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45 new cases, 31,271 recoveries, and three recent deaths related to COVID-19

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 45 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and three recent deaths. The total number of deaths is 1,417. The report indicates that 31,271 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 321,986 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 33,055.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,031
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,193
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,963
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,261
• Kayenta Service Unit: 2,912
• Shiprock Service Unit: 5,575
• Tuba City Service Unit: 4,020
• Winslow Service Unit: 2,081

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

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,222 new cases, Utah reported 1,539 cases and New Mexico reported 543 new cases. The Navajo Department of Health advises the public to report COVID-19 exposures through their website at: https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19 to help compile information and mitigation efforts.

"Our frontline warriors and contact tracers are doing the best they can to reduce the spread of the Delta variant, but they need our help. If you traveled or attended a large gathering during the Labor weekend, please monitor your symptoms to protect others. We urge our people to get fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and to continue wearing their masks in public. This virus can affect anyone, people of all ages, vaccinated or unvaccinated. So, please adhere to the guidance and recommendations from the public health experts. We cannot let our guard down, and we cannot let another large surge happen here on the Navajo Nation," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan 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, don't hesitate to contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"Remain diligent, and please continue to wear masks in public. Please limit visits to other households if you begin showing flu-like symptoms. The Delta variant is more transmissible than the other strains of the virus we've experienced so far. Stay strong and keep praying for our frontline workers and all of our communities," 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: https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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