
Via Certified U.S. Postal Mail and E-mail

11/14/20

Ranch House
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Santa Fe, NM 87507
E-mail: nikki@theranchhousesantafe.com

Ranch House
c/o Robin D. Prudencio, Registered Agent
20 Willow Rd.
Edgewood, NM 87015

Re: Concerning the Notice of Closure Dated 11/13/20

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written with regard to the Notice of Closure that was issued by the New Mexico Department of Health to Ranch House at 2571 Cristos Rd. in Santa Fe on November 13, 2020. It has come to the attention of the Department of Health that Ranch House voluntarily closed its operations prior to issuance of the Notice in response to COVID-19 infections of its staff members, and that Ranch House remains closed. The Department appreciates the proactive efforts that your business has taken to prevent the spread of the disease among your staff and members of the public.

The Department will be in contact with Ranch House to verify the number of days that the business has remained closed, and the Department intends to credit those days against the 14-day closure required pursuant to the November 13th Public Health Order. Once again, if you have questions, you may contact Melinda Wolinsky, Assistant General Counsel, at (505) 827-2938.

Sincerely,



Billy J. Jimenez
Acting Cabinet Secretary

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Re: Notice of Immediate Closure Pursuant to Public Health Order – Ranch House

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the COVID-Safe Practices for Individuals and Employers Guide, which is incorporated by reference in the current Public Health Order, a “rapid response” is conducted whenever a COVID-19 case is identified in a place of business or a high-risk facility or population. As part of the rapid response process, the New Mexico Department of Health requires that the identified entity follow appropriate isolation, quarantine, and infection control protocols to mitigate potential COVID-19 transmission and limit risk to employees and the public.

Section 12 of the operative Public Health Order mandates closure of certain business entities that receive four (4) or more rapid responses within a rolling fourteen (14) day period. Specifically:

Any “food and drink establishment,” “place of lodging,” “retail space,” or “essential business” (other than those which meet the definition of a healthcare operation, utility, or media service) in which members of the public regularly visit, must immediately close for a period of fourteen (14) days following the occurrence of four (4) or more rapid responses within a fourteen (14) day period. For purposes of this directive, rapid responses will be counted on a rolling basis.

Ranch House, located at 2571 Cristos Rd. in Santa Fe, NM, 87507, had the following rapid responses related to COVID-19 infections within a 14-calendar-day period:

Response #1: 11/4/20, 1 COVID-19 infections cited.
Response #2: 11/5/20, 1 COVID-19 infections cited.
Response #3: 11/7/20, 2 COVID-19 infections cited.
Response #4: 11/9/20, 5 COVID-19 infections cited.

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Upon receipt of this Notice, Ranch House must immediately close all business operations at the location of the rapid responses cited above for fourteen consecutive calendar days, in accordance with the Public Health Order issued November 13, 2020. Ranch House must immediately cease operations at this location through November 26, 2020. Ranch House may resume normal operations at this location on November 27, 2020.

In addition, Ranch House will appear on the Rapid Response COVID-19 Watchlist under the “Rapid Response Closure” tab on the New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) website for the duration of the fourteen-day closure. The NMED will also include your business/organization and location in a daily press release and social media updates during the fourteen-day closure.

Failure to comply with this directive may result in substantial monetary penalties in accordance with the Public Health Emergency Response Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10a-1 to -19, and may further subject you to criminal penalties or civil judicial enforcement, or both. The failure to comply with this and other directives of the Public Health Order may also subject you to other penalties under applicable state laws.

While your operations are suspended at this location, you are encouraged to have all your employees tested for COVID-19. To find a COVID-19 testing center near you, please visit: <https://cvprovider.nmhealth.org/directory.html>. Additional resources can also be found at <https://cv.nmhealth.org> and <https://www.env.nm.gov/nmed-resources-for-covid-19/>.

A representative from the New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Environment Department, or other applicable state agencies will contact you to discuss COVID-safe practices and provide guidance to prevent workplace exposure. Please be prepared to provide information on additional measures you have taken or plan to take to prevent additional positive cases.

If you have questions concerning this Notice, you may contact Melinda Wolinsky, Assistant General Counsel, at (505) 827-2938.

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