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Tribal Leaders meet with Congresswoman Debra A. Haaland

On Friday, February 19, 2021, the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Leadership welcomed and met with Congresswoman Debra A. Haaland to discuss the need for continued government to government collaboration and consultation regarding tribal matters and the tribe's concerns. Congresswoman was appreciative and humbled by Governor Michael Toledo Jr.'s invitation to visit and converse with the Pueblo Tribal Leaders. She arrived with members of her staff and was welcomed home by Tribal Leadership and Administration.

Governor Toledo presented a brief oral history on the importance of our aboriginal lands and their direct connection to the Hemish people. The Governors, General Counsel David Yepa, and Tribal Administrator Benny Shendo Jr. updated her on the harsh reality of the loss of the Pueblo's ancestral lands. Congresswoman Haaland gracefully listened to the history shared with her by the Leadership and acknowledged its' value and significance. The visit provided both parties the opportunity to collectively share their passion for safeguarding the land and responsibility to the environment.



Pictured from left to right: General Counsel David Yepa, Governor Michael Toledo, Jr., Congresswoman Debra A. Haaland, 2nd Lt. Kurt Mora, and Tribal Administrator Benny Shendo Jr. during the meeting with Tribal Leadership.

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2021 Tribal Governors

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Tribal Leaders meet with Congresswoman Debra A. Haaland continued....



Pictured from left to right: Congresswoman Debra A. Haaland, Governor Michael Toledo, Jr., and 2nd Lt. Kurt Mora during the meeting with Tribal Leadership.

The Pueblo of Jemez Leadership provided Congresswoman Haaland a copy of the letter sent to the Honorable Chairman Joe Manchin, and the Ranking Member John Barrasso, of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, supporting her confirmation as the 54th Secretary of the Department of the Interior. They offered their prayers and blessings to her for a good journey and successful confirmation. The Pueblo of Jemez is proud of Congresswoman Haaland. She was presented with a gift as a form of appreciation and gratitude for her visit to the Pueblo.

Congresswoman Haaland is an enrolled tribal member of the Pueblo of Laguna who proudly recognizes her lineage to the Pecos and Jemez Pueblos. She grew up in the military but kept close connections to her Pueblo people. Debra A. Haaland may become the first Native American to serve as the United States of America's Secretary of the Department of the Interior for President Joe Biden.



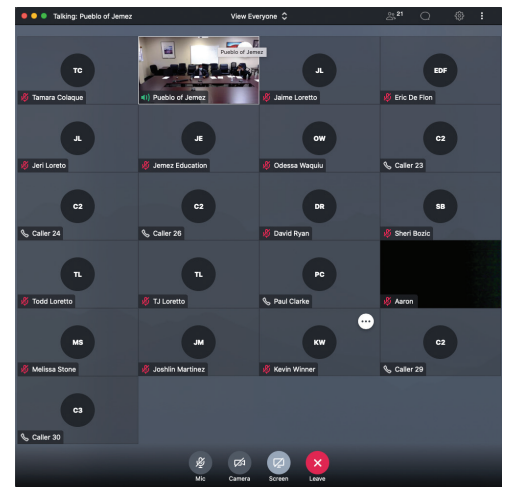
Tribal Leaders meet with Pueblo of Jemez Directors

The Pueblo of Jemez Governors all continue to take necessary actions to mitigate the Corona Virus spread. They continue to monitor the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic daily for the community’s safety and its employees. The leadership works collaboratively with program directors and tribal administrators to ensure the operations of programs continue. Virtual meetings have been a beneficial way to keep the tribal operations open and functional. They allow attendees to participate in online discussions via the internet without being physically located together.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021, the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Administration hosted a Directors meeting virtually (via web). The Governors opened the meeting with a prayer, welcomed, and thanked everyone in attendance. The Governors introduced themselves and gave the directors encouragement for the New Year. Department Directors provided information on their educational backgrounds, programs, projects, staff, services, issues, and concerns.

Virtual GoToMeeting Attendees

- Director of Jemez Health & Human Services - *Melissa Stone***
- Director of Police Department - *Chief Harry Betz***
- Director of Emergency Management Services - *Dave Ryan***
- Director of Planning, Development & Transportation - *Sheri Bozic***
- Director of Natural Resources Department - *Paul Clarke***
- Director of Public Works Department - *Todd Loretto***
- Director of Finance Department - *Eric DeFlon***
- Director of Human Resources Department - *Joshlin Martinez***
- Director of Information Technology Department - *Kevin Winner***
- Director of Education Department - *Kevin Shendo***
- Director of Realty Office - *TJ Loretto***
- Executive Director of POJ Housing Authority - *Greta Armijo***



Governor Toledo encouraged everyone to remember to respect each other and adequately communicate to help fulfill the community’s needs.

Although the pandemic has changed the way the workforce operates, the Governors and Directors are dedicated to developing innovative ways to continue to provide services to the Pueblo of Jemez community. The Governors reminded everyone that we would get through this together as a community and team.

Pictured from left to right: Governor Michael Toledo, Jr., and 2nd Lt. Kurt Mora during the virtual meeting with Pueblo of Jemez Directors.



TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.jemezpueblo.org to apply. Please make sure to review the required qualifications for the positions you are interested in.

