Emergency Public Announcement: Stay at Home (Shelter in Place)

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increase in our neighboring community the delegation from the Villages of Moenkopi, are collectively releasing a stay at home order to all residents of the Village of Moenkopi as well as a village closure to all non-essential visitation from non-Moenkopi residents. To minimize the risk of spread and exposure to our community we ask for your full cooperation and adherence to this Emergency Public Announcement beginning March 23, 2020.

The Hopi Tribe has issued an Executive Order #002-2020, “Declaration: Stay-at-Home Order for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus”.

STAY-AT-HOME ORDER: In order to preserve the public health and safety of the residents of the Hopi Reservation and to mitigate the risk of infection, all individuals living on the Hopi Reservation must stay home or at their place of residence, with the exception of essential personnel who are needed to maintain the continuity of operations for the essential services and infrastructure of the Hopi Tribe. (See Hopi listing of Essential Services and Programs). The intent of this Order is to ensure that all people on the Hopi Reservation self-quarantine (when showing no symptoms of sickness) or self-isolate (when showing symptoms of sickness) in their places of residence to the extent feasible. All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitute as immediate threat to public health.

In compliance with the Hopi Tribe’s Executive Order #002-2020 and the Public Health Department Order the Village Administrative Offices hereby issue a Stay At Home Order for All Residents of the Hopi Reservation to limit and control the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

To repeat, Stay at Home (Shelter in Place) means:

1. Village residents must stay in their place of residence.
2. You may leave if you work at an essential job or need to obtain essential items necessary to maintain the health and safety of you and your family. This includes leaving your home for groceries, household items, medication, or medical supplies. We highly encourage you to limit the number of people in your family to run your errands.
3. You may leave to tend to family duties necessary for the continued health and welfare of you and your family, while maintaining social distancing. This includes preparation work in your field (paa’sa) and tending to livestock and pets. Keep in mind gathering of 10 or more people is strictly prohibited.
4. All gatherings, public or private, are prohibited. Such as birthday parties, village vending, church gatherings, and residential bingo gatherings.
Business within the communities of both Villages are required to cease all activities, with the exception of the Tuuvi Travel Center, Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Moenkopi Developer’s Corporation, Moenkopi Utility Authority, the educational institution, and restaurants with only carry-out service, home-based care for seniors, adults and children, as well as the residential facility for seniors.

To protect yourself and your family please practice the following:

1. Maintain social distancing by staying at least 6 ft. away from others.
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
3. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing or having been in a public place.
4. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
6. Avoid touching your face, nose and eyes.
7. Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs.
8. Avoid crowds.
9. Avoid all non-essential travel.

Our history tells us that we are not foreign to these unprecedented events; however, today we are in a position to take necessary measures to protect all generations of our community, especially our elders who are our most vulnerable demographic, so that we remain strong. Together, we will continue to monitor these changes, and make any additional advisories or orders necessary to protect the health and welfare of our people. To self-monitor these efforts or for additional pertinent information you may contact your respective Village Administration office, the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation COVID-19 Hotline at 1-886-976-5941, The Hopi Health Care Center Hotline at (928) 737-6188 or listen to KUYI Hopi Radio 89.1 or 88.1.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Emergency Public Service Announcement for Shelter in Place take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until we are given an ALL CLEAR/ALL SAFE notification from the Hopi Tribe Incident Command and/or the Hopi Tribe’s Office of the Chairman/Vice Chairman.

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