
**AMENDED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CABINET SECRETARY KATHYLEEN M. KUNKEL**

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**Public Health Emergency Order Limiting Mass Gatherings
and Implementing Other Restrictions Due to COVID-19**

PREFACE

The intent of this Order is to ensure that our State's citizens are self-isolating to the maximum extent possible in order to minimize the transmission of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to as "COVID-19"). The core directive underlying this Order is that New Mexicans should not leave their homes unless absolutely necessary or to access essential services. This Order should be interpreted consistent with that purpose and exceptions should be narrowly construed. Failure to comply with the mandates set out herein constitutes a threat to our State's health, welfare, and economy.

ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the emergence of 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 (HHS) 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 our nation through its support of state and community-led preparedness and response efforts;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus continues to spread in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Michelle Lujan Grisham, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, declared in Executive Order 2020-004 ("EO 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, as of March 12, 2020, I issued a Public Health Emergency Order to Limit Mass Gatherings Due to COVID-19, which limited certain public gatherings, and on March 16,

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