Health and Human Services

Infection Control Officer	Full-Time
EHR Supervisor	Full-Time
Van Driver, Transportation	Full -Time
EHR Support Technician	Full-Time
Volunteer Services Coordinator	Full-Time
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	Full-Time
Medical Assistant at clinic	Full-Time
Medical Assistant (Floater COVID testing)	PRN
Registered Nurse at clinic	Full-Time
Registered Nurse	PRN
Supervisory Public Health Nurse	Full-Time
Health Promotion Supervisor	Full-Time
Community Health Representative	Full-Time
Licensed Practical Nurse	Part-Time
Behavioral Health Therapist	Full-Time
Technical Writer	Full-Time
Training Coordinator	Full-Time
Office Manager (Facilities)	Full-Time
Quality Improvement Specialist	Full-Time
Help Desk I Technician	Full-Time

Emergency Management

EMT - Paramedic	Full-Time
EMT - Paramedic	PR

Education

Student Programs Coordinator	Full-Time
Education Services Manager	Full-Time
Assistant Cook (Temporary)	Full Time
Language Culture Support Staff (Temporary)	Full-Time

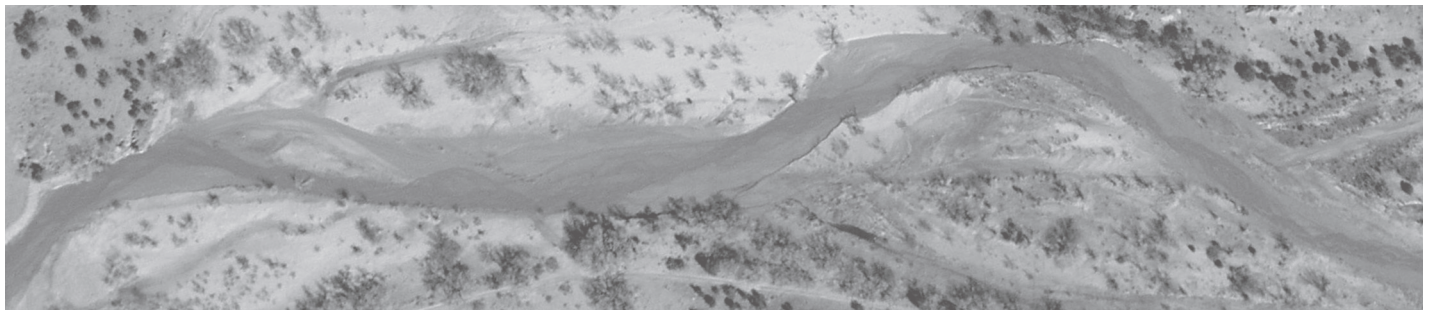
Early Childhood Program

Family Services Coordinator	Full-Time
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For further information, please feel free to contact 575-834-7359 ext: 121 or email Victoria.acosta@jemezpueblo.org.



PUEBLO of JEMEZ



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Get Vaccinated to Protect Yourself, Family, and Community

American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

A vaccine helps people from catching a certain disease, like COVID-19. All vaccines are as safe as possible and are a simple way to prevent illness and community outbreaks. A vaccination is not a treatment for people who are already sick with COVID-19. Getting vaccinated helps everyone.

- Know the facts and avoid sharing misinformation.
- Start by sharing information from trusted sources like CDC.gov and IHS.gov
- Encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated.
- The more people in your community get vaccinated, the better everyone will be protected against COVID-19, especially those who are more vulnerable to serious illness, like elders and people in high-risk groups.
- A COVID-19 vaccine will help you from spreading the disease, and reduce your risk of getting sick, being hospitalized, or dying.
- **COVID-19 vaccines are one of many important tools to help us stop this pandemic.** It is important to use all the tools available to stop the pandemic, wear a mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.

How to cope with anxiety related to vaccination

- Stay connected with family and friends while keeping a safe physical distance. Take care of yourself and each other, and know when to get help.
- Create a list of personal self-care activities you enjoy such as exercising, meditating, singing a traditional song, praying, or connecting with nature.
- Take deep breaths and stretch.
- Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking and remember these strong feelings of stress and anxiety will fade.

We are all in this together. Show compassion. Show compassion for those most closely impacted.

- Stay connected with family and friends through social media and video chat.
- Connect with your community and others with drumming and dancing video via social media.
- Attend a spiritual service through online streaming.



JEMEZ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Pueblo of Jemez COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Jemez Health and Human Services

Schedule an appointment for your COVID-19 Vaccine

Call: (575) 834-7207 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine.

Hours of Operations:

Monday- Friday

8:30am- 12pm & 1pm-4pm

Who is eligible:

1. All Tribal enrolled members of Jemez Pueblo that are 18 years or older who live inside or outside of the Pueblo;
2. Anyone living inside the Pueblo, including non-Jemez spouses and children over the age of 18 years; OR
3. A teacher at one of the four (4) local schools (Jemez Day School, San Diego Riverside Charter School, Walatowa Charter High School, Jemez Valley High School).

Waitlist

A waitlist will be created that includes non-beneficiaries (patients of Jemez corridor) of JHHS. The waitlist is intended for “no-shows.” Meaning, if a scheduled patient should not show up to their vaccination appointment, non-beneficiaries will be scheduled on the same day in place of the “no show.”

