

10 new positive COVID-19 cases reported among Navajo people

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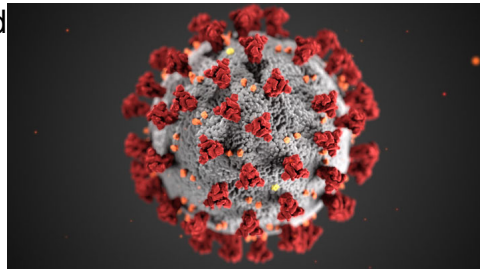
Four cases in McKinley County

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer were informed of 10 new positive COVID-19 tests by the Navajo Department of Health and Navajo Area IHS, bringing the overall total to 39 cases for Navajo people. This includes 25 in Navajo County, six in Apache County, four in Coconino County in Arizona, and four in McKinley County in New Mexico.

A Public Health Emergency “Stay at Home Order” remains in effect requiring all residents of the Navajo Nation to remain home and isolated and all non-essential businesses to close to prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

“Help beat the virus by staying home. To prevent a massive public health crisis, every person must remain home, unless you need food, medicine, or other essential items, but beyond that we shouldn’t have anyone traveling or going out into the public. If you need essential items, send only one person and use every precaution available,” Nez said.

“Stay home, stay safe, save lives! Our first responders are on the ground working hard to help our communities. We will beat this virus together. We are praying every day for our people who are sick and their families,” Lizer added.



On Monday, the Navajo Department of Emergency Management in coordination with the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission Office successfully issued an Emergency Alert through text message urging all Navajo residents to stay home to prevent the spread of the virus. The system will also be used to issue AMBER Alerts, Silver Alerts, Weather Alerts, and Missing Endangered Person Alerts. Supplies are also arriving from the Strategic National Stockpile, and being delivered to health care centers on the Navajo Nation.

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All residents of the Navajo Nation can register to receive alerts from the Navajo Department of Emergency Management by texting "NavajoNation" to [888777](tel:888777) or registering online at www.nnalert.com

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"We need everyone's cooperation by staying home at the advice of health care experts. We need to contain the virus to avoid widespread issues," added President Nez.

The Navajo Police Department is also on the ground informing communities using public address systems from police units. If Chilchimbeto residents have questions or need assistance, please call [\(928\) 871-6271](tel:(928)871-6271) . To contact the main Navajo Health Command Operations Center, please call [\(928\) 871-7014](tel:(928)871-7014) .