



COVID Orders Remain in Effect, With Some Changes

Mayor's COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation Extension Approved

On Monday, February 1, 2021, the Governing Body voted unanimously to extend for 56 days the emergency proclamation Mayor Webber issued on January 30, 2021: “Emergency Proclamation VII–COVID-19.”

The basis for the proclaimed emergency is the ongoing, deadly, COVID-19 pandemic. While the number of cases in Santa Fe County and New Mexico has decreased in recent weeks, Santa Fe County remains classified as “Red” under the State’s new three-tiered model for reopening.

Read the new proclamation [here](#).

The Orders in the proclamation extend most of those included in the prior emergency proclamation, with some changes. The new proclamation:

- Reinstates enforcement of camping prohibitions in City Parks.
- Removes orders related to use of infrastructure and playing fields in City parks.
- Reinstates enforcement of the City’s Single-Use Carryout Bags Ordinance, beginning on February 7, 2021, for in-store purchases from grocery stores and super markets. Such stores may resume charging ten cents per bag.
- Requires grocery stores to allow customers to use reusable bags, while permitting the stores to require customers to pack the customers’ reusable bags.

In addition, the Orders encourage residents to take the following actions that were not previously addressed:

- Regularly obtain COVID-19 testing in person or at home.
- Register for the COVID-19 vaccine on the NMDOH website; and
- Residents should download the NOVID “COVID-19 radar” phone application and enter the community code SANTAFE when prompted, which allows for user alerts of their proximity to individuals who have had a positive COVID-19 test within a relevant time period, without either collecting or disclosing the users’ personal identifying information or location.

