

Navajo Nation president extends lock down, submits declaration

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In a virtual forum on Dec. 3, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez announced he would be extending a lock down order for three weeks to prevent the spread of coronavirus, in addition to sending a “major disaster declaration” for President Donald Trump to sign.

The extension would begin Dec. 7, ordering the Navajo people to only go out for “essential business” and limiting gatherings under one roof. He also reinstated the 57-hour weekend curfew for the Nation Friday through Monday and having needed businesses open only for 12 hours a day during the work week. Nez reminded people that if a household needs something, only one person should go out.

The Navajo Nation president told his listeners on the online forum that his message is similar to what governors are imploring their residents to do.

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