



From the Santuario de Chimayó Pilgrimage Joint Information Center

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(Santa Fe) –The annual journey to El Santuario de Chimayó is underway. Dozens of walkers have already begun their trek to the church. The Santuario de Chimayó Pilgrimage Joint Information Center would like to remind pedestrians and motorists to be safe as they make their way along the route.

The public safety for this event is a joint coordinated effort between the Emergency Management Offices in Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties. Twenty-nine agencies representing local, state, federal and tribal governments as well as volunteer organizations are working together to provide services over eight jurisdictions in which walkers will travel through during their pilgrimage to Chimayó. Below is important information for those along the pilgrimage route.

- Walker safety should include dress for a variety of extreme weather conditions. Wear bright reflective clothing. Wear suitable footwear. Please walk single file on one side of the road when next to active traffic.
- Parking will not be allowed on Juan Medina Road in Chimayó. We are asking the public for their cooperation in keeping this roadway clear for Emergency Vehicle Response. Citations and tow trucks will be used to enforce this restricted parking.
- The State Highway Right of Way will not permit vendor set up on roadways. This effort is also related to pedestrian safety. Walkers are urged to follow safety routes marked by orange barrels and markers placed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation.
- Extreme Wildfire Conditions exist in the area. No open burning will be allowed, no burn permits will be issued for the weekend on the Highway 76 and 503 corridors. Santa Fe County is under full burn restrictions.

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The New Mexico Joint Information Center is the combined effort of the New Mexico Department of Transportation, The New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Rio Arriba County, Santa Fe County Fire Department, Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, New Mexico State Police and Santa Fe County Emergency Management