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6 new cases, 16,574 recoveries, and three 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 six new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,281 as of Saturday. Reports indicate that 16,574 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 265,385 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,508, including three delayed reported case.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,580
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,937
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,629
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,838
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,710
• Shiprock Service Unit: 5,124
• Tuba City Service Unit: 3,696
• Winslow Service Unit: 1,975
* 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 1,074 new cases, Utah reported 410, and New Mexico will report weekend cases on Monday.

“We have to keep pushing back on COVID-19 and the variants by getting vaccinated, wearing masks, social distancing, washing your hands often, avoiding large in-person gatherings, and limiting travel. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. We continue to encourage our people to receive the vaccine if you haven’t already done so. Our vaccine rate is very good, but our goal is to reach herd immunity, or community immunity. Please remain diligent and stay safe,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Saturday, President Nez visited the Chinle Comprehensive Health Center in Chinle, Ariz. to offer his support for health care workers who continue to provide COVID-19 vaccines for local residents. 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.

“Here on the Navajo Nation, we’ve fully vaccinated close to 100,000 people and it’s thanks to our health care workers who are working around the clock. Our health care workers assure everyone that the vaccines are safe and effective. Please continue to take precautions to remain safe and healthy,” 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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