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INFORMATION ON APPLICATIONS FOR PROTECTION ORDERS

The Navajo Nation courts are offering essential services during the current public health emergency. Essential services include applications for orders of protection and matters of enforcement. The courts are operating but are closed to the public during this time. Because of this, the courts are striving to make applications for "Petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Order and Motion for Temporary Protection Order" available to the public.

When the document is filed, the motion for temporary protection order is either approved or denied immediately without notice to the respondent. Whether approved or denied, the petition for Domestic Abuse Protection Order is addressed by the Court when service of process is made upon the respondent within the 15 day timeline. The courts are guided by the Domestic Abuse Protection Act in Title 9 of the Navajo Nation Code and the Navajo Rules for Domestic Violence Proceedings adopted by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

There is an "Application for Protection from Domestic Abuse and Service of Process" that may be downloaded from the <u>www.navajocourts.org</u> website. The application can be filed during court business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Emergency Temporary Protection Orders outside of regular court business hours may be obtained through the Navajo Nation Police Department.

If you are not able to obtain an application online, the following courts will mail or fax to you upon request: Chinle, Kayenta, Window Rock and Tuba City Judicial District.

The following Courts have Protection Order applications available at the courts: Aneth, Crownpoint, and Ramah Judicial Districts. At To'Hajiilee and Alamo, an application may be provided in the local courts' drop box upon request. These courts have made these applications available at their courthouses by various means including envelopes outside the door and in drop boxes.

There are Protection Order applications available at the local Navajo Nation police station in the following judicial districts: Ramah, Crownpoint, Kayenta, Window Rock and Tuba City Judicial Districts.

Other places where people may get Protection Order applications:

- 1. Ramah Judicial District: local post office
- 2. Dził Yijiin Judicial District: Pinon chapter house, Navajo County Sheriff's deputies, local Division of Social Services.
- 3. Aneth Judicial District: Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. Victim Advocates located at Monument Valley and Montezuma Creek Community Health Centers.

If you need further assistance, for example, you are unable to download an application online, please contact the local district court. Please be patient as only a limited number of staff are working in order to protect the health of the public and employees.

Contact information

Tuba City District Court

Telephone: (928) 283-3140 Fax: (928) 283-3158 Email: <u>nntccourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Window Rock District Court

Telephone: (928) 206- 7469 Fax: (928) 871-7560 Email: <u>nnwrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Kayenta District Court

Telephone: (928) 697-5549 Fax: (928) 697-5546 Email: <u>nnkycourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Alamo District Court

Telephone: (575) 854-2668 Fax: (575) 854-2660 Email: <u>nnalcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

To'hajiilee Court

Telephone: (505) 908-2817 Fax: (505) 908-2819 Email: <u>nntocourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Chinle District Court

Telephone: (928) 674-2070 Fax: (928) 674-2089 Email: nnchcourt@navajo-nsn.gov

Shiprock District Court Telephone: (505) 368-1278 Fax: (505) 368-1288 Email: <u>nnsrcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Crownpoint District Court and Pueblo Pintado Circuit Court

Telephone: (505) 786-2072 Fax: (505) 786-2086 Email: <u>nncpcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u> Email: <u>nnppcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Dził Yijiin District Court

Telephone: (928) 725-3781 Fax: (928) 725-3786 Email: <u>nndycourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Dilkon District Court

Telephone: (928) 657-8140 Fax: (928) 657-8146 Email: nndkcourt@navajo-nsn.gov

Ramah District Court

Telephone: (505) 775-3218 Fax: (505) 775-3399 Email: <u>nnrmcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

Aneth District Court

Telephone: (435) 651-3545 Fax: (435) 651-3546 Email: <u>anethcourt@navajo-nsn.gov</u>

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