



**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY V- COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SFCC 1987, Section 2-1.3, Powers and Duties of the Mayor, the Mayor has, within the City limits, the power conferred on the sheriffs of counties to suppress disorders and keep the peace;

**WHEREAS**, the City's Emergency Declaration Ordinance, Section 20-1, authorizes the Mayor to proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the city, after consultation with the emergency manager, chief of police, and/or fire chief;

**WHEREAS**, such an emergency proclamation allows the Mayor to prohibit and/or require certain actions to protect life and property and preserve public peace and safety and, if desired, to request that the Governor of New Mexico proclaim a state of emergency pursuant to the Riot Control Act;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe City Code 1987, Section 2-16, defines "emergency" as any "occasion or instance, such as a terrorist attack, terrorist threat, civil unrest, wildland and urban fire, flood, hazardous materials spill, nuclear accident, aircraft accident, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, tropical storm, tsunami, war-related disaster, public health or medical emergency, other occurrence requiring an emergency response, or any other condition that warrants action to protect life, property, or the environment";

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization announced the emergence of a novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to as "COVID-19") that had not previously circulated in humans, but has been found to have adapted to humans such that it is contagious and easily spread from one person to another and one country to another;

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and

Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency as a precautionary tool to facilitate preparation and availability of resources to assure that the federal government had appropriate resources to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the nation through its support of state and community-led preparedness and response efforts;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Michelle Lujan Grisham, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, declared in Executive Order 2020-004 that a Public Health Emergency exists in New Mexico under the Public Health Emergency Response Act, and invoked the All Hazards Emergency Management Act by directing all cabinets, departments, and agencies to comply with the directives of the declaration and the further instructions of the Department of Health;

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Kathyleen M. Kunkel, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health, declared the current outbreak of COVID-19 a condition of public health importance as defined in the New Mexico Public Health Act, NMSA 1978, Section 24-1-2, as an infection, a disease, a syndrome, a symptom, an injury or other threat that is identifiable on an individual or community level and that can reasonably be expected to lead to adverse health effects in the community, and that poses an imminent threat of substantial harm to the population of New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico and the City of Santa Fe poses a threat to the health, safety, well-being and property of the residents of the City, including the potential loss of life, serious illness resulting from exposure to the COVID-19 virus, significant negative impact on the social, economic, and overall quality of life of the residents of Santa Fe;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the foregoing clauses, I declared an emergency to exist in the City on March 13, 2020 (Proclamation I), and I recognized the continuation of the emergency on March 23, 2020 in a second proclamation (Proclamation II), in a third proclamation on May 26, 2020 (Proclamation III), and in a fourth proclamation on July 27, 2020 (Proclamation IV);

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Kunkel issued a series of Public Health Orders on March 13, 2020; March 16, 2020; March 19, 2020; March 23, 2020; March 25, 2020; April 6, 2020; April 11, 2020; April 30, 2020; May 5, 2020; May 15, 2020, May 27, 2020; June 1, 2020; June 12, 2020; June 15, 2020; June 30, 2020; and July 13, 2020,

imposing various restrictions on activities within New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Health continues to identify a growing number of individuals who have been infected with COVID-19 in New Mexico, including 970 cases in Santa Fe County;

**WHEREAS**, after certain restrictions were lifted in May and June, rates of COVID-19 infection increased, exceeding earlier rates of transmission;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation IV expired on September 27, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidance during the pandemic that cautions against moving or clearing encampments due to the risk of dispersing people in the community and breaking their connections with service providers; and

**WHEREAS**, certain orders I previously issued remain necessary to protect life and property and preserve public peace and safety of the people of Santa Fe; and other orders I previously issued require updating to address the continuing pandemic.

**THEREFORE**, I, ALAN M. WEBBER, Mayor of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, hereby declare, that a public health emergency continues to exist in the City. As a result of these emergencies, events have caused or are causing danger of injury or damage to persons and property within the City. I hereby invoke all Section 2-1.3, and Sections 20-1.2 through 20-1.5 of the Santa Fe City Code of 1987, to preserve the peace and order in the City of Santa Fe.

