

Pueblo of Acoma—Health Council

Purpose: The Health Council has been established to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of the public health delivery system within the Acoma community.



Mission: The Health Council of the Pueblo of Acoma will identify and determine healthcare issues and concerns with professionalism, customer-friendly, cultural and traditional sensitivity to meet the healthcare needs of the community.

Vision: The Health Council of the Pueblo of Acoma is committed to the following principles of maintaining confidentiality, respect and caring while providing quality management to assure health education and promotion, disease prevention and the assurance of safety that meets individuals as well as community health needs.



Goals/Objectives:

The Pueblo of Acoma Health Council will build on and learn new skills and ways to engage a broader and more diverse network of people in the Acoma community through a process that will be developed collectively. The Pueblo of Acoma Health Council will: 1) increase community engagement, 2) use a community –based research approach, 3) inform policy level decision-making at local and state levels, 4) have additional tools and resources to decrease community health disparities and inequities, and 5) to advocate for sustainable change and increased health equity.

2020—2021 Successes

Although case counts for COVID-19 continue to decline for the Pueblo of Acoma, the pandemic continues to be a priority public health issue. Case counts declined from their highest point during the months of October and November to most recently 3 cases for the month of March and currently zero cases to date. The total number of deaths to date is 23. As part of its mitigation strategy, the Pueblo of Acoma began administering COVID-19 vaccines during the winter months. So far, 1,584 individuals have received their first dose of vaccine and 1,320 individuals have been fully vaccinated. Vaccination efforts have been coordinated with the New Mexico Department of Health and the Acoma Health Command Center. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been utilized as well as the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. A survey was recently conducted through the Acoma Emergency Food Pantry to gauge how many Pueblo of Acoma community members 16 years of age and older had received the vaccine. The data collected only provided a snapshot of our vaccine efforts here on the Pueblo of Acoma. Vaccination efforts will continue throughout the months of April and May until the pueblo reaches herd/population immunity. The Pueblo of Acoma continues to administer an Emergency food pantry every other week to address the issue of food insecurity due to the pandemic.

