

The Navajo Nation has surpassed 2,000 active cases on the reservation. After the numbers were released April 30, the total stands at 2,141 following an additional 164 positive cases.

To date, a total of 12,023 tests have been performed with 8,639 tests coming back negative. These figures are according to the Navajo Department of Health and Navajo Area Indian Health Service, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center.

The 2,189 cases include the following counties:

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McKinley County (N.M.): 539

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Apache County (Ariz.): 515

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Navajo County (Ariz.): 502

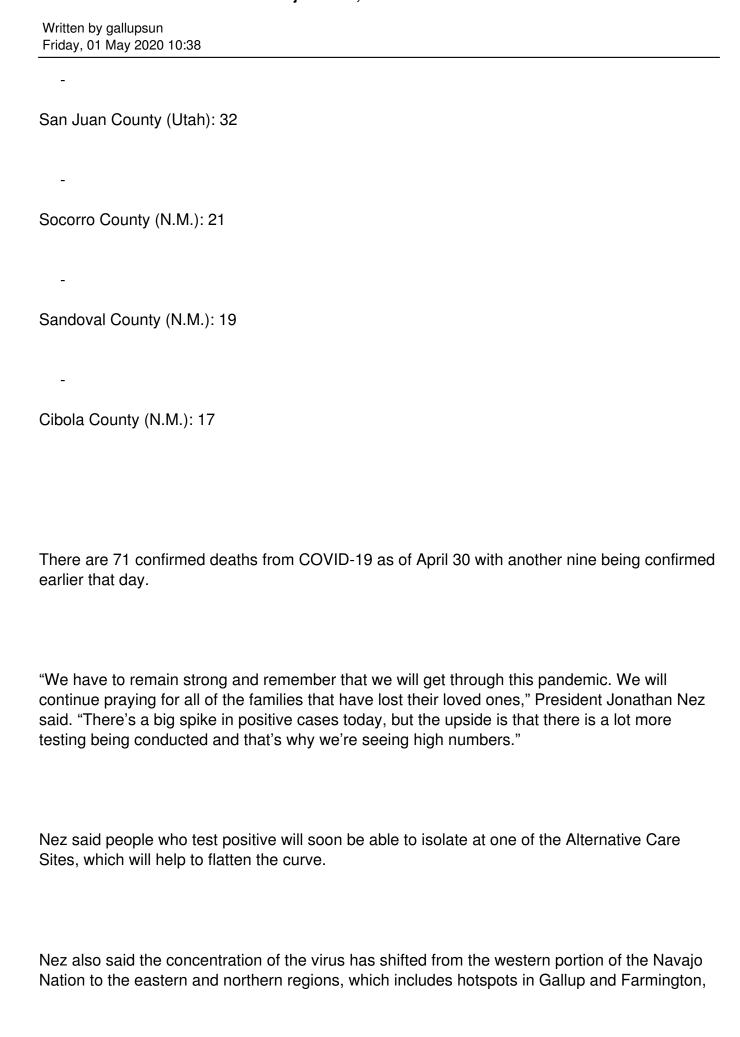
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Coconino County (Ariz.): 283

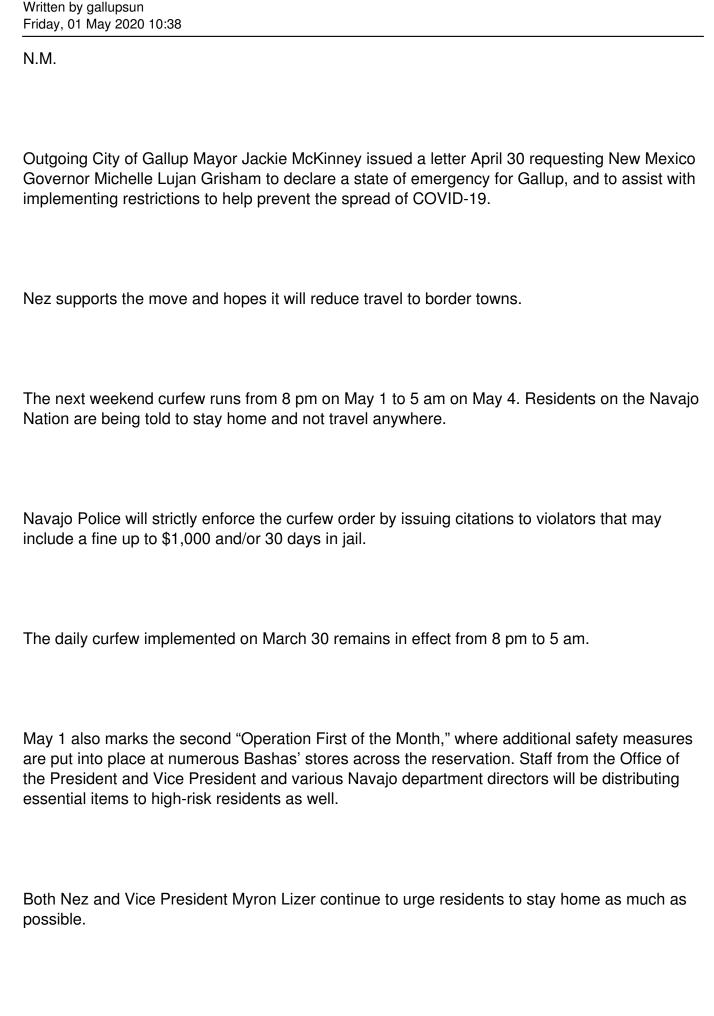
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San Juan County (N.M.): 213

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"Please think of others, think of the families who have lost their sons, daughters, parents, and grandparents to COVID-19. Some people wonder when a cure or vaccine will be developed, but I believe we are the cure and the vaccine because we have the ability to rid our communities of the virus simply by staying home, practicing social distancing, and adhering to the advice of the health care experts," said Lizer.

TIMELINE OF THE VIRUS ON THE NAVAJO NATION

April 24: Health officials announce 180 new cases to bring the total to 1,548 while another six deaths bring the total to 58. Nez appears on CNN Cuomo Primetime to shed light on the effect the pandemic is having on the reservation.

April 25: Another 97 cases brings the total to 1,637 while one death brings the total to 59. The next 57-hour weekend curfew remains in effect.

April 26: The case total rises to 1,716 after another 79 cases are confirmed. The death tally remains the same at 59.

April 27: The positive case tally rises to 1,759 after 43 new cases are confirmed. Death count stays the same at 59. The Navajo Nation and 10 other tribes who filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury regarding coronavirus federal funding.

April 28: Another 104 positive cases raises the total to 1,873 while an additional death brings the total to 60. Nez announces another 57-hour weekend curfew for May 1 - 4.

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For more information on the Navajo Nation efforts in fighting COVID-19, visit http://www.ndoh.n avajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19

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