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45 new cases, 31,574 recoveries, and five 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 five recent deaths. The total number of deaths is 1,426. The report indicates that 31,574 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 328,584 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 33,338.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,065
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,245
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,983
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,290
• Kayenta Service Unit: 2,930
• Shiprock Service Unit: 5,644
• Tuba City Service Unit: 4,073
• Winslow Service Unit: 2,089
* 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 2,432 new cases, Utah reported 1,885 cases and New Mexico reported 690 new cases.

"Some neighboring states are having their state fairs, and we want to remind our citizens to be vigilant and to avoid large gatherings. COVID-19 and its variants are still among us, and we have to wear face masks in public and avoid unnecessary travel. COVID-19 vaccines are one of our most current defenses against the virus. Vaccines are the best hope to end the pandemic and to begin the process of healing and recovery," 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.

"We must do our parts to keep each other safe. Wear a mask, even after you are vaccinated, wash or sanitize your hands often, avoid large crowds, and avoid having visitors. Also, encourage your family and friends to practice the same healthy habits," 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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