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**Nez-Lizer lead food and care package
distribution to rural community members**



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, officials, and volunteers during the food and care package distribution event in Jeddito, Ariz. on April 23, 2020.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Thursday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer led a massive distribution of care packages, food supplies, and fire wood to approximately 250 members of the Navajo Nation who reside in the remote area Jeddito, Ariz., to help families and high-risk residents with essential items during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“The Navajo Nation is stepping up to help our own people by providing some assistance with essential items. We’re not waiting on the federal government or anyone else, we’re doing this because we love our people and we are here for them. Thank you to the many staff members and contributors who stepped up to help our Navajo people,” said President Nez.

Hundreds of vehicles lined up at Jeddito Community School, where Navajo Nation personnel loaded vehicles with hygiene products, fire wood, diapers, bottled water, and food products such as beans, flour, and, potatoes. Community Health Representatives also transported and delivered the packaged items to high-risk residents at their homes.

“We know there are a lot of high-risk and elders who need some assistance and we’re doing our best to help them. The Navajo Nation is stepping up to help our own people and we are very grateful for everyone’s generosity and volunteerism. We hope to be able to coordinate more distribution drives in other communities. Working together, we are doing great things,” said Vice President Lizer.



PHOTO: Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez helps to load food into the vehicle of a local resident during the food and care package distribution in Jeddito, Ariz. on April 23, 2020.

All personnel were required to wear protective masks, gloves, safety vests, and to maintain a safe distance from community members. Residents were required to remain in their vehicles with their windows rolled up, while personnel safely placed the food supplies and care packages in the back of vehicles, with no direct contact with anyone.

The Nez-Lizer Administration thanks everyone who assisted with the distribution including the Jeddito Chapter, Jeddito Community School, Navajo Nation’s CHR Program, Navajo Health Command Operations Center, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation, Navajo County, World Vision, Navajo Agricultural Products Industry, Winslow Indian Health Care Center, Cedar Unified School District, Pax Harvey, and others.

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