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46 new cases, 30,435 recoveries, and two more 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 46 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,397. The report indicates that 30,435 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 305,587 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 32,219.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,869
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,091
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,845
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,120
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,862
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,455
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,904
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,054
* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 3,195 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report their weekend case numbers on Monday. On Friday and Saturday, President Nez met with officials from health care centers in Kayenta, Chinle, and Tuba City to receive updates regarding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, infections, and hospitalizations.

“We are experiencing increases in new cases, but not as high as other regions around the Navajo Nation. From the start of this pandemic, we’ve worked closely with our health care professionals to inform the public and that’s led to a high vaccination rate here on the Navajo Nation. With a high vaccination rate, we are seeing a low number of break-through cases in which vaccinated individuals test positive for COVID-19, but we are not seeing high numbers of hospitalizations. Please continue to mask up and get fully vaccinated as soon as possible,” 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.

“Our health care workers are doing their very best to treat and help our people, so please help them by wearing a mask in public. We are in this together and we will overcome it day by day. Be safe and keep praying,” 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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