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Over three-day period, 328 new cases and two deaths related to COVID-19, 58 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 328 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two deaths over a three-day period from July 16-18. The total number of deaths is now 1,840, including one delayed reported death. 560,139 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 59,106, including 44 delayed reported cases.

The Navajo Nation remains in “yellow status,” in accordance with Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-004 available online at: https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. Based on cases from July 1 – 14, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 58 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

- Aneth
- Baca/Prewitt
- Bird Springs
- Black Mesa
- Bread Springs
- Burnham
- Cameron
- Chichiltah
- Chinle
- Churchrock
- Cove
- Coyote Canyon
- Crowpoint
- Defiance
- Lukachaki
- Lupton
- Many Farms
- Mexican Springs
- Nahodishgish
- Naschitti
- Navajo Mountain
- Nazlini
- Nenahnezad
- Pinon
- Ramah
- Red Lake
- Red Valley
- Rock Point
- Rock Springs
- Rough Rock
- Sanostee
- Sheepsprings
- Shiprock
- Shonto
- St. Michaels
- Standing Rock
- Tachee/Blue Gap
- Teecnospos
- Teesto
- Thoreau
- Tohatchi
- Tonalie
- Tsaile/Wheatfields
- Tuba City
- Twin Lakes
- Upper Fruitland
- Whippoorwill

“If you have symptoms such as a fever, body aches, sore throat, runny nose, or others, please stay home, isolate, and get tested as soon as possible. If you are sick, you should not report to your work place or go out into public. The risk of getting COVID-19 increases when people travel, so we strongly encourage everyone to be very cautious and remind your loved ones to take precautions in all public places. We are in this together,” 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.
“Through prayer and the guidance from our public health experts, we will emerge from this pandemic. Please continue to practice safety measures and do your best to help our frontline workers by keeping yourself and others safe and healthy as we move forward in this pandemic,” 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. 87 — 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 July 1 – 14, 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
- Bird Springs
- Black Mesa
- Bread Springs
- Burnham
- Cameron
- Chichiltah
- Chinle
- Churchrock
- Cove
- Coyote Canyon
- Crownpoint
- Fort Defiance
- Ganado
- Hard Rock
- Hogback
- Houck
- Indian Wells
- Iyanbito
- Kaibeto
- Kayenta
- Leupp
- Low Mountain
- Lukachukai
- Lupton
- Many Farms
- Mexican Springs
- Nahodishgish
- Naschitti
- Navajo Mountain
- Nazlini
- Nenahnezad
- Pinon
- Ramah
- Red Valley
- Rock Point
- Rock Springs
- Sanostee
- Sheepsprings
- Shiprock
- Shonto
- St. Michaels
- Standing Rock
- Tachee/Blue Gap
- Tsaile/Wheatfields
- Tuba City
- Twin Lakes
- Upper Fruitland
- Whippoorwill

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.