



City of Winslow

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POLICY UPDATES AND CLARIFICATIONS

The following is an update on the current condition of the City regarding our response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

City and State Action

On April 1, 2020, the City Council unanimously extended the Mayor's Executive Order, "Declaration of Local Emergency" indefinitely and until further notice, with all provisions to be made in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-18, issued on March 30, 2020, entitled "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected," Physical Distancing to Mitigate COVID-19 Transmission, to be in effect until April 30, 2020.

Per the Governor, Arizona shall institute a "Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected" policy that promotes physical distancing, while also encouraging social connectedness. This builds on actions the state has already taken, and further memorializes some already in effect, to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect our citizens.

Under this policy, all individuals in the State of Arizona shall limit their time away from their place of residence or property, except:

- a. To conduct or participate in Essential Activities.*
- b. For employment, to volunteer or participate in Essential Functions.*
- c. To utilize any services or products provided by Essential Businesses.*
- d. Employment, if as a sole proprietor or family owned business, work is conducted in a separate office space from your home and the business is not open to serve the public.*
- e. No person shall be required to provide documentation or proof of their activities to justify their activities under this order.*

There are stronger orders on social distancing and people should stay at home if not participating in (1) essential activities, (2) essential functions, or (3) utilizing services or products provided by essential businesses. You can leave your house for these purposes as set forth in more detail in the order. The government (police) can't ask for proof of where you are going either.

“Essential” vs. “Non-essential” Businesses and Services

The Governor’s Executive Order issued March 30, 2020 allows only “Essential” businesses and services to conduct business within their establishments. Restaurants are still required to provide only delivery and curbside service to restrict public contact.

The list of essential businesses stays the same (and the list of essential businesses is long). The City of Winslow cannot issue orders restricting essential businesses. They are preempted by the Governor’s orders.

The order does place some limitations on non-essential businesses. Key: non-essential business operations that do not require in-person on-site transactions may continue to operate (conversely, in-person on-site operations of non-essential businesses are closed). Big picture: some non-essential businesses will be more limited after this order.

Businesses and entities that do remain open need to implement rules and procedures to make sure they have physical distancing and spacing of at least six feet. That would include the City of Winslow as we have many essential operations that will remain open. The City has adjusted its operations to promote physical distancing and we encourage our citizens to use online services when feasible.

All “essential” business establishments will be required to provide a social distancing and sanitization policy on-site. Winslow Police personnel will inspect business establishments routinely for compliance with social distancing requirements, and provide notice and opportunity to cure before issuing citations (violations of the Governor’s or a Mayor’s emergency orders are a class 1 misdemeanor).

“Non-essential” businesses and services shall not be open to the public, and are restricted to only the provision of services that ensure the avoidance of personal contact.

Medical Services and Public Health Issues

Information is changing fast and is subject to change on an hourly basis, however there is a 2-3 day lag of information currently. The City of Winslow strongly supports our local health providers and State and

County public health agencies, however we are not the authority over the dissemination of medical and health information in Navajo County.

For questions and guidance about medical or health issues related to the Coronavirus in Navajo County and throughout the State of Arizona and United States, please utilize the following resources:

Navajo County Public Health Department

www.navajocountyaz.gov/Departments/Public-Health-Services

(928) 414-1278.

For Statewide data log on the Arizona Department of Health Services

www.azdhs.gov

(602) 542-1025.

For information and data at the National Level

Centers for Disease Control

www.cdc.gov

(800) 232-4636

CORONAVIRUS.GOV

<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

The White House

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

For questions about public health and safety precautions taken by specific business establishments, we strongly encourage you to contact the business directly to inquire about their respective policies with regard to social distancing, sanitization, and other precautionary measures to protect the public health and safety.

City Services

- *There is no curfew imposed in the City of Winslow at this time. The Navajo Nation has imposed a curfew between 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM.*
- *The City will continue to provide essential services to our residents, with many of our administrative services performed remotely and City Council meetings conducted via teleconferencing and internet in the spirit of “social connectedness, resiliency and help-seeking behavior,” as provided for in the Governor’s most recent Executive Order referenced above.*
- *The Winslow Transfer Station will be open for business Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Customers will be required to provide proof of Winslow residency upon entering the station. No trash and debris will be accepted without proof of a Winslow address.*
- *The Winslow Transit System will continue to provide service to accommodate as many of the local residents as possible. Contact Winslow Transit by calling (928) 289-2422.*

- *"Shopping for the Elderly" program continues in partnership with local civic groups and individual volunteers. This program will assist our elderly citizens with their shopping needs during this uncertain time. Service will be available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Elderly citizens in need of assistance may call City Hall at (928) 289-1476.*

Personal Contact

We remind our citizens that we can flatten the curve of the spread of the COVID-19 virus if we all commit to taking a common sense approach and follow the guidelines below: (also refer to CDC guidance at www.cdc.gov)

- *Stay home if you are sick, and consult with a physician via Telemedicine if you have symptoms of COVID-19.*
- *Stay home at all times if at all possible.*
- *Only go out to provide or receive essential services and avoid personal contact.*
- *Practice social distancing at home, within your "essential business, and when out in public.*

There is a strong potential for the spread of COVID-19 to worsen if we ignore orders to stay home as much as possible. It is critical at this time for all of us to follow the guidance issued by Federal, State, and local authorities. Please do your best to abide by the Governor's latest Executive Order.

We appreciate and commend our citizens and businesses who have stepped up to encourage a unified effort on all fronts as we navigate through these uncertain times.

Please contact City Hall at 928-289-2422 with any questions or comments.

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