

Public Service Announcement

Oglala Sioux Tribe Border Monitoring & Curfew

The Oglala Sioux Tribe adopted a COVID-19 Pine Ridge Reservation Border Monitoring Health Order and Coordinated Border Monitoring Plan.

The Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 20-70 affirming President Bear Runner's Declaration of a State of Emergency on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation due to the novel coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2 and the disease it causes, "coronavirus disease 2019" or "COVID-19", and

Tribal Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-18 "Shelter-In-Place", to help decrease the spread of infection within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation, and in light of the extraordinary threat posed by COVID-19, the Oglala Sioux Tribe must take aggressive measures to protect the residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and the intent of this Order is to ensure that the residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are protected from the spread of COVID-19 to the fullest extent possible, and recognizes that Indian tribes and Reservations are among the most vulnerable populations and locations for this COVID-19 pandemic and the number of positive COVID-19 cases continue to rise in the surrounding areas.

There is significant travel to, from, and through the Pine Ridge Reservation with many coming from areas where there is confirmed community spread of the COVID-19 virus which increases the risk of exposure to the reservation population therefore, Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interests for the health and welfare and the protection of the residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to adopt this Border Monitoring Health Order, and Coordinated Border Monitoring Plan to be effective 12:00 a.m. Friday April 3, 2020.

Border Monitoring Ordinance: The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is hereby closed to all non-residents for non-essential travel, except for all state highway entrances for pass-through vehicles. Essential travel is allowed and include supply trucks/vehicles, workers and essential businesses as defined in the Shelter-in-place order. For clarification, violations of this Ordinance shall carry a civil fine of \$1000.00 per incident.

Curfew Ordinance: Beginning Friday, April 3, 2020, all residents must abide by the 10:00PM-6:AM Curfew, essential travel (medical, work, etc.) only. All businesses will close from 8:00PM-6:00AM. If you are caught out, there will be a warning issued, second time is a \$100.00 fine, and thereafter per incident.

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