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33 new cases and two deaths related to COVID-19 reported

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 33 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,919. 602,192 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 74,568, including seven delayed reported cases. A new case is defined as a positive test within the last 72-hours. Some cases are due to delayed reporting from the states. Any positive tests from beyond the last 72-hours are considered delayed.

"As the fall season brings colder weather, it's likely that there will be more indoor gatherings as opposed to outdoor events. We must remain diligent and keep our guard up to help lessen the spread of COVID-19 at events and within our communities. Please do your best to prepare ahead of time if you are traveling and if you plan to attend the Western Navajo Fair this weekend. We are in this together and we must continue to support one another and pray for our people," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

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

"Our frontline workers are fighting for us every day. They and their families continue to sacrifice and put themselves at risk to help others and save lives. We are in this together and we will continue to overcome this pandemic through prayer and by supporting our loved ones and others," 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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