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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

An administrative order authorizing all Navajo Nation Judicial Branch employees to either work from home or to be placed on administrative leave and on-call for essential services was issued today by Chief Justice JoAnn B. Jayne. The order goes into effect Friday, March 20, 2020, and ends Friday, May 1, 2020, at 5 p.m.

This administrative order supersedes an order issued on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, that authorized Judicial Branch employees with no childcare, who are 60 or over, or who have compromised immune systems to telecommute or take administrative leave.

“The Judicial Branch is protecting their employees and the public by first sending our employees home to prevent public contact, and second, by creating a Continuity of Operations Plan for the courts and programs to continue to provide essential services,” said Chief Justice Jayne.

Navajo Nation Judicial Branch courts and programs will be accessible for only limited services beginning Wednesday, March 25, 2020, until further notice. Details regarding the limited services are forthcoming.

These measures are being taken due to the public health emergency declared by the Navajo Nation concerning the coronavirus/covid-19 and due to the recent news that 14 members of the Navajo Nation have tested positive for the disease.

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