COVID-19 vaccines will be by appointment only!



POJ/JHHS RESPONSE TEAM**From the Pueblo of Jemez Health and Human Service Response Team
BULLETIN #55****Bulletin Purpose:**

The purpose of the POJ/ JHHS Bulletin is to deliver relevant information and recommendations to protect the health of Pueblo of Jemez employees and community members.

Below are the details for community testing for February. The JHHS Response Team asks that everyone continue to practice all prevention efforts. Although we are currently in the process of vaccinating the Jemez community, it is still essential that such prevention efforts continue so that we ensure the safety of our community and our community members. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Dates, Times, and Location of Testing

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, February 25th,	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Walatowa Youth Center
Friday, February 26th	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Walatowa Youth Center
Saturday, February 27th	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Walatowa Youth Center

COVID-19 testing available for:

- Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Members (non-residents of Jemez)
- Pueblo of Jemez Residents
- Pueblo of Jemez Employees
- Residents of the Highway 4 Corridor

Important Information:

- You do not have to have signs and symptoms to be tested.
- If you are not a patient at the Jemez Comprehensive Health Center, results can be sent to your Primary Care provider if desired.
- The testing clinic is a drive-through service. You will not be getting out of your vehicle.
- This test will be a nasal (nose) swab. THIS IS NOT AN ANTIBODY TEST.
- Wear a mask, bring ID, insurance information, water (there may be a wait), and a pen.
- Ages 5 years and older are encouraged to be tested.
- Presbyterian may bill your insurance. Otherwise, no charge.

**For any questions or concerns regarding coronavirus, please email:
JHHSresponseteam@jemezpueblo.us or call 575-834-3308.**

**Jemez Comprehensive Health Center
110 Sheep Springs Way
Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024**

JEMEZ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Jemez Health and Human Services Expansion and Modernization Construction Updates



Construction on the West side of the Jemez Health and Human Services is near completion.

Current Status to Date:

Construction on the west side of the JHHS is near completion, contractors will begin closing the new areas' exterior. The two-story additions to the clinic are in progress. These areas have steel structures installed as well as the roofing. The Exterior work of the new stucco is ongoing. The roofing has begun, and a new rooftop unit has been installed on the south side of JHHS.

The Interior Works of the Health Center is ongoing, and will continue until the completion of the project. The south wing of the Health Center is continuing with new construction. Contractors have begun work in the dental area for its remodel. The demolition of the existing site inside is complete.

Announcements:

- The West Entrance is closed until further notice.
- The current entrance is on the East Side of the building (Side adjacent to highway 4). (Please plan when on extra time scheduling to visit the clinic). Patients will be escorted to their destination after they check-in and have their temperature taken.
- Due to the New Parking lot project, Sheep Springs Way will be closed until further notice. Do Not Enter through the North Side of the JHHS by Sheep Springs Way.
- Please Stay out of the Construction Zones. Please drive into the designated east parking lot. Do not walk to JHHS. The amount of Construction and

Heavy Machinery around JHHS limits visibility to construction operators working around the area.

- There will be changes with parking around the clinic. Please stay patient as these are temporary for all the new construction.
- Due to limited parking area, Construction Parking will be parking along sheep springs way until further notice. Overflow will park at Pueblo Place if needed.

Parking:

JHHS has designated parking for patients with signs, and parking spaces will be on the clinic's east side. New entrance for patients to visit the clinic will be from the East Parking Lot (Refer to Map on page 10 for directions)

- The Ambulance EMS will have one reserved spot in front of the new door on the building's east side. Clinic staff will designate this area with signs.
- Pharmacy pick-ups will be on the Eastside of the building. The Pharmacy will deliver meds to patients waiting in designated parking areas on the east lot against the building. Someone will bring prescriptions out of the north door to patients waiting in their vehicles. (Please call Pharmacy once you arrived at the clinic.)

Jemez Health Center Pharmacy

Phone: (575) 834-0130

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JEMEZ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Jemez Health and Human Services Expansion and Modernization updates continued...

The roof of the new west-side addition of the clinic.



Construction on the West side of the Jemez Health and Human Services is near completion.

