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9 new cases and four 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 nine new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,322 as of Saturday. The full report for Saturday is not available due to the holiday weekend.

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 557 new cases, Utah reported 192, and New Mexico will report its weekend numbers on Monday.

“We are doing good in terms of reducing the spread of COVID-19 and getting vaccinated, but we have to continue to do more by taking all precautions including wearing a mask in public. Some cities and states do not have mask mandates in place, but our mask requirement remains in effect across the entire Navajo Nation. If you or a loved one have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine, please consider doing so soon. As stated before, the vaccines are highly-effective against the impacts of the virus, but it does not guarantee that you will not get the virus. We have to continue to make good choices that keep us safe and healthy,” 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.

“We are in this together and we continue to overcome this pandemic together, one day at a time. Each and every person has a part to play in this fight against COVID-19. The more we do to protect ourselves, the lesser chance of contracting the virus. Please be safe and continue to pray for our Nation and our first responders,” 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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