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16 new cases and two deaths related to COVID-19 reported

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 16 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,800. 541,081 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 55,217, including eight delayed reported cases. A new case is defined as a positive test within the last 72-hours. Some cases are due to delayed reporting from the states. Any positive tests from beyond the last 72-hours are considered delayed.


“The COVID-19 vaccines are our best defense against this modern-day monster. With Father’s Day approaching, more family gatherings are expected. Prior to attending a family gathering, we strongly encourage everyone to get tested for COVID-19. If you are sick or experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, please stay home and do not attend in-person gatherings. We know how to protect ourselves and others, but it ultimately comes down to our personal decisions each and every day. Please be safe, keep praying, and continue to practice the precautions recommended by our public health experts,” 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 upcoming Father’s Day holiday is a special time for all families, but we certainly do not want it to be the cause of COVID-19 infections. So please be very cautious and encourage your loved ones to take precautions ahead of time and please plan carefully. We are in this together and we all have to do our part to stay safe and protect our loved ones,” 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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