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3,470 recoveries, 69 new cases, four more deaths related to COVID-19 reported as Nez-Lizer deliveries to all 110 Navajo communities

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 69 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths reached 334 as of Saturday. Reports from 11 health care facilities on and near the Navajo Nation indicate that approximately 3,470 individuals recovered from COVID-19, with one health care facility report still pending. 48,301 people have been tested for COVID-19. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation is 6,963.
Here are the Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 1,813
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 631
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 418
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,184
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,004
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,130
- Tuba City Service Unit: 570
- Winslow Service Unit: 205

* Eight residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

Within three months, the Nez-Lizer team distributed food, bottled water, diapers, pet food, protective face masks, and other supplies to all 110 Navajo communities.

"The Administration took a proactive step to help Navajo elders and families since the first outbreak of the coronavirus on the Nation. As a team, we have seen the emotions and heard the stories of how this monster called the coronavirus impacted and entered our homes and communities. In times of adversities, we have to step-up and use our past leaders' and ancestors' teachings to help each other. There is a time when we have to think of others before ourselves," said President Nez.

On behalf of the Office of the Administration, we commend all the Executive Branch divisions and departments, chapter governments, and volunteers who assisted at each distribution site. The Administration will also continue to distribute to communities impacted by COVID-19 and on need basis.

"As we visited all 110 communities, we prayed for our citizens and encouraged them to stay home, wash hands, clean and disinfect high-touched surfaces, wear a face mask, and stay six feet away from others. Together, we can protect each other and fight this virus off our homelands," said Vice President 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 at http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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