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97 new cases and no deaths related to COVID-19 reported

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 97 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,800. 542,850 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 55,707, including 287 delayed reported cases. The majority of delayed reported cases are due to delays in reporting from state agencies. 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.


“COVID-19 cases have increased in the entire southwest region in all of the border towns and cities near and around the Navajo Nation. When our people travel to these locations, it’s very important that they continue to take precautions and to wear a mask in public places even if there are no mask requirements in other jurisdictions. Masks and vaccines are our best defense against the spread of COVID-19 and we all have to do our part. Please be very careful and continue to pray for our frontline warriors,” 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 our faith in God and the guidance of our public health experts, we will continue to persevere and overcome the daily challenges that this pandemic presents. We are in this together and we must continue to support one another and to remind our elders to be cautious. Please be safe and continue to pray for protection and good health,” 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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