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HOPI TRIBE COORDINATES WITH NAVAJO NATION ON EXTENDED CURFEWS

The Hopi Tribe Issues Reminders to the public to respect the Navajo Nation Curfews

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – April 16, 2020 — In the first move of its kind in the State of Arizona, the Navajo Nation is drafting an order to extend its 57-hour weekend curfew, which was first implemented during the Easter weekend, to the remaining weekends of April and into the first weekend of May. News of this undertaking was announced by Navajo Nation Tribal Officials in a recent town hall meeting. The Hopi Tribe coordinated with the Navajo Nation in its first 57-hour curfew during the Easter Weekend, by advising the Hopi community to be mindful and abide by the curfew.

The Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez, announced the tribe's plans to extend its curfew on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, "The 57-hour weekend curfew was effective in reducing the numbers of people that went into the public so we are developing a new order to implement similar curfews for the next three weekends for the entire Navajo Nation." President Nez continued by adding, "It's very disheartening to receive reports of many people going out into the public today and traveling to border towns, most due to the federal stimulus funds that our people are beginning to receive."

"We are recommending to the Hopi people to abide by the Hopi Tribe's Stay at Home order, and to continue to respect the Navajo Nations travel restrictions during the 57 hour curfew weekends," said Hopi Law Enforcement Services Chief Virgil Pinto. Chief Pinto added, "The Hopi community is advised to carry credentials including identification designating they are from Hopi and a letter or statement from their employer if they are traveling across Navajo Nation for work. The stops by the Navajo Nation Police are typically informational and educational in nature."

Aside from essential employees with official identification and people with emergencies, Navajo Nation residents are ordered to stay home over the weekend curfews. Anyone who violates the tribe's curfew order could be issued citations, including a fine up to \$1,000 and 30 days in jail. On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, the Navajo Nation reported 838 known COVID-19 cases — an increase of 25 positive cases since Monday. It also announced 33 deaths, which is an increase of five deaths from the day before.

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