

Navajo Nation identifies 21 communities with uncontrolled COVID-19 spread

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Twenty-one more communities were added to the Navajo Department of Health's list of places with "uncontrolled spread" of COVID-19 from Feb. 5 to Feb. 18.

The communities added included Baca/Prewitt, Birdsprings, Bodaway/Gap, Chichiltah, Churchrock, Coyote Canyon, Crownpoint, Dennehotso, Iyanbito, Leupp, Lukachukai, Nahatadxil, Nahodoishgish, Rock Springs, Shiprock, St. Michaels, Tachee/Blue Gap, Tohatchi, Tuba City, Twin Lakes, Upper Fruitland, but not Gallup, according to a press release distributed by the Navajo Department of Health.

In a statement, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said the Nation had set a new goal to administer at least 120,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines by the end of February, after exceeding the initial goal of 100,000 in the week of Feb. 15.

Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-003 remains in effect through March 8.

All residents are encouraged to practice health and safety measures:

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Wear a mask in 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 percent 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 six feet between yourself and others.

Limit gatherings with individuals outside your immediate household.

For more information, including prevention tips and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19-related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.