

## COVID case numbers remain stable on Navajo Nation

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 14 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths on Aug. 26.

The total number of deaths has reached 498. Reports indicate that 7,018 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 – this number is lower than previously reported due to an error reported by one health care facility.

As of Aug. 26, 93,135 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases is 9,597.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 2,309

Crownpoint Service Unit: 801

Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 767

Gallup Service Unit: 1,543

Kayenta Service Unit: 1,299

Shiprock Service Unit: 1,488

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Tuba City Service Unit: 932

Winslow Service Unit: 454

The Navajo Nation will have a 32-hour weekend lockdown beginning Aug. 29, at 9:00 pm until Aug. 31 at 5:00 am

“It’s not realistic to think that we will ever have zero cases of COVID-19 until there is a safe vaccine available. Yesterday [Aug. 25] we had six new cases and today we have 14. As I’ve stated previously, there remains substantial risk for everyone because there are still high numbers of cases in nearby towns and cities,” Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said. “We all have to remain diligent and stay focused. We can’t become too relaxed on practicing safety measures.

“Keep wearing your masks, practicing social distancing, washing your hands, avoiding large crowds, and staying home as much as possible,” he said.

The state of Utah reported 407 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 187 new cases, and New Mexico reported 205 on Aug. 26

“We have a slight increase in cases today, but let’s not panic. The Navajo people have done a great job and I’m confident everyone will remain diligent. Please keep praying for our communities, frontline workers, and many others who are fighting for us everyday,” Vice President Myron Lizer said.