# NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

**Public Notice.** The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) gives notice that on 12/3/2020 the department adopted 6.12.14 NMAC, COVID-19 School Reentry Requirements, as an emergency rule adoption. The new rule is in response to COVID-19 school reentry guidelines. The new rule is implemented as an emergency rule. The department finds that following the non-emergency rulemaking procedures in enacting regulation of school reentry requirements causes imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare, pursuant to Section 14-4-5.6 NMSA 1978, State Rules Act, Emergency rule.

**Rule Information.** The purpose of this rule is to establish the requirements for public school compliance with the department's COVID-19 school reentry guidance in order to protect and support the safe and healthy school attendance of New Mexico students, and safe and healthy working environment for teachers, faculty, staff, and administration.

# The statutory authorizations include the following:

Sections 9-24-8, 12-10-10, 22-2-1, and 22-2-2 NMSA 1978grants the authority of the secretary to adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules.

No technical information served as a basis for this proposed rule change.

A public comment period and a public hearing, pursuant to Section 14-4-5.3 NMSA 1978, State Rules Act, Public Participation, Comments, and Rule Hearings, will be held in order to adopt a permanent rule within 180 days of the effective date of December 3, 2020 for 6.12.14 NMAC, pursuant to Section 14-4-5.6 NMSA 1978, State Rules Act, Emergency rule.

Copies of the rule may be accessed through the New Mexico Public Education Department's website under the “Rule Notification” link at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/policy-innovation-measurement/rule-notification/> or may be obtained from John Sena by contacting him at (505) 570-7816 during regular business hours.

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