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### 62 new cases and no deaths related to COVID-19 reported

**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 62 new COVID-19 cases and no deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,600. There are also 62 delayed reported cases. A full report will be available on Tuesday.

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 24,962 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report case numbers following the holiday weekend. The Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President held a special online town hall on Friday to provide important updates regarding the rise in COVID-19 cases on the Navajo Nation. The town hall is available to view online at: <https://youtu.be/tWwM6Pa1CQw>.

“The Omicron variant continues to surge in our region of the country including border towns. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. Our case numbers have been very high recently, but the number of hospitalizations has not surged and the numbers of deaths has remained low. This shows that the COVID-19 vaccines are highly-effective and that they are saving lives. Everyone must take extra precautions such as wearing two masks in public, getting fully vaccinated and a booster shot, limiting travel, staying home as much as possible, and avoiding gatherings where people let their guard down,” 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.

“The Omicron variant is impacting everyone around the world and here on the Navajo Nation. Stay local and stay safe is key to reducing the spread of this highly contagious variant. We are in this together and we must remain diligent and continue to pray,” 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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