

Closure of Hotevilla Village to Non-Residents

April 4, 2020

The COVID-19 virus has reached outlying areas of the Navajo Nation and is very close to Hopi borders. As the threat surrounds Hopi it has become necessary to post signs closing Hotevilla Village to tourists and non-residents. These signs are being erected for your safety and well-being, and is not intended to offend any individual. Signs are being erected in conjunction with the STAY-AT-HOME ORDER issued per Executive Order #002-2020 of the Hopi Tribe, intended to preserve the public health and safety of the residents of the Hopi Reservation, while allowing essential services to continue.

One sign will be posted past the post office and one at the dirt road entrance across the Bacavi turn-off. It is NOT intended to exclude anyone from accessing the post office, shopping at the Hotevilla Co-op Store, making deliveries or accessing HBCS for business. Customers of the Hotevilla Co-op Store are very welcomed. A change in the stores operating procedures will be issued soon, to protect its valued patrons. Look to the Hotevilla Co-op Store Facebook page for more information.

Further, the Executive Order and Hotevilla signage are not meant to prevent anyone from leaving their homes to obtain food and other essentials, access medical care, or do work essential to the tribal government and society.

Signs are erected as a precaution to prevent the spread of the virus into the village, and again, are for your protection. Once the threat is gone, the signs will come down.

Please check on your elders and family members during this pandemic and try to stay at home as much as possible. Wash your hands, sanitize frequently touched areas, cough into a tissue or your sleeve and practice