OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION PROGRAM**

**August 13, 2020**

**Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-020**

**Public Health Emergency Order Implementing the Navajo Nation Reopening Plan and  
Declaring “Orange Status”**

- I. Paragraphs I – IX from Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 are incorporated herein, addressing the various Navajo Nation (Nation) authorities related to the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as well as escalating incidents and community spread of COVID-19 on the Nation.
  
- II. In response to COVID-19, the Navajo Nation has imposed closure of non-essential business, ordered weekend curfews, and taken other measures to slow the spread of the virus and in the best interests of our People. As the Nation has been able to control spread of the virus through these measures, and as the Nation's hospitals have regained capacity to handle cases, the Nation will be transitioning back to greater business activity on a gradual basis. To this end, the Navajo Nation has drafted the Navajo Nation Reopening Plan (“Plan”) attached hereto. The Plan, among other things, provides a color-coded “reopening status schedule,” which will guide reopening of businesses in a safe manner. The Plan is adopted as part of this Order, and thus will be binding on all businesses on the Navajo Nation. Business leaders should therefore familiarize themselves with the Plan and understand how it will affect them.
  
- III. The intent of this order is to establish the “Navajo Nation Reopening Plan,” to declare the Nation’s “status” according thereto, and to guide businesses in proper compliance with the plan. All provisions of this Order are to be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health.

**THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN** that pursuant the power and authority set forth in the NDOH enabling legislation (NNC Resolution No. CO-50-14) and in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Public Health State of Emergency Declaration (CEM Resolution No. 20-03-11):

- A. The Navajo Nation Reopening Plan (attached hereto) is declared binding on all businesses on the Navajo Nation. The Plan may be amended in a future order.

- B. Per the Plan's "reopening status schedule," the Navajo Health Command and Operations Center ("NHCOC"), having evaluated the current state of the Navajo Nation per the gating criteria and public health considerations provided in the Plan, declares the Nation to be in Orange status. All businesses shall be bound to the conditions and requirements of Orange status. The NHCOC will announce any future status changes by Public Health Emergency Order.

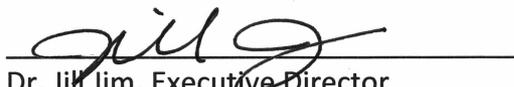
**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall not abrogate any disease-reporting requirements (consistent with HIPAA privacy standards).

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Order shall take effect Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 A.M. MDT, and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Health Command Center.

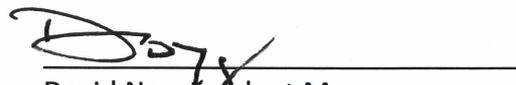
**ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.**



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### Definitions

**Orange status:** 25% of maximum occupancy allowed for most businesses. Dining or waiting establishments: allowed drive-thru only (food, banks, financial institutions). Barber shops/Hair Salons: Appointment only and allow time for cleaning between appointment. Marinas and parks: Adhere to strict compliance for places of businesses and appointment only. Not Allowed in Orange Phase: Youth Programs, Casinos and video poker, museums, flea markets, roadside markets, gyms, recreation facilities, movie theaters.