In particular, I take the following actions:

**I. I order the following:**

- a. Gatherings of greater than ten (10) persons may not take place on the public streets, public parks, or other open areas, either public or private, or in any public building. When the State's limitations on mass gatherings permit greater numbers of persons to gather, this order shall allow the same number to gather. As used herein, "public" means a place used for a public purpose or as a place of public gathering, owned or under the control of the City and privately owned properties that are open to the public, other than in religious and educational buildings as permitted pursuant to State orders

that are in place. “Assemble or gather” refers to intentional assemblies of a group of people; it does not refer to the use of a space by individuals or families in the location’s regular course of business, such as shopping at a retail location where there are more than ten (10) customers or entering a commercial establishment that happens to have more than ten (10) people present at that time. This prohibition also does not apply to weddings or funerals, shelters, or hospitals and other healthcare settings;

- b. The City Manager shall address the public health emergency by
  - i. reducing or eliminating in-person provision of City services wherever possible;
  - ii. directing City employees, as applicable, to perform emergency functions;
  - iii. facilitating the implementation of the policy adopted to evaluate and address the public health risks, environmental compliance of, and locations of encampments, and to provide residents of such encampments with access to available social services, including transitional housing in furtherance of the Built for Zero initiative to eliminate chronic homelessness, to avoid removing encampments when leaving them in place furthers the purposes of this Order; and
  - iii. working with the Human Resources Department to issue policies regarding COVID-19 Safe Practices for City employees;

d. All available resources of the City shall be used to address the emergency as reasonably necessary;

e. Mayor Pro-Tem Signe Lindell, City Manager Jarel LaPan Hill, and Finance Director Mary McCoy are my substitute signatories for emergency obligation of funds during the pendency of the declared emergency;

f. The City Clerk shall accept electronic signatures, including scanned copies of hard-copy signature, on legal documents, including but not limited to contracts, property documents, ordinances, resolutions, etc., and shall attest to electronic signatures of the Mayor and City Manager or their designees, if submitted by the signatory through the signatory’s email;

g. Until the New Mexico Supreme Court lifts its injunction, landlords are prohibited from evicting residential tenants. In addition, landlords are

prohibited from evicting commercial tenants who are unable to pay rent on time because, due to the public health emergency, they have been prohibited from opening to the public. This order does not seek to change the obligation of a tenant to pay rent and strongly encourages discussions of payment plans between landlords and tenants;

h. Lodgers Tax payments shall continue on a monthly basis and payments previously delayed during the public health emergency shall be submitted during Fiscal Year 2021, along with future payments; at least one quarter of the delayed amount shall be paid by the end of each quarter of Fiscal Year 2021;

i. The moratorium on water shut-offs will continue, while charges will continue to accrue and be owed;

m. The April 6, 2020 orders I issued regarding grocery stores and super markets and the April 10, 2020 exceptions to those orders that I issued for use of reusable bags remain in place;

n. Unless a healthcare provider instructs otherwise or the State exempts a person from wearing a facial covering for a reason such as age, all individuals shall wear a mask or facial covering in public settings except when eating or drinking; as used here “public setting” means places that are open to the public where there is not six-feet of distance between persons at all times;

o. Retail; restaurants; office and call centers; grocery stores and farmers’ markets; youth programs; manufacturing, warehouse, and food production; hotels, resorts and lodging; golf courses; tour operators; houses of worship; farms, ranches and dairy producers and processors; veterinarians and animal care facilities; construction and field operations; automobile dealerships and services; and medical providers and other industries shall comply with the State-issued CSPs, which are accessible online: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-safe-practices/>; and

p. Employers shall not retaliate against employees for seeking to comply with CSPs, advocating that their place of business follow CSPs, or reporting non-compliance with CSPs.