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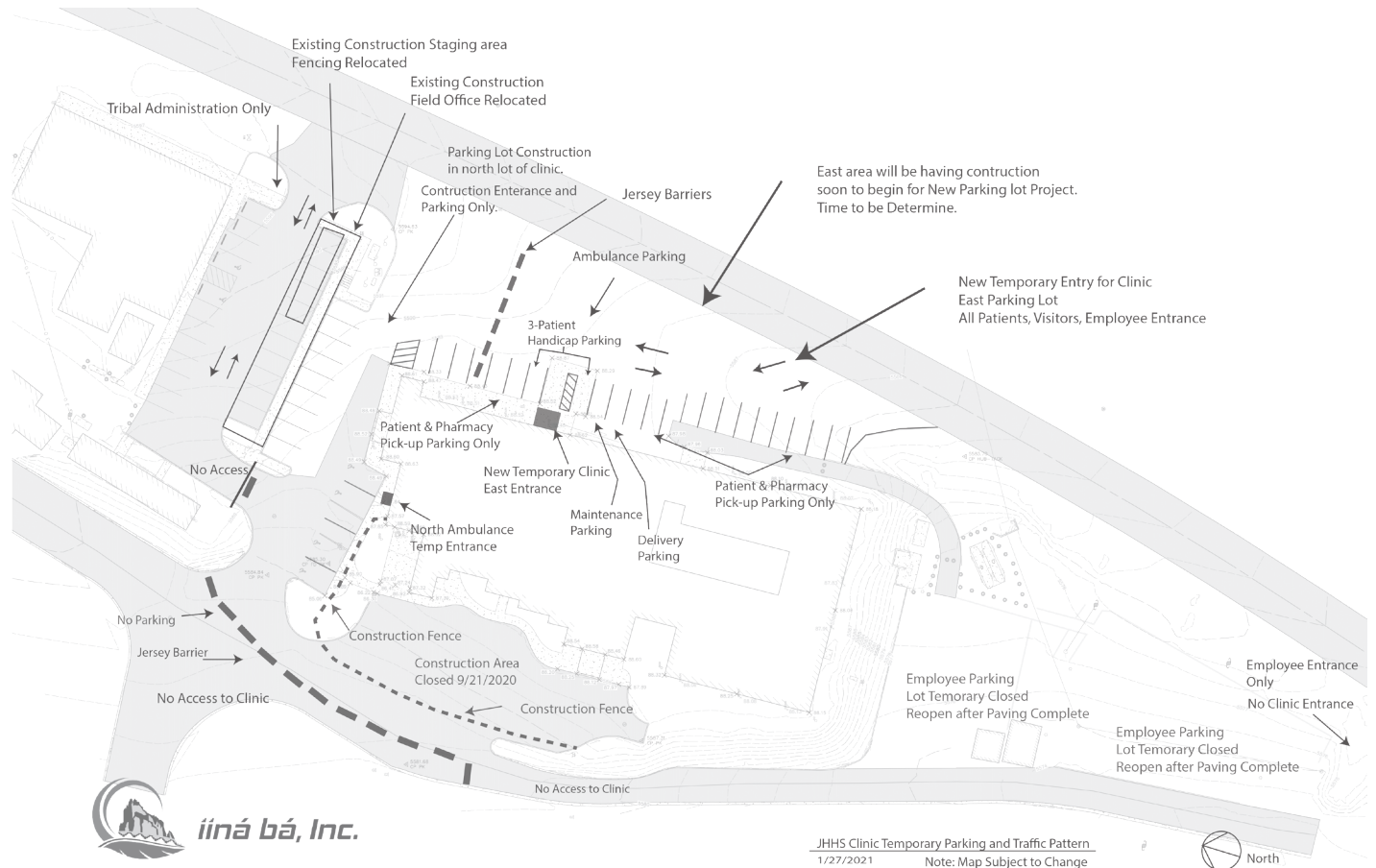
Jemez Health and Human Services Expansion and Modernization updates continued...

Safety:

Please be aware of the construction and construction zones. There are multiple projects ongoing at the same time. Heavy machinery and vehicles will be around the clinic for the next several months. Areas marked and fenced off are not to be entered by non-construction personnel. If walking to JHHS, please walk along with the Tribal administration building. Do Not Enter through Sheep Springs Way to the North Lot of JHHS. Heavy construction is ongoing. Admin Security will be on-site to help direct any patients and traffic. Allow for extra time to get to the JHHS. Please keep from coming into the JHHS parking areas if you are not going to be seen or do not have appointments at the clinic. The lots are for patients. There is a limit to parking and space around the clinic. Please do not overflow the parking areas. If there are no spaces, please contact or look for security to help guide you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Stone at (575) 834-3055, Hilario Armijo at Office: (575) 834-3028, (505) 692-5568, or Patrick Aspaas at (505) 635-0652.

Jemez Health and Human Services Expansion and Modernization Parking Map



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**The Effects of COVID-19 on the Mental Health of Indigenous Communities
(Abridged)**

Written by Ana Sandoiu on July 6, 2020 — Fact checked by Gianna D'Emilio.

In the United States, the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting Indigenous communities to a disproportionate degree. In this Special Feature, we focus on some of the mental health effects and challenges Indigenous people face as a result of the pandemic. Race, biological sex, age, and socioeconomic status are some of the factors that can amplify the new coronavirus's impact.

At Medical News Today, we've started to examine the racialized impact of this global pandemic, and specifically the toll that it takes on more vulnerable communities in the U.S. In this feature, we continue by focusing on how the pandemic affects Indigenous populations in the U.S. and Canada. For example, a frequently updated report by the nonpartisan American Public Media Research Lab found that Black Americans and Indigenous Americans are taking the pandemic's brunt throughout the country. The report estimates that 1 in 1,450 Black Americans has died of COVID-19, followed by 1 in 1,950 Indigenous Americans.

In some states, Indigenous populations are disproportionately affected, compared with their population share. New Mexico is a stark example — here, Indigenous Americans make up only 8.8% of the population but account for over 60% of deaths. Specifically, 34% of American Indian or Alaska Native people aged 18–64 had a higher risk of severe illness than 21% of white people in this age range.

Mental health resources would be beneficial now, as many Indigenous people who would ordinarily benefit from participating in communal practices and social gatherings can no longer attend them. For example, large traditional crowds among tribes in the Great Plains region decided to cancel all large meetings after the Navajo Nation outbreak's source came from a similar event.

