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Over three-day period, 57 new cases and one death related to COVID-19 reported, 56 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 57 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one death over a three-day period from August 20-22. The total number of deaths is now 1,886. 580,749 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 64,081, including 16 delayed reported cases.

Based on cases from August 5 – 18, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 56 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Aneth    Ganado    Lupton    Red Valley    Teesto
Baca/Prewitt   Hard Rock   Manuelito   Rock Point    Thoreau
Becenti   Houck    Many Farms   Rock Springs    Tohatchi
Beclabito   Indian Wells   Nahatadziil   Rough Rock    Tonalea
Casamero Lake   Iyanbito   Naschitti   Sheepsprings    Tsaile/Wheatfields
Chichihtah   Kaibeto   Nazlini   Shiprock    Tsayatoh
Chinle   Kayenta   Newcomb   Shonto    Tselani/Cottonwood
Churchrock   Lake Valley   Pinedale   Smith Lake    Tuba City
Coyote Canyon   Leupp   Pinon    St. Michaels    Twin Lakes
Crownpoint   Littlewater   Ramah    Tachee/Blue Gap    Two Grey Hills
Dennenhotso   Lukachukai   Red Lake    Teecnospos    Upper Fruitland
Fort Defiance

“For over two years, we’ve been pushing back on COVID-19 together. We have plenty of guidance and resources to help us in this effort including the COVID-19 vaccines. Our frontline warriors continue to fight for all of us each and every day. It’s up to us as individuals to use the resources that we have to help protect yourselves and your loved ones. We have to remain strong and keep pushing back on this virus together. Please continue to take precautions and keep praying for our people, especially those who have COVID-19,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on 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.
“If you or someone in your household feels sick or has symptoms related to COVID-19, our healthcare experts urge you to isolate and to get tested as soon as possible. We all have to do our part to lessen the spread of COVID-19 in our homes and communities. Please be safe and continue to pray for our Nation,” 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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Navajo Department of Health
Health Advisory Notice (HAN)
COVID-19 Community Advisory No. 92 — 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 August 5-18, 2022. The advisory will be in effect until the risk and cases decline.

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

- Aneth
- Baca/Prewitt
- Becenti
- Beclabito
- Casamero Lake
- Chichiltah
- Chinle
- Churchrock
- Coyote Canyon
- Crownpoint
- Dennehotso
- Fort Defiance
- Ganado
- Hard Rock
- Houck
- Indian Wells
- Iyanbito
- Kaibeto
- Kayenta
- Lake Valley
- Leupp
- Littlewater
- Lukachukai
- Lupton
- Manuelito
- Many Farms
- Nahatatziil
- Naschitti
- Nazlini
- Newcomb
- Pinedale
- Pinon
- Ramah
- Red Lake
- Red Valley
- Rock Point
- Rock Springs
- Rough Rock
- Sheepsprings
- Shiprock
- Shonto
- Smith Lake
- St. Michaels
- Tachee/Blue Gap
- Tecnoospos
- Teesto
- Thoreau
- Tohatchi
- Tsonalea
- Tsaile/Wheatfields
- Tsayatoh
- Tselani/Cottonwood
- Tuba City
- Twin Lakes
- Two Grey Hills
- Upper Fruitland

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:

**People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness**
- Older Adults
- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Heart conditions
- Immunocompromised state
- Obesity and severe obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

**Might be at Increased Risk for Severe Illness**
- Asthma
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Immunocompromised state
- Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
- Liver disease
- Overweight
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Thalassemia
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus

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.