**TITLE 6 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 12 PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**PART 15 [~~COVID-19 SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS~~] PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE**

**6.12.15.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Public Education Department, hereinafter [~~referred to as~~] the department.

[6.12.15.1 NMAC – N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.2 SCOPE:** The provisions of this regulation apply to all public schools in New Mexico.

[6.12.15.2 NMAC - N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Sections 9-24-8, 12-10-10, 22-2-1, and 22-2-2 NMSA 1978.

[6.12.15.3 NMAC - N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.4 DURATION:** Permanent.

[6.12.15.4 NMAC - N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 13, 2021, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.

[6.12.15.5 NMAC - N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.6 OBJECTIVE:** This rule establishes the requirements for [~~the operation of~~] public schools [~~during~~ ~~the COVID-19 pandemic~~] to adhere to public health orders, executive orders, and department guidance.

[6.12.15.6 NMAC – N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**6.12.15.7 DEFINITIONS:** **[RESERVED]**

**6.12.15.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS:**

**A.** [~~School districts and schools shall~~] School districts and charter schools shall follow all public health orders, executive orders, and department guidance [~~including the COVID-19 response toolkit for New Mexico’s public schools~~] for the operation of schools, school sponsored activities, and school premises, including school transportation; and

**B. [**~~School districts and schools shall~~] School districts and charter schools shall honor tribal sovereignty and abide by applicable tribal public health orders, tribal executive orders, and tribal council resolutions.

[6.12.15.8 NMAC – N, 10/13/2021, 7/31/2023]

**HISTORY OF 6.12.15 NMAC: [RESERVED]**