So What Are We To Do?

Written by Leon Aragon, Behavioral Health Program Manager

As community members, we must look to both innovations from our youth and traditions from our elders. We can learn from our youth and use technology to incorporate apps that promote positive thoughts, stress reduction, mindfulness, a healthy diet, and healthy sleep practices. We can also use technology to communicate to all our relations around the world. We can do this through daily check-ins, say hello, see what they need and share what we need to best support individuals and families. Finding new ways to communicate and express thoughts and feelings on social media to uplift the community and peers is also empowering.

We can also learn from our elders virtually to use traditional practices to stay productive and creative. Examples of traditional practices that we can learn from elders virtually include:

- Cooking,
- Baking
- Chopping and preparing wood
- Farming and gardening
- Making traditional items such as pottery, moccasins, clothing
- Tips for cleaning our homes and yards.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

So What Are We To Do? Continued....

Establishing daily traditions and recipes to keep our homes, families, and ourselves healthy is vital during quarantine or social distancing.

We can also learn from the community members by keeping in contact with our Public Health Team, Medical Team, Behavioral Health Team, Nursing Team, Social Services Team, Vocational Rehabilitation Team, and the many more supportive teams in our community. They will continue to keep us informed, feeling safe, and supported. Keeping in contact with Community and Traditional Leadership to support ways we can honor our individual, family, and community's traditions safely.

COVID-19 has been detrimental to Tribal Communities, but there is hope, and there is help. We must stay informed, stay positive, stay active in our homes to support ourselves, our families, and our community with positive actions, thoughts, and words.

For more information on supportive ideas, please follow Jemez Public Health Social Media, and contact the Behavioral Health and other JHHS Community Programming for ideas and support.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Social Services Program is a program under the Pueblo of Jemez Health and Human Services



Jemez Awareness Coalition Presents:

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**
Stop the cycle of violence
#Knowyourworth

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KNOW YOUR WORTH

Submitted by: Titus Fragua

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. And what is Teen Dating Violence? TDVAM is when two teenagers are dating and are involved in abusive acts or behaviors of violence. These acts and actions can be physical, emotional, and sexual, as well as harassment/stalking by any person ages 12-18.

Physical Abuse: hitting, kick, biting, shoving, hair pulling, scratching;

Emotional or Psychological Abuse: name-calling, bullying, shaming, intentionally embarrassing;

Sexual Abuse: forcing a teen partner to engage in a sexual act against or without their consent;

Stalking: Repeatedly following or harassing a teen partner in a way that causes them reasonable fear for their safety or well-being and constant monitoring;

Teen dating violence can be done in person or using electronic devices. With an electronic device, a person can avoid texting/calling or using social media to explode on a person emotionally. This type of behavior refers to Cyber Bullying, and cyberbullying often happens a lot with teenagers. Social media is a center of violent and abusive activity, especially for teenagers who are typically in new relationships and unsure how to appropriately handle their feelings. Please be mindful when you start to notice suspicious acts and or behaviors. Speak with your youth about the appropriate ways to have healthy relationships and connect positively through social media.

Teen dating violence impacts everyone and not just teens. It can impact their parents, teachers, friends, and communities as well. In Jemez Pueblo, we need to come together and raise this nation's awareness about teen dating violence and promote safe, healthy relationships to our children and our adults in the community.

In 2019-2020 Centers for Disease and Teen Dating Violence Prevention reported.

- 1 in 3 girls in the US is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner.
- Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse.
- Teens who suffer dating abuse are subject to long-term consequences like alcoholism, eating disorders, promiscuity, thoughts of suicide, & violent behavior.
- 50% of young people who experience rape or physical or sexual abuse will attempt to commit suicide.
- 81% of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue.
- 1 in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend

Suppose you are a teen or a parent of a teenager who is experiencing teen dating violence. Please don't hesitate to report the incident and contact local authorities.

You can contact Jemez Social Service staff victim advocates Carol Vigil or Terese Thornton for any questions or to reporting any incidents. (575) 834-7117.

Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 1-866-331-9474

TRIBAL COURTS

JEMEZ PUEBLO TRAFFIC COURT INFORMATION

Proceedings under the Jemez Pueblo Traffic Code are civil in nature, except for traffic offenses in Chapter 8. Driving Behavior may be considered criminal in nature. Persons receiving traffic citations, "Respondents," are provided two options at the time of citation: 1) pay the penalty assessment within 30 days of the date of the citation or 2) agree to appear in Traffic Court for an initial administrative hearing on the date and time listed on the traffic citation. Note: Police Officers are not present for initial administrative hearings.

