



RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY
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TRIBAL COUNCIL AND TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DIRECTIVE OF MANDATORY CURFEW AND STAY AT HOME ORDER

To all RSIC Tribal Community members,

The COVID-19 pandemic is at or near its peak. The Tribal Council takes this pandemic very seriously due to the risk and dangers it has on members and nonmembers alike. Due to those considerations, Tribal Council has passed 2 new laws (4-10-110 and 4-11-111) (the full text will be available on the RSIC website) and extended the Declaration of Emergency until April 30th, 2020 which in effect will allow RSIC the power to enforce social distancing and work towards the prevention and ultimate goal of stopping COVID-19.

The first law is a **Mandatory Curfew (4-10-110)** which goes into effect Today, April 3, 2020. *All community members on RSIC lands are required to stay in their homes unless they are working in essential employment fields and carrying out their essential functions or obtaining emergency medical treatment. The curfew is from 9 P.M (PT) until 5 A.M (PT).* It is suggested that you stay off all streets after 9 P.M. The objective of this new law is to deter and prevent unnecessary social gatherings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The second law is a **Mandatory Stay at Home Order** which requires all RSIC community members to stay in their homes all day unless they are doing essential tasks. Such essential tasks are going to and from the grocery store, obtaining medical care, caring for another individual, obtaining essential supplies for the upkeep and sanitation of your residence and going to and from essential jobs. It is now against the law to have unnecessary social gatherings. Again, the objective of this is to help enforce social distances, enforce quarantine efforts, and prevent unnecessary social gatherings to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

These 2 new laws carry penalties for violating of them. For the first time offenders, the person can be charged with a civil fine not to exceed (up to) \$500.00. A second time offender will be charged with a civil fine of (mandatory) \$500.00. A third time or more offender of either of these 2 laws will be charged with a "Class A misdemeanor" which

carries with it an incarceration period not to exceed 180 days and/or fine not to exceed \$500 and/or community services hours not to exceed 300 hours.

It is mandatory that all RSIC community members take this *Curfew* and *Stay at Home Order* seriously. The prevention of and stopping of unnecessary social gatherings and enforcing social distancing is the key weapon in combating COVID-19. Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and prevent unnecessary contact with other persons and attempt to stay at a minimum of 6 feet away from other persons to help limit and hopefully stop the spread of COVID-19.

RSIC Tribal Council and RSIC staff are closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and are working hard to keep RSIC safe and adopting best practices from medical experts to prevent and stop COVID-19. The laws that Tribal Council promulgated regarding the Mandatory Curfew and Stay at Home Order are only in effect until April 30th, 2020 or unless Tribal Council rescinds or extends it based on recommendations from medical experts. I would like to thank you for your cooperation and encourage each community member to look out for each other and with our unified efforts we can help stop the spread of COVID-19.



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