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**30 new positive cases of COVID-19 for
the Navajo Nation, 2,134 total negative results**

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The total number of positive tests for COVID-19 has reached 384 for the Navajo Nation as of Monday – an increase of 30 positive cases since Sunday, according to the Navajo Department of Health and Navajo Area Indian Health Service, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center. There is now a total of 15 confirmed deaths related to COVID-19. There is a total of 2,134 negative results as of Monday.

The 384 confirmed positive cases include the following counties:

Navajo County, AZ: 156

Apache County, AZ: 37

Coconino County, AZ: 102

McKinley County, NM: 23

San Juan County, NM: 49

Cibola County, NM: 8

San Juan County, UT: 7

Socorro County, NM: 2

“COVID-19 cases and deaths are growing at a very alarming rate on the Navajo Nation. This weekend, we are initiating a 57-hour mandatory curfew because many people aren’t abiding by the stay at home order. Police will issue citations, fines, and detain people if they don’t abide by the order,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, who also noted that essential personal including first responders are exempted from the weekend curfew.

On April 1, the Nez-Lizer Administration led “Operation First of the Month” to allow for special store hours at Bashas’ Diné Market locations for Navajo elders to shop for essential items, which will allow the elderly population to remain home during this weekend’s curfew.

“We’re in this fight together, but we have to be united if we want to beat the virus sooner than later. The longer the public chooses not to comply with staying home, the longer we’re going to be in this situation and the more risk that is posed to everyone. We know we’re going to beat the virus through the hard work of everyone and with our prayers,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

President Nez continues to urge the general public to use protective masks, including homemade masks, and protective gloves if they are required to work or when going to stores for essential items such as food and medicine.

The Navajo Nation's daily curfew remains in effect from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The curfew does not apply to essential employees reporting to or from duty, with official identification and/or a letter of designation from their essential business employer on official letterhead which includes a contact for verification.

For more information including reports, helpful prevention tips, and more resources, please visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website at <http://www.ndoh.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. To contact the main Navajo Health Command Operations Center, please call (928) 871-7014.

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