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32 new cases, 7,250 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19

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 32 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 552 as previously reported on Friday. Reports indicate that 7,250 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 104,746 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 10,269.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:
Chinle Service Unit: 2,380
· Crownpoint Service Unit: 874
· Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,010
· Gallup Service Unit: 1,637
· Kayenta Service Unit: 1,337
· Shiprock Service Unit: 1,574
· Tuba City Service Unit: 968
· Winslow Service Unit: 483
* Six residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Saturday, the state of Utah reported 1,017 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 457 new cases, and New Mexico reported 206. The Navajo Nation’s 57-hour weekend lockdown remains in effect until Monday, Sept. 28, at 5:00 a.m. (MDT).

"We are meeting regularly with the Department of Health, Indian Health Service, and other health experts to monitor and help isolate positive COVID-19 cases. If you feel symptoms, please get tested as soon as possible before possibly spreading it to others including your family members. We are working closely with the health experts and the Navajo Health Command Operations Center to minimize the spread of the recent spikes in cases in certain communities. Please stay home and keep your families safe as much as possible," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Office of the President and Vice President and the Health Command Operations Center will host a live online and radio town hall on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page, KGAK 1330 AM, and KNDN 960 AM on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 1:00 p.m. (MDT), regarding the COVID-19 outbreaks and preventative measures.

“Prayer is important during this pandemic. Today, is the National Day of Prayer and we are hopeful that everyone takes a moment to give thanks, and to ask our Creator for continued blessings and protection for our loved ones and for our frontline warriors who are fighting for us every day,” 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: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014

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