

THE NAVAJO NATION



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**Navajo Department of Health
Health Advisory Notice (HAN)
Mandating Use of Masks Among All Persons in Public is Still in Effect
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WINDOW ROCK, AZ – The Navajo Department of Health and the Health Command Operations Center is reminding individuals the use of masks in public on the Navajo Nation is still required. Although the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People state that individuals fully vaccinated no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and work place guidance, we are not in concurrence with these updated guidelines.

Pursuant to Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-007 Mandating Use of Masks in Public due to COVID-19 is still in effect; therefore, individuals fully or partially vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine or is unvaccinated must continue to wear a mask in public. Access the order at [Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-007 Mask Mandate](#)

Everyone on the Navajo Nation is required to continue certain safety practices even if you have been fully vaccinated to keep our loved ones and communities safe from COVID-19. Vaccinated people should continue to wear a mask because some of our family, and community members are at high risk in getting very sick with the virus.

Continue to wear a well-fitting mask even if you are fully vaccinated.

- When around those you do not live with
- When in public
- When gathering
- Watch your distance- stay 6 feet away from others
- Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer

It is critical for individuals to receive a COVID-19 vaccine to ensure the safety of families and communities and minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 within households. More members of your family get can vaccinated today. You may schedule an appointment or attend a vaccine event at your local health facility. For more information, go to <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine> .

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19> . For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.