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Over three-day period, 81 new cases and two deaths related to COVID-19 reported, 33 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 81 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two deaths over a three-day period from September 10 - 12. The total number of deaths is now 1,893. 593,339 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 73,177, including three delayed reported cases.

Based on cases from August 26 – September 8, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 33 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Bread Springs Cameron Chichiltah Chinle Churchrock Coyote Canyon Fort Defiance

Houck Indian Wells Iyanbito Kayenta Low Mountain Lukachukai

Ganado

Lupton Manuelito Many Farms Mexican Springs Nahatadziil Naschitti Newcomb Pinon Red Lake Rock Springs Round Rock Shiprock Shonto

St. Michaels Tachee/Blue Gap Teecnospos Tohatchi Tuba City Upper Fruitland

"If you've attended a large gathering or have spent time with individuals outside your immediate household, it's important to begin closely monitoring your overall health for COVID-19 symptoms. If you begin to feel ill, you should test and isolate yourself from others to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Overall, continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. Have a safe week," 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.

"During the pandemic, anxiety and depression increased worldwide so it is important to comfort, guide, and pray for one another. Supporting each other can help us heal and recover," 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: <u>http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</u>. 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. 95 —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 26 – September 8, 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:

Bread Springs	Ganado	Lupton	Pinon	St. Michaels
Cameron	Houck	Manuelito	Red Lake	Tachee/Blue Gap
Chichiltah	Indian Wells	Many Farms	Rock Springs	Teecnospos
Chinle	Iyanbito	Mexican Springs	Round Rock	Tohatchi
Churchrock	Kayenta	Nahatadziil	Shiprock	Tuba City
Coyote Canyon	Low Mountain	Naschitti	Shonto	Upper Fruitland
Fort Defiance	Lukachukai	Newcomb		* *

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	Might be at Increased Risk for Severe Illness	
Older Adults	• Asthma	
• Cancer	Cerebrovascular disease	
Chronic kidney disease	Cystic fibrosis	
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	Hypertension or high blood pressure	
Heart conditions	Immunocompromised state	
Immunocompromised state	• Neurologic conditions, such as dementia	
Obesity and severe obesity	Liver disease	
Pregnancy	• Overweight	
Sickle cell disease	Pulmonary fibrosis	
Smoking	• Thalassemia	
Type 2 diabetes mellitus	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.

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