Information for persons who opt to appear in person for Traffic Court for the initial administrative hearing

1. Everyone must sign in with the Court staff upon arrival at the Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court. Suppose you have documents such as proof of insurance, proof of valid driver's license, vehicle registration, or other documents pertaining to the traffic citation. In that case, those documents must be emailed to court.clerk@jemezpueblo.org or faxed to 575/834-9317 for review by the Tribal Judge. The traffic citation number must be included with any documents sent to the Court. The Court is limiting acceptance of any documents onsite as the Court offices are closed to the public.
2. Persons who appear in person for Traffic Court for the initial administrative hearing may choose to stay and wait in their car until the Court calls them to enter the Courtroom. Only two people will be permitted to enter the Courtroom at the same time, approximately every 15 minutes, or he/she may choose to call in at a designated time, which will be provided by the Court, for their initial administrative hearing. Respondents also can enter their admission or denial of the citation in writing and submit their written response to the Court.
3. At the initial administrative hearing, the Judge will announce the case and call the person with the citation, the "Respondent," to the podium. The Judge will ask the Respondent to state his/her name for the record, and then will read the citation. The Judge will ask the Respondent whether he/she "admits" or "denies" the citation.
4. When a person admits to the citation, the Judge will ask the Respondent whether he/she wants to make a statement before the Judge enters a decision.
5. When a person denies the citation, the citation is set for a final administrative hearing to be held on a different date, and the Police Officer who issued the citation will be notified to be at that hearing, which will be held telephonically or by Zoom. The Respondent is provided a hearing date or is informed that a notice of hearing will be sent to the Respondent. The Respondent must verify his/her mailing address, email address, and phone number with the Court Clerk.
6. Penalty assessments and court costs may be paid by calling the Court at 575/834-7369 during regular business hours, 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or online or by mailing a money order or cashier's check to Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court, P.O. Box 100, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024. The Court is not open for any in-person payments. Failure to pay will result in a late fee imposition, and the citation will be sent to a collection agency where additional fees will be added.

TRIBAL COURTS

JEMEZ PUEBLO TRIBAL COURT VISITOR GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY

The Jemez Pueblo Tribal Court offices are closed to the public. The Courtroom is open on a minimal basis, and all visitors entering the Courtroom must adhere to the following:

1. Everyone must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth.
2. Visitors must have temperature taken, and if temperature indicates a fever of 100 degrees or more, the visitor will not be permitted to enter the Courtroom.
3. Must practice social distancing at all times, and only the person who received the Traffic citation will be allowed into the Courtroom. Only two to three visitors will be allowed to enter the Courtroom at a time, depending on the type of case.
4. If a person has symptoms of COVID-19 infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell or the person has tested positive for COVID-19, or the person has been in close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, the person will not be permitted to enter the Courtroom. The hearing will be continued and rescheduled to another date.
5. The Courtroom will be sanitized before each visitor enters the Courtroom and after each visitor leaves. Hand sanitizer is available for use by visitors.
6. No one is allowed to wait in the hallway outside the Courtroom.
7. Must enter and exit through west side doors closest to the Courtroom.

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to these guidelines.

Mission

The Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Court upholds the laws of the Pueblo of Jemez, ensures equal access to justice, and protects the rights and liberties of the public.

Intent

The Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Court serves as the judicial arm of the Tribal government and serves the public. The Court's intent is to reflect the core values of the Pueblo of Jemez community and to incorporate those values into the Court's roles and responsibilities.

Services Offered by Department

The Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Court provides a forum for tribal criminal cases, children's court cases, and civil court cases, including traffic court cases, to be heard. The Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Court does not preside over any land dispute issues. Adult and juvenile probation services are provided at the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Court. The Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Court has pro se forms available for the public.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority

Submitted by: Greta Armijo

The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) wishes our community a Happy New Year. POJHA continues navigating through the pandemic by following recommendations, guidelines, and safety measurements to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes the continued use of limited “in-person” services to our community members.

POJHA is looking forward to 2021 with a goal to continue seeking funding to develop the Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision. In December 2020, POJHA submitted its Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive application to HUD proposing to build 22 lease purchase housing units ranging from two bedroom to five bedrooms for families who are 80% or below the HUD median income guidelines. POJHA continues to accept applications for Pueblo Place.

For POJHA to succeed and grow, we must understand the housing needs within our community. One of our goal's is to assess the current housing situation and needs within our community. By using various outreach methods, such as community survey's, we hope to identify opportunities for improvement and expansion of housing programs and options. With the on-going pandemic, our community continues to face housing challenges in the areas of substandard housing and overcrowded conditions. We will utilize the data collected to identify housing issues and solutions which will be used to make strategic decisions for short, medium, and long-term planning and funding opportunities.

The POJHA successfully submitted is Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Housing Plan and Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Performance Reports to HUD in December. We anticipate receiving our estimated FY 2021 Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding of \$447,583 within the next few month. This funding will be used to operate and manage 41 housing units; assist in the development and construction of a Triplex project. Additionally, we plan to leverage some of the funds for future development at Pueblo Place and to assist families with rehabilitation and down payment assistance.

POJHA Maintenance Tips

As we get closer to the end of the winter season, we still need to be aware of the risks that comes with the season. Our community uses various heat sources to warm our homes which brings some risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/co/default.html>

What is carbon monoxide (CO)? Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas, which can cause sudden illness and death.

Where is CO found? CO is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals.

How can I prevent CO poisoning in my home?

- Install a battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Place your detector where it will wake you up if it alarms, such as outside your bedroom. Consider buying a detector with a digital readout. This detector can tell you the highest level of CO concentration in your home in addition to alarming. Replace your CO detector every five years.
- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
- If you smell an odor from your gas refrigerator have an expert service it. An odor from your gas refrigerator can mean it could be leaking CO.
- When you buy gas equipment, buy only equipment carrying the seal of a national testing agency, such as Underwriters' Laboratories (UL).
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly. Horizontal vent pipes for appliances, such as a water heater, should go up slightly as they go

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HOUSING AUTHORITY

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toward outdoors, as shown below. This prevents CO from leaking if the joints or pipes are not fitted tightly.

