FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 22, 2021

15 new cases, 16,522 recoveries, and no recent death related to COVID-19

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 15 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent death. The total number of deaths is 1,263 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 16,522 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 262,009 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,404.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,561
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,934
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,614
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,822
On Thursday, the state of Arizona reported 647 new cases, Utah reported 472, and New Mexico reported 228 new cases.

“We are making good progress, but we are not out of the pandemic yet. Our goal is to reach herd immunity and vaccinations are key to achieving that goal. We have to keep our guard up, especially if you need to travel. Our people are doing a good job, but we have to remain diligent and keep taking all precautions. Please stay home as much as possible, avoid large in-person gatherings, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

“Please be safe and make good decisions to keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy. Please be aware of variants and continue to take precautions. We have to be supportive of one another and continue to inform our elders of new developments. Please pray and be safe,” 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.

###

For the latest news from the Office of the President and Vice President, please visit http://www.opvp.navajo-nsn.gov/ or find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.