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May 21, 2021

2 new cases, 29,361 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, new health order expands options for flea markets and roadside markets

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported two new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,297 as previously reported. Reports indicate that 29,361 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 271,870 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,753.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,590
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,954
Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,660
Gallup Service Unit: 4,882
Kayenta Service Unit: 2,725
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,201
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,736
Winslow Service Unit: 1,986

* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Friday, the state of Arizona reported 571 new cases, Utah reported 300, and New Mexico reported 175 cases. The Navajo Department of Health issued Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-011 continuing the “Yellow Status” provisions for businesses and allowing flea markets and roadside markets to operate beginning on Monday, May 24, 2021 under the following guidelines:

1. Temporary food stands are permitted to operate under the same provisions as temporary food service establishment under the Navajo Nation Food Service Sanitation Code/Regulations.
2. Permit and food handler’s card are required to be displayed during operation.
3. If expired, any vendor must renew permit and food handler’s card prior to operation.
4. Management entities overseeing or managing the site where vending is occurring, shall be responsible for ensuring that these guidelines are followed. Management Entity: The owner of the permanent property where temporary vendors are conducting business. Includes individuals, businesses, and local governance units.


“We are all in this fight against COVID-19 together and we all have to be part of the solution. For several weeks, we’ve had consistent low numbers of new infections, but we have to keep taking precautions and get our numbers even lower. The vaccines are playing a critical role in reducing the impacts of COVID-19, but the risks remain in our communities. We also have variants that create more risks for our people. This weekend, health care facilities will once again be offering the COVID-19 vaccines for those who are 12 years and older. Please continue to wear masks in public, wash your hands often, practice social distancing, avoid large in-person gatherings, and limit travel as much as possible,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The following vaccination sites will offer COVID-19 vaccines on Saturday, March 22, 2021 for individuals who are 12 years and older – those who are 12-17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- Chinle Wellness Center – Chinle, AZ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- UNM Gallup Campus – Gallup, NM 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Upper Fruitland Chapter, Upper Fruitland, NM 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Tséhootsooi Medical Center – Ft. Defiance, AZ 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
• Tuba City High School Pavilion, Tuba City, AZ  9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“If you haven’t already been vaccinated, there are plenty of opportunities this weekend. Please consider getting the COVID-19 vaccines to help push back on the virus and to protect yourselves and others. Also, please continue to take precautions to keep yourselves safe and healthy as we continue to overcome this pandemic day by day. Be safe and continue to pray,” 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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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NAVAJO OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & PROTECTION PROGRAM

May 21, 2021

Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-011

Public Health Emergency Order Continuing “Yellow Status” for Businesses

I. Paragraphs I – IX from Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-004 are incorporated herein, addressing the various Navajo Nation (Nation) authorities related to the current COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as well as escalating incidents and community spread of COVID-19 on the Nation.

II. In response to COVID-19, the Navajo Nation has established the “Navajo Nation Reopening Plan,” to declare the Nation’s “status” according thereto, and to guide businesses in proper compliance with the plan. All provisions of this Order are to be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any provision of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health.

III. The Navajo Nation is experiencing a plateau of low cases, with a slowed infection rate and no sustained rebound. The Nation remains vigilant as neighboring states are reducing restrictions rapidly and new COVID variants are present and being monitored in states surrounding the Navajo Nation. As coronavirus vaccines are being made available on the Navajo Nation, all preventative precautions should continue to be adhered to after receiving the vaccine. The Navajo Nation recently documented cases of COVID-19 UK variant (B.1.1.7) and California variant (B.1.429) within the Navajo Nation. According to the CDC, these variants seem to spread more easily and quickly.

IV. Pursuant to Navajo Nation Resolution No. CMA-16-20, the Nation’s roads remain closed to Visitors for the duration of the declared public health emergency, and Visitors are advised to refrain from traveling to the Navajo Nation. Tribal parks will not be accessible to Visitors and Tourists during this time. Visitors and Tourists will be informed when the Navajo Nation can safely welcome Visitors back to the Nation.

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the power and authority set forth in the NDOH enabling legislation (NNC Resolution No. CO-50-14) and in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Public Health State of Emergency Declaration (CEM Resolution No. 20-03-11):

A. The Navajo Nation Reopening Plan is declared binding on all businesses on the Navajo Nation. Available at https://www.navajoreopening.navajo-nsn.gov/.
B. Per the Plan’s “reopening status schedule,” the Navajo Health Command and Operations Center (“NHCOC”), having evaluated the current state of the Navajo Nation per the gating criteria and public health considerations provided in the Plan, declares the Nation to continue in Yellow status. All businesses shall be bound to the conditions and requirements of Yellow status. The NHCOC will announce any future status changes by Public Health Emergency Order.

C. Yellow status is defined as: 50% of maximum occupancy allowed for most businesses. Restaurants and Dining facilities: drive-thru and curb-side permissible. Restaurants with permanent outdoor dining may provide outdoor dining at 50% of maximum occupancy, as long as social distancing between tables is enforced; Restaurants without permanent outdoor dining are allowed up to 10 outdoor tables (max 4 persons per table), as long as social distancing between tables is enforced; Personal Care and Services: service by appointment only and allow time for cleaning between appointments. Casinos and video poker: Navajo casinos are allowed to open at 50% of maximum occupancy to Navajo Nation residents, citizens and employees only (no visitors and tourists). Lodging and hotels including campgrounds and RV parks are allowed at 50% of maximum occupancy.

D. Restaurants may provide indoor dining at 50% of maximum occupancy. Marinas and parks are allowed to open at 50% of maximum occupancy to Navajo Nation residents, citizens and employees only (no visitors and tourists). Tour businesses must follow the HCOC Reopening Guidelines for Tour Businesses. Museums and zoos are allowed to open at 50% of maximum occupancy.

E. Flea markets and roadside markets are allowed in accordance with guidelines issued by HCOC, including:
1. Temporary food stands are permitted to operate under the same provisions as temporary food service establishment under the Navajo Nation Food Service Sanitation Code/Regulations.
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F. Currently Not Allowed in the Yellow Phase: youth programs. The HCOC is evaluating reopening youth programs. Further guidance will be issued in the future to reopen.

G. Not Allowed in Yellow Phase: gyms, recreation facilities, movie theaters.
H. All businesses are required to submit a COVID-19 Reopening Plan to the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development before reopening in Yellow Status. Reopening plans can be emailed to: navajoeconomy@navajo-nsn.gov

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall not abrogate any disease-reporting requirements (consistent with HIPAA privacy standards).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this Order shall take effect Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5:00 A.M. MDT, and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by the Health Command Center.

ADDITIONAL ADVISORIES AND ORDERS WILL FOLLOW AS CONDITIONS WARRANT. SO ORDERED THIS 21st Day of May, 2021.

Geraldine Ashley, Delegated Program Supervisor III
Navajo Office of Environmental Health & Protection Program
Navajo Department of Health

Dr. Jill Jim, Executive Director
Navajo Department of Health
Health Command Operations Center
For Weekend of May 22, 2021
Reminder: Vaccines are subject to availability at each site

### YOUTH 12-17 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

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