Drive-up fireworks events scheduled as Navajo Nation residents urged to stay local for the Fourth of July holiday weekend due to Delta variant

Window Rock, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer announced that after over one year of the COVID-19 pandemic that led to the cancellation of numerous annual gatherings and celebrations, the Navajo Nation will mark the Fourth of July with fireworks drive-up events in Shiprock, Tuba City, Window Rock, and Chinle to encourage families to stay local for the holiday weekend due to the growing spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. Families are encouraged to enjoy the festivities safely from their vehicle or from home with COVID-19 protocols in place.

All fireworks events are being coordinated with extreme caution and with fire and safety officials present during all events:

- Shiprock, N.M. – Friday, July 2, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. (MDT)
- Tuba City, AZ – Saturday, July 3, 2021 at 9:30 p.m. (MDT)
- Window Rock, AZ – Sunday, July 4, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. (MDT)
- Chinle, AZ – Monday, July 5, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. (MDT)

“As we celebrate the Fourth of July holiday, we strongly urge our Navajo Nation residents to celebrate safely and closer to home with friends and family. Remaining on the Navajo Nation during the holiday weekend allows us to continue pushing back on COVID-19 and the Delta variant, which continues to spread in other regions and states across the country. Based on the data and the trends, it is much safer to remain here on the Navajo Nation at this time until we see a decline in new infections outside of our Nation. The fair office will be coordinating several fireworks displays in Shiprock, Tuba City, Window Rock, and Chinle to encourage our people to stay here on the Navajo Nation and celebrate safely. We have Stage 2 fire restrictions in place to prohibit the personal use of fireworks, but we understand that families want to enjoy fireworks shows together, and with the extra precautions in place we can provide that opportunity for our people,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.
All individuals are required to comply with Navajo Nation COVID-19 public health orders including practicing social distancing and wearing a face mask. Alcohol, illegal substances, any forms of violence, personal fireworks, and drones are not allowed at any of the events.

“The annual Fourth of July events were canceled last year because of the pandemic. This year, we want our people to enjoy the holiday safely, relax, and spend time with family, friends, and neighbors with precautions in place. Something simple as a backyard potluck, sitting on the porch with a book or arts and crafts, or a nice hike can be very memorable. Please encourage your family members and friends to spend the holiday weekend here on the Navajo Nation,” said Vice President Lizer.

On June 21, President Nez and Vice President Lizer issued an executive order, implementing Stage 2 Fire Restrictions to increase prohibitions to help protect against the spread of more wildfires.

The executive order prohibits possession, manufacturing, sale or use of fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices, wood-burning, charcoal fires, campfires, warming fires, charcoal barbecues, discharging a firearm, operation of chainsaws or any other internal combustion engines between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flames.

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2021 Navajo Nation

4th of July Fireworks Shows

Friday, July 2nd
Shiprock, NM
9:00 P.M.

Saturday, July 3rd
Tuba City, AZ
9:30 P.M.

Sunday, July 4th
Window Rock
9:00 P.M.

Monday, July 5th
Chinle, AZ
9:00 P.M.

Please watch safely from your vehicle & comply with all Navajo Nation COVID-19 public health orders. The following are not allowed at the event: alcohol, illegal substances, personal fireworks, and drones. These are family friendly events.