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Navajo Nation now has over 100,000 fully vaccinated individuals

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer are pleased to report that the Navajo Nation now has over 100,000 individuals who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as of Thursday. The Navajo Area Indian Health Service reported that 247,165 total vaccine doses have been received, 225,819 administered, which represents over 91-percent. 100,101 individuals have been fully vaccinated.

“This is a great achievement for the Navajo people and our health care workers. Well over half of the adult population on the Navajo Nation is fully vaccinated. If you consider only the individuals who live on the Navajo Nation and receive their health care service from the Navajo Area IHS, that percentage increases to over 70-percent. Our next goal is to reach a 75-percent vaccination rate before we consider reopening our Nation to visitors. The vaccination success we are seeing is thanks to our Navajo people who are receiving the vaccine to protect themselves and others. Our health care workers are doing an outstanding job. Without them, we wouldn’t be where we are today in terms of record low numbers of COVID-19 cases and lower numbers of deaths. This is a great milestone, but we have to continue informing our people and encouraging them to get vaccinated. Community immunity is our goal,” said President 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. For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine>.

“Together, we are overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic one day at a time. The strength and resilience of our people has been demonstrated each and every day. As we emerge from the pandemic, we must continue to take precautions even after being vaccinated and keep supporting one another. Most importantly, please continue to pray for our people, our health care workers, and those who have lost loved ones,” said Vice President Lizer.

This week, President Nez and Vice President Lizer issued a proclamation recognizing May 6 – 12, 2021 as “Navajo Nation Nurses Appreciation Week,” to honor the tremendous contributions and sacrifices of frontline warriors, including nurses, CHR’s and other health care workers who continue to put themselves at risk to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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