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89 new cases, 14,152 recoveries, and four more deaths related to COVID-19 as latest Public Health Emergency Order takes effect

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 89 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 977 as of Monday. Reports indicate that 14,152 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 228,936 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 27,573.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,088
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,729
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,034
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,396
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,504
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,779
On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 5,321 new cases, Utah reported 859, and New Mexico reported 494 new cases.

“Please be safe and continue to take all precautions. For those who are receiving Hardship Assistance checks, please do not travel to border towns and risk being exposed to COVID-19. The Hardship Assistance funds were intended to help families with essential items and services, so please use the funds for those purposes. We are also concerned with the growing spread of the variant COVID-19 strand that appears to be much more contagious. We do not want to see another large surge in cases. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. Continue to stay home as much as possible, wear a mask in public at all times, practice social distancing, avoid in-person gatherings, and wash your hands often with soap and warm water,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Monday, the latest Public Health Emergency Order took effect with the following provisions:

- Extends the Stay-At-Home order requiring all residents to remain at home 24-hours, seven days a week, with the exceptions of essential workers that must report to work, emergency situations, to obtain essential food, medication, and supplies, tend to livestock, outdoor exercising within the immediate vicinity of your home, wood gathering and hauling with a permit.
- Implements a daily curfew from 9:00 p.m. (MST) until 5:00 a.m. (MST) seven days a week.
- Essential businesses may operate between the hours of 7:00 a.m. (MST) and 8:00 p.m. (MST) daily, including gas stations, grocery stores, convenience stores, hardware stores, laundromats, restaurants, food establishments, banks and similar financial institutions, and hay vendors, provided they comply with provisions outline in the order to help protect employees and the public from COVID-19.
- Refrain from gathering with individuals from outside your immediate household and requiring all residents to wear a mask in public, avoid public gatherings, maintain social (physical) distancing, remain in your vehicle for curb-side and drive-through services.

“Our numbers of new cases of COVID-19 are flattening out on the Navajo Nation, but the numbers around and near us are still relatively high each day. So please continue to take the advice of our public health experts. Be safe and pray for all of our frontline warriors,” 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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