- Have your chimney checked or cleaned every year. Chimneys can be blocked by debris. This can cause CO to build up inside your home or cabin.
- Never patch a vent pipe with tape, gum, or something else. This kind of patch can make CO build up in your home, cabin, or camper.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating. Using a gas range or oven for heating can cause a buildup of CO inside your home, cabin, or camper.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal – red, gray, black, or white – gives off CO.
- Never use a portable gas camp stove indoors. Using a gas camp stove indoors can cause CO to build up inside your home, cabin, or camper.
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement, or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent.
- When using a generator, use a battery-powered or battery backup CO detector in your home.
- National Burn Awareness Week is celebrated the first full week of February. Electrical Safety from Amps to Zap (A to Z)! is scheduled to be held the week of February 7 -13, 2021. Source: <http://ameriburn.org/prevention/burn-awareness-week/>

Here are a few examples of ways your household can participate in fire safety:

- Plug major appliances directly into a wall outlet. Do not use extension cords or power strips. Only one heat-producing appliance should be plugged into an outlet.
- Batteries can Short circuit when the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals of a battery are in contact with each other. Batteries in a pocket with coins, keys, and other metal objects can short circuit and cause burns.
- Always check cords before use for cracks or frayed sockets, loose or bare wire, and loose connection.

Financial Literacy Classes

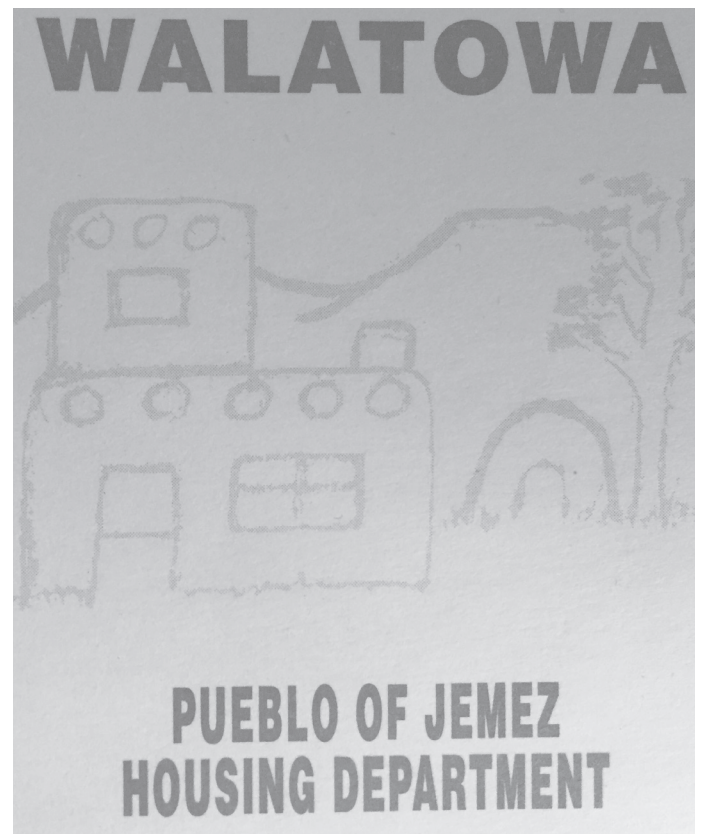
POJHA will be hosting virtual financial literacy classes starting February 4, 2021 on budget, credit, credit reports and a pathway to homeownership. Please contact POJHA staff for further information.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning, Development and Transportation Department Updates

Submitted by: Sheri Bozic, Department Director



The Planning Development and Transportation Department (PDTD) is working on numerous infrastructure improvement projects. Below are the project status updates. If you have questions, please contact Sheri Bozic, Director, at (505)382-3299.

NM 4 Multi-use Pedestrian Trail

The NMDOT awarded a \$4.7 Million Grant to the Pueblo to design and construct a multi-use pedestrian trail along the NM-4. The project entails planning, design, and construction of a 1.9-mile pedestrian trail between Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision and Bear Head Canyon Road. This project will facilitate safe pedestrian passage between many community services and residences located along with NM 4. The preliminary engineering is currently in progress. PDTD will host virtual public meetings in early 2021 to share information about the project and gain community feedback. Please keep an eye out for the meeting announcement in the newsletter.

NM-4 Bypass

Tribal leadership and staff from the PDTD, Realty Department, Public Works Department, and Natural Resources Department are currently working with NMDOT and their engineering firm to complete the project's planning and design. After the design is completed, the Pueblo will seek funding to construct the NM-4 bypass.

Tribal Administrative Complex Parking Lots/Sheep Springs Way

The Project will construct the following improvements:

- Grading and paving all parking lots and the Sheep Springs Way entrance at the south intersection with NM-4,
- Widening Sheep Springs Way to two lanes,
- Installation of a retaining wall on the west side of the clinic,
- Installation of detention ponds east of NM-4 and south of the clinic, and
- Installation of landscaping and lighting.

