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Government employees on the Navajo Nation are now required to have COVID-19 vaccinations.

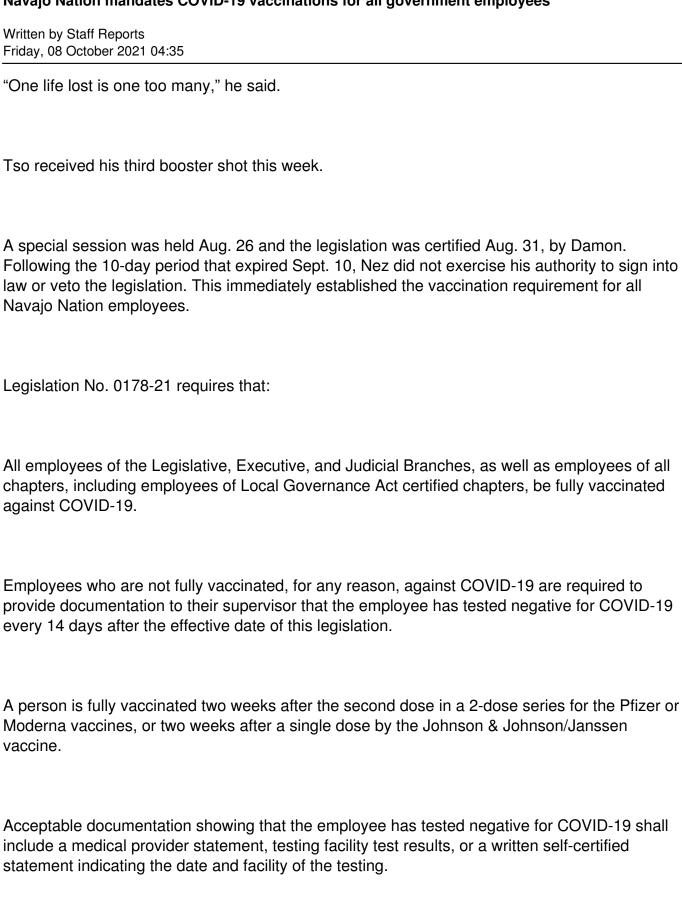
The 24th Navajo Nation Council has passed Legislation No. 0178-21 which requires COVID-19 vaccinations for all Navajo Nation government employees. By a vote of 12 in favor and 6 opposed, the bill also urges all Navajo-owned enterprises, authorities, corporations, businesses, schools, and entities operating within Navajo Nation boundaries to promptly adopt COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

"This law moves us forward as a stronger Navajo Nation. We are in this together," Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh), said Sept. 29.

In August, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez exercised his executive authority by issuing Executive Order No. 007-2021 which mandates vaccinations for tribal employees.

"I sponsored this legislation because it was a health emergency for the Navajo people," Delegate Eugene Tso (Chinle), said. "Our families are resilient and we will overcome this pandemic.

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Violations of the requirements set forth herein shall be "just cause" for disciplinary measures

under the Navajo Preference in Employment Act.

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Tribal employees shall ensure compliance with these requirements within 45 days after implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Navajo Nation employees may test for COVID-19 at any location listed at:

https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Testing

Navajo Nation employees may receive COVID-19 vaccinations at https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine