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## 65 new cases, 35,617 recoveries, and six recent 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 65 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and six recent deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,513. Due to technical issues, a full report will not be available until Sunday.

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 3,985 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report their weekend case numbers on Monday. On Saturday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez visited Indian Health Service COVID-19 vaccination sites in Pinehill and Gallup, N.M., to show his support for health care workers and families receiving the vaccines.

"Thank you to all of the health care workers and many others who are working through the weekend to administer vaccines and booster shots. The numbers of new cases are high, but areas off the Navajo Nation are even higher and the risks are greater because many cities do not COVID-19 protocols in effect. Our public health experts have given us the guidance and resources to help keep ourselves and others safe, but it is up to us as individuals to practice those measures. Please take precautions and continue to keep yourselves and others safe by wearing masks, minimizing travel, and getting fully vaccinated and a booster shot. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"We extend our appreciation to all of the frontline workers who are saving lives and those who are administering COVID-19 vaccines this weekend. We are in this fight together against COVID-19 and we have to continue to support one another. Please be safe and keep praying for our people," 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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