The Project will also add additional parking spaces, ensure ADA compliance, improve traffic flow, and increase pedestrians and drivers' safety. Construction is underway and will be completed in spring 2021. Alternative parking areas have been designated at the Senior Center and the Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision, with a daily shuttle service in the mornings and evenings.



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Planning, Development and Transportation Department Project Updates Continued...

Pedestrian Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan

With extensive input from the community, pedestrian trails and bikeways facility plan was developed for the Pueblo. The Pueblo will utilize the plan to seek funding for the design and construction of new pedestrian pathways and improve existing trails at the Pueblo. If you would like a copy of the plan, please contact our office.

Emergency Modular Buildings

The project will design and construct seven emergency modular buildings to conduct COVID-19 testing, facilitate distance learning, and improve telework capabilities for employees during the public health emergency. The site work was completed and the buildings are currently being manufactured. The project will be completed in spring 2021.

Road Maintenance

The road maintenance team works diligently to improve roadway and parking lot conditions throughout the Pueblo. The team has completed or is currently working on the following projects:

- Conducting routine road maintenance on village roads.
- Patching potholes at various locations with asphalt.
- Replacing damaged signage throughout the village.

- Installing Slow - Children at Play signage in select locations in the village.

For questions regarding road maintenance, please contact Vincent Toya, Heavy Equipment Supervisor, at (505)500-5336.

Construction Tip – Call Before You Dig

Please call 811 or 1-800-321-2537 at least two working days in advance **before you start** any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a contractor, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. The 811 representatives will record the location and other information about your project and notify the appropriate utility companies to mark all buried lines so you can dig safely around them! For more information, visit <http://call811.com/map-page/new-mexico>.

FREE Vehicle Removal!

Do you have an abandoned or unwanted vehicle on your property that you want permanently removed? Atlas Towing will take all vehicles that are damaged, wrecked, totaled, salvaged, or scrapped, running or not, FREE of charge. Call Atlas for more information or to schedule a pickup at (505) 445-9104. Atlas Towing staff will be cautious, wear PPE, and practice social distancing when they enter the village.



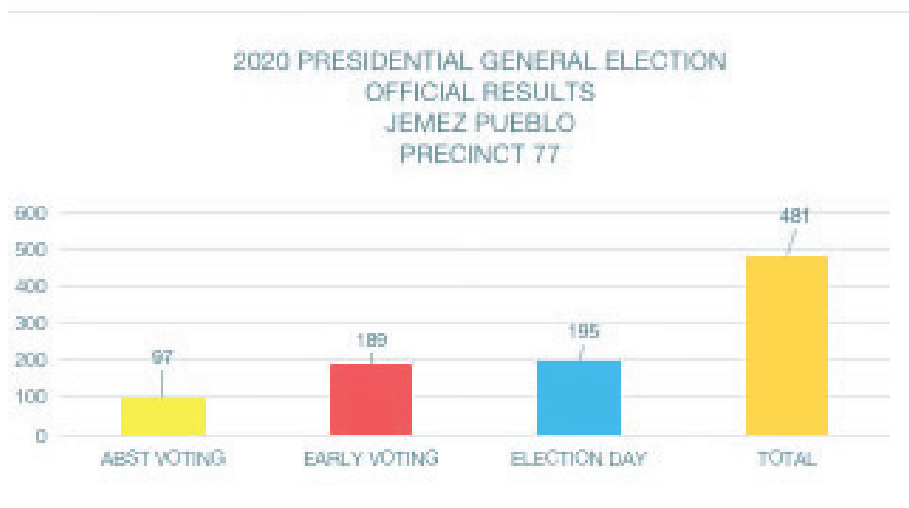
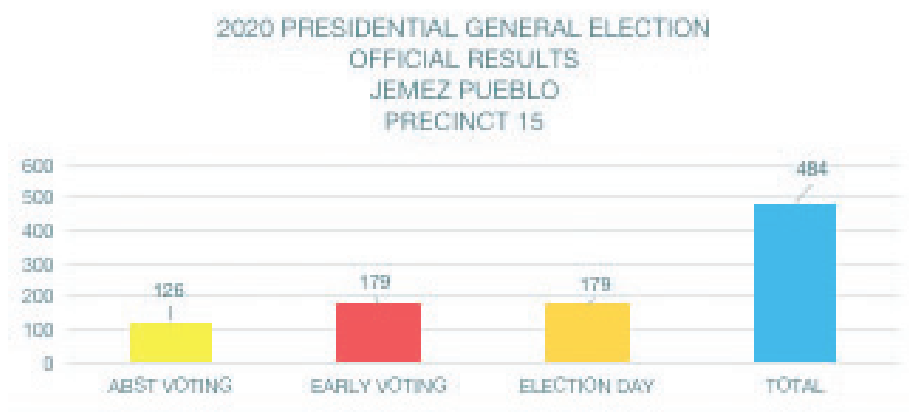


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Native American Voting Rights Program County of Sandoval

The Native American Voting Rights Program would like to thank everyone who came out to vote in the 2020 Presidential General election. There was a 965 voter participation from the community of Jemez Pueblo. Below are statistics of the election:



If you have any questions please contact the Native American Voting Rights Office at (505) 934 -8826