**II. Further, based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, and other governmental, medical, and public health experts, I advise residents and visitors to the City to take the following precautions in their day-to-day activities:**

- a. For those who have traveled into New Mexico from out of the state or out of the country, self-quarantine as required in the Executive Order in place at the time of return to the State. Currently that Order requires a fourteen (14) day self-quarantine when an individual returns to New Mexico from a State or Country with a positive test rate of greater than a seven-day rolling average of 80 per 100,000 individuals or five percent (5%) or greater, unless they have obtained a negative COVID-19 test within three (3) days before or after arrival in the state;
- b. For those at high risk (elderly and immune compromised individuals), secure three (3) months of all necessary medical prescriptions;
- c. Avoid contact with people who are sick;
- d. Practice “social distancing”, by maintain six (6) feet between yourself and others;
- e. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, or having been in a public place;
- f. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least sixty percent (60%) alcohol;
- g. To the extent possible, avoid touching high-touch surfaces in public places, such as elevator buttons, door handles, and handrails;
- h. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your hand or finger if you must touch something;
- i. Avoid handshaking;
- j. Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes;
- k. Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs: practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example, tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, cell phones, and other electronic devices); and
- l. Avoid all non-essential travel, including plane trips and cruise ships.

**III. I also encourage the following:**

- a. To the greatest extent possible, all residents should practice safe and hygienic conduct as the City begins to re-open, as described in Section

II of this Order, above, and as further described in the Santa Fe Promise, below;

- b. Local businesses should offer paid sick leave whenever feasible;
- c. Local businesses should ban non-essential travel for work;
- d. Local businesses should, when feasible, allow employees to take leave to care for children while the schools are closed;
- e. Local businesses should establish capabilities for employees to work from home where feasible;
- f. Local businesses should, to the extent feasible, respond to requests from the City to contribute to and participate in such activities and efforts as may assist in responding to the current COVID-19 health crisis;
- g. Residents should refrain from hoarding household and medical supplies, such as water, sanitizer, diapers, non-perishable food items, and toilet paper;
- h. Residents should refrain from reselling purchases of household items for exorbitant prices;
- i. Residents should, to the extent feasible without compromising other advisories, patronize and shop at local businesses, merchants, and vendors;
- j. Residents should sign up for “Alert Santa Fe” at <https://www.santafenm.gov/alertsantafe>;
- k. Residents should identify opportunities to use technology to maintain supportive community engagement and contact with the City’s most vulnerable populations;
- l. Residents who have lost their jobs due to the economic aftershock of the COVID-19 virus should immediately apply for and take the steps necessary to begin to receive unemployment benefits through the State of New Mexico;
- m. Residents should make the “Santa Fe Promise” at <https://www.santafenm.gov/promise>:

I promise to:

Act as if I carry the coronavirus.

Maintain social distancing of at least six feet.

Wear a face covering, wash my hands, use sanitizer.

Buy from local businesses that also make this promise.

Practice patience, compassion, empathy, connection, respect and love.

We will keep Santa Fe safe. We will keep Santa Fe open.  
Together.

- n. Residents should support local businesses that take the Santa Fe Promise; and
- o. Residents should download the NOVID phone application, which allows for user alerts of their actual or potential exposure to individuals who have a positive COVID-19 test within a relevant time period, without either collecting or disclosing the users' personal identifying information or locations.


**IV. Effective Date**

I hereby declare that this Proclamation will become effective upon my signature and order the City Manager to disseminate the contents hereof to the public by appropriate news media and any other means at her disposal.

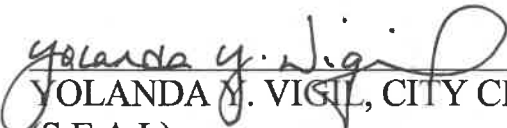
**V. Term.**

This Proclamation of Emergency may be extended for such additional periods of time as determined necessary by Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 at the hour of 11:30 o'clock A.M. (MDT).

  
ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR  
City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTEST:

  
YOLANDA J. VIGIL, CITY CLERK  
(SEAL)