

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor Jamie Cassutt-Sanchez

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE WRITTEN UPDATES AND**  
12 **PRESENTATIONS AT EVERY REGULAR GOVERNING BODY MEETING WITH**  
13 **INFORMATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE FROM THE POLICE**  
14 **DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND EMERGENCY**  
15 **MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY.**

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17 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe, and the State of New Mexico, is experiencing a large surge in  
18 COVID-19 cases and is disrupting the daily lives of all Santa Feans, has left thousands jobless, and  
19 has put many people at risk of eviction; and

20 **WHEREAS**, up until the recent nationwide surge, Santa Fe was successful in keeping  
21 daily case numbers low and was hailed as a model in New Mexico; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body and administration prioritized and instituted safe  
23 practices early on when the threat of the pandemic became clear; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the economic fallout as a result of the pandemic is exacerbating existing  
25 income inequalities, with lower-income workers taking the brunt of layoffs; and

1           **WHEREAS**, many local and small businesses are struggling financially and are at risk of  
2 permanent closure; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the City’s tax revenue, which is used to provide essential services to all  
4 residents, is also severely impacted as a result of declining economic activity; and

5           **WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2020 the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. 2020-13 that  
6 required the use of a face covering by everyone within the boundaries of the City of Santa Fe with  
7 certain exceptions in an effort to stem the tide of infections; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the state also issued a mask mandate that requires all individuals to wear a  
9 mask in public settings except when eating or drinking; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham released a county-by-county tiered risk  
11 system in a revised public health order issued December 2, 2020 that enables local communities to  
12 reopen more of their economy as the risk of COVID-19 decreases; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the framework includes three tiers representing varying levels of risk; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Red signifies very high risk, Yellow signifies high risk, and Green signifies  
15 medium risk; and

16           **WHEREAS**, regardless of the tier level, certain restrictions will remain in place, including  
17 the requirement to wear a face mask in public and adherence to the state’s COVID-Safe Practices;  
18 and

19           **WHEREAS**, Governor Lujan-Grisham has directed local governments to enforce state  
20 public health orders in addition to any local restrictions adopted by the local government; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the Police Department has recorded 202 calls requesting enforcement of City  
22 and State requirements that resulted in 13 citations; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Police Department has labeled calls for COVID-19 enforcement as a  
24 Priority 3 call — a call in which there are no immediate threats to life or property — resulting in  
25 many situations involving COVID-19 enforcement being no longer active by the time an officer

1 responds to the call; and

2           **WHEREAS**, the Fire Department has a dedicated ambulance that transports all COVID-  
3 19 patients, including those who arrive from other areas of New Mexico or from out of state, to a  
4 local hospital to be treated; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Fire Department has seen an uptick in cardiac-related medical calls that  
6 may be a result of residents believing the hospital is an unsafe location due to the treatment of  
7 COVID-19 patients and thus ignoring potentially life-threatening health issues; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the number of positive cases within City departments continues to rise and  
9 threatens the continuity of essential services and facilities; and

10           **WHEREAS**, City employees may be eligible for emergency paid sick leave in accordance  
11 with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act if they contract COVID-19 or are known to have  
12 been exposed to COVID-19; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the City provides personal protective equipment (“PPE”) to all staff who  
14 have close contact with members of the public or other City employees.

15           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City Manager is directed to enforce all City and State COVID-19  
17 restrictions, whichever is more restrictive.

18           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to raise the priority  
19 level of calls related to COVID-19 enforcement to Level 2.

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to explore funding  
21 sources that can be used to purchase COVID-19 tests that would be used for employees, including  
22 remaining and future Federal CARES Act funding the City received and could receive from the  
23 State, prioritizing those that have regular and direct contact with the public; and to explore the  
24 possibility of a contract with CHRISTUS St. Vincent’s hospital to provide rapid turnaround for  
25 results of those tests.

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to coordinate with local  
2 hospitals to develop and disseminate communications to the public regarding the safety of hospitals  
3 and urging residents to seek immediate medical attention for any urgent or emergency medical  
4 needs including any respiratory symptoms, heart-related ailments, and cancer screenings.

5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is directed to provide updates to  
6 the Governing Body at every regularly scheduled Governing Body meeting as follows:

7           1. A written report with information compiled from the following departments:

8               a. Police Department

- 9                       i. Number of calls related to COVID-19 enforcement, by police beat  
10                               area;
- 11                       ii. Average response time to the calls; and
- 12                       iii. Outcome of the response; and
- 13                       iv. Citations issued for violations of City or State COVID-related  
14                               restrictions, by police beat area.

15               b. Fire Department

- 16                       i. Number of calls related to COVID-19;
- 17                       ii. Number of transfers from the Santa Fe Regional Airport to area  
18                               hospitals; and
- 19                       iii. From which County or State the transfer originates.

20               c. Human Resources

- 21                       i. Number of new positive cases among City employees since the  
22                               previous report, categorized by City department
- 23                       ii. Number of cumulative positive cases among City employees  
24                               categorized by City department since March;
- 25                       iii. Whether or not the City employees that test positive have been in City

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facilities, and if so, when they were in said facilities;

iv. City buildings that were closed as a result of any positive cases; and

v. Report on City-wide use of emergency sick leave related to COVID-19.

d. Emergency Management and Safety

i. Availability of PPE for City employees.

2. A brief presentation provided by the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief based on the written report provided to the Governing Body.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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