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152 new cases and two deaths related to COVID-19 reported over one week period

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 152 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two recent deaths over a one-week period from Dec. 22 – 28. The total number of deaths is now 1,991. 650,528 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 80,144, including 11 delayed reported cases.

"According to our health care professionals, cases of COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus continue to be of great concern across the country. With the mask requirement in place here on the Navajo Nation, our health experts recognize that our protocols continue to lessen the spread of these viruses and to save lives. As we approach the New Year holiday, we continue to encourage all of our Navajo people to take precautions especially when traveling. We are in this together and we continue to pray for good health for all of our people," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"If you are sick or have symptoms, our health experts urge you to remain home and isolate to prevent further spread of any potential viruses. As we bring in the New Year, please be safe and continue to pray for your loved ones, our frontline warriors, and all of our military men and women around the world," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <u>http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</u>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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