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## Three new positive COVID-19 cases reported among Navajo people

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer were informed by the Navajo Department of Health and Navajo Area IHS that the number of positive tests for COVID-19 has reached a total of 29 for Navajo people. This includes cases from Navajo County and Apache County in Arizona, and McKinley County in New Mexico.

A Public Health Emergency “Stay at Home Order” remains in effect requiring all residents of the Navajo Nation to remain home and isolated and all non-essential businesses to close to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

“To prevent a massive public health crisis, every person must remain home. The fact is that the number of positive tests is growing. We know some may need food, medicine, or other essential items, but beyond that we shouldn’t have anyone traveling or going out into the public. This includes public gatherings and meetings,” said President Nez.

On Monday, President Nez and Vice President Lizer held a tele-conference call with the Navajo Health Command Operations Center, Navajo Nation Council members, Navajo Area IHS, counties, states, federal agencies, and others.

“Stay home, stay safe, save lives! Everyone needs to stay home to protect our communities from further spread of COVID-19. We are praying every day for our people who are sick and their families. We are also praying for our people, the first responders, and everyone else on the front lines,” stated Vice President Lizer.

First responders continue to deliver care packages to residents of Chilchinbeto. Additional resources including coal, firewood, water, and other essential items have arrived for local residents including the elderly and high-risk. The Navajo Police Department is also on the ground informing communities using public address systems from police units. If Chilchinbeto residents have questions or need assistance, please call (928) 871-6271.

To contact the main Navajo Health Command Operations Center, please call (928) 871-7014.

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