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20 new cases, 32,067 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, 40 communities identified with uncontrolled spread

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 20 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,442. The report indicates that 32,067 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 335,812 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 33,800.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,147
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,304
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,007
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,368
On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 1,959 new cases, Utah reported 3,176 new cases, and New Mexico reported 1,548 new cases. Based on cases from Sept. 10 to Sept. 23, 2021, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 40 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

- Baca/Prewitt
- Becenti
- Beclabito
- Black Mesa
- Bodaway/Gap
- Cameron
- Casamero Lake
- Chichiltah
- Chinle
- Churchrock
- Coyote Canyon
- Crownpoint
- Ganado
- Hogback
- Indian Wells
- Jeddito
- Kayenta
- Leupp
- Manuelito
- Many Farms
- Nageezi
- Naschitti
- Newcomb
- Pinon
- Pueblo Pintado
- Ramah
- Rock Springs
- Sheepsprings
- Shiprock
- Shonto
- Smith Lake
- Teesto
- Thoreau
- Tohatchi
- Tonalea
- Tsayatoh
- Tuba City
- Upper Fruitland

"The number of communities with an uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 continues to rise on the Navajo Nation. We urge schools, businesses, and families in these communities to take extra precautions to slow the spread. Continue to wear your mask in public, wash or sanitize your hands often, and stay a safe distance from others. Please keep each other safe and limit each other from getting exposed to COVID-19," 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.

"Personal responsibility is key to reducing the spread of COVID-19. Our health care experts have provided us with the guidance and knowledge to protect ourselves and others from the virus, so please remain diligent and think of others. Be safe and keep praying for our frontline workers and all of our people," said Vice President Myron Lizer.


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Navajo Department of Health
Health Advisory Notice (HAN)
COVID-19 Community Advisory No. 45 — Safety Precautions

WINDOW ROCK, AZ – The Navajo Health Command Operations Center is issuing uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 advisory for the following communities. The cases reflect dates September 10, 2021 – September 23, 2021. The advisory will be in effect until the risk and cases decline.

The following communities are identified as having uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

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*Schools serving these communities need to implement layers of mitigation to meet the high level of COVID-19 community transmission.*

All residents should take precautions to protect their health from the spread of COVID-19. Individuals with the following conditions are at higher risk of being affected from COVID-19.

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All residents should practice health and safety measures:

- Get vaccinated.
- Wear a mask in the public.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect your vehicle, home, workspace and other common areas on a regular basis.
- Social distance - keep 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Limit gatherings with individuals outside your immediate household.