

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
2020-1**

**IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY  
THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY IS DISCOURAGING TRAVELERS AND  
TOURISTS FROM ENTERING THE VILLAGE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE PUBLIC  
HEALTH RISKS DUE TO COVID-19**

**AND**

**ENCOURAGES ALL NON ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES, INCLUDING SHORT TERM  
RENTALS AND CONSTRUCTION NOT RELATED IN THE SUPPORT OF MEDICAL  
CARE PROFESSIONALS OR ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO CLOSE OPERATIONS  
UNTIL APRIL 10TH, AS PER THE NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR'S ORDERS, DATED  
MARCH 24th, 2020, OR FOR THE DURATION OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT DATE  
OF PENDING OF THIS ORDER.**

**WHEREAS;** The GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO and The NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH issued an order closing all non-essential businesses which took effect on March 24, 2020;

**WHEREAS;** The Village of Taos Ski Valley has a commitment to reducing public interaction to slow the spread of COVID-19, as adopted by Resolution 2020-428;

**WHEREAS;** The Village of Taos Ski Valley must take all necessary precautions to protect employees, families, and the general public. The Village of Taos Ski Valley is working closely with emergency personnel and will continue to reassess the situation as information becomes available;

**WHEREAS;** The Village of Taos Ski Valley now has two confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 within two weeks of the ski area closing during the middle of spring break with thousands of visitors from all over the country including national virus hotspots of the East Coast, the West Coast, and Colorado. The local hospital is small and not equipped to handle an outbreak in Taos County, which has a significant number of elderly residents;

**WHEREAS;** Almost half of the confirmed positive cases in Colorado are from the ski areas. Many of the cases in Northern Italy were from the ski areas in the Dolomites;

**WHEREAS;** The US Forest Service has closed all campgrounds on State Road 150 and has ceased to maintain any public facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christof Brownell, Mayor of the Village of Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico, do hereby order the public to adhere to the following orders effective on Friday March 27, 2020:

- A. Travelers and tourists are discouraged from entering into the Village of Taos Ski Valley.
- B. Non essential businesses including short term rentals and construction not related in the support of medical care professionals or essential services are encouraged to close operations until April 10th, 2020, or possible amendment date, as per the New Mexico Governor's orders, dated March 24th, 2020, including but not limited to hotels, motels, short term rentals (30 days or less), bed and breakfast establishments, lodges and retreats, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Village of Taos Ski Valley Fire and EMS Chief for emergency or quarantine purposes, or to provide lodging for essential federal, state, county or local personnel. Specifically excluded from the Order are circumstances in which it is not safe or impossible for a guest to depart from the Village. However, there shall be no new bookings or reservations during the pendency of this Order. Furthermore, current reservations for the timeframe anticipated in this Order shall be cancelled.
- C. Travelers who have arrived from out of state and are currently present in the Village boundaries are required to self quarantine for 14 days.

**EXECUTED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2020 IN TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO AND IS IN EFFECT UNTIL MIDNIGHT MST ON APRIL 10, 2020, AND IS SUBJECT TO CONTINUING REVIEW BY THE VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLEY FIRE AND EMS CHIEF.**

 3/27/20  
Christof Brownell, Mayor      Date

 3/27/20  
Attest: Ann Marie Wooldridge, Village Clerk      Date

