



COVID Orders Remain in Effect, With Fewer Restrictions

Mayor Issues New COVID-19 Emergency Proclamation State's "Turquoise" Designation Informs Updated Emergency Orders

SANTA FE, MARCH 29, 2021: Mayor Alan Webber issued Emergency Proclamation VIII-COVID-19, replacing the previous proclamation, which expired today. The new Proclamation is based on the ongoing health risks of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the Proclamation, Mayor Webber extended some previously issued emergency orders, while phasing out others. The County is now operating under the State's "Turquoise" designation of COVID risk, and the new City orders provide a framework for the continued relief to residents along with the gradual and safe reopening of City operations and facilities.

[Emergency Proclamation VIII – COVID-19 – March 29, 2021](#)

The Emergency Orders issued pursuant to Proclamation VIII complement changing State restrictions while keeping risk to the City's employees and others limited. Under the new Emergency Orders :

- Events inside City-owned buildings are limited to 150 persons while Santa Fe County is classified as "Turquoise," shall decrease to 10 if the County's classification becomes Yellow, and shall return to 20 if the County's classification subsequently returns to Green.
- The City's Convention Center may increase its occupancy to the State's "event center" occupancy levels beginning May 6, if the County's classification remains Turquoise or the equivalent.
- Access to in-person City services and facilities will increase gradually and in a safety-conscious manner, and as City employees have the opportunity to get vaccinated, as long as local infection rates continue to remain in the Green levels or lower and City employee rates remain near zero.

- Unless a healthcare provider instructs otherwise or the State exempts a person from wearing a facial covering, all individuals shall wear a mask or facial covering in public settings except when eating or drinking.
- The City shall only provide in-person services to persons who are following COVID Safe Practices (CSPs) and requirements, including wearing a facial covering. Employees will find a safe, reasonable way to accommodate providing services to members of the public who have a medical reason for not wearing a mask.
- The moratoria on evictions and water service cut-offs remain in effect

Following is a reminder of restrictions under the state's Department of Health guidelines that apply under Turquoise:

- Essential businesses (non-retail): No capacity restrictions, but operations must be limited to only those absolutely necessary to carry out essential functions
- Essential retail spaces: 75% of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor)
- Food and drink establishments (if NM Safe Certified): 75% of maximum capacity for indoor dining; 75% of maximum capacity for outdoor dining
- Close-contact businesses: 75% of maximum capacity; no restrictions on outdoor spaces
- Large entertainment venues: 33% of maximum capacity for any indoor/enclosed space on premises; 75% of any outdoor space on premises
- Recreational facilities: 50% of maximum capacity of any indoor/enclosed space on the premises; 75% of any outdoor space on premises
- Bars and clubs: 33% of maximum capacity of any indoor/enclosed space on premises; 75% of any outdoor space on premises, where applicable
- All other businesses: 75% of maximum capacity indoors; no restrictions on outdoor spaces
- Houses of worship: May hold religious services, indoors or outdoors, or provide services through audiovisual means, but may not exceed 75% of the maximum capacity of any enclosed space on the premises
- Places of lodging: No maximum occupancy restrictions for those that have completed NM Safe Certified training; 50% of maximum occupancy for all others; 15 guests maximum for vacation rentals
- Mass gatherings limit: 150 persons, or 200 vehicles