

# A:shiwi A:wan Messenger



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## Remember to Remember

Reminiscing the better days  
when things weren't as complicated.

Everything you were used to became a thing of  
the past as we grasp a taste of a repeated history.

Memories remain of those who left us to begin  
their journey to everlasting peace and love.

Embracing the struggle now means to embrace  
our presence as a present.

Moments of sadness and happiness demand to  
be felt everyday even when "time heals."

Blessings of abundance can be recognized when  
your eyes and heart are open.

Encouraging safety and protection replaces our  
warm embraces for the time being.

Remember that with every new sun, everything  
will be okay when we all become one.

- Rani Yamutewa



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every day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., call:

(505) 782-2466, (303) 917-3181,  
(505) 782-7114, or (720) 576-4014



## 2020 Toys for Tots Distribution (Drive-thru/Pick-up)

Where: BIA Forestry/Fire Management Office Building #54 Route 301  
North

When: Thursday December 17, 2020

11:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

**\*Due to Covid-19 Pandemic Safety Measures must be taken \***

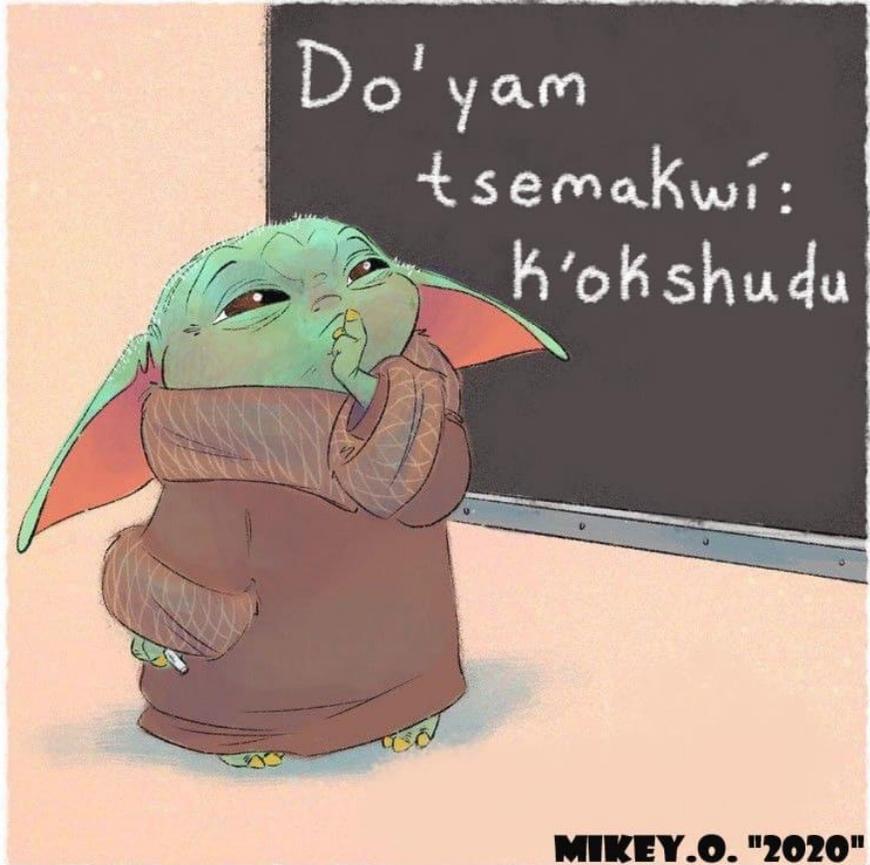
**Mask must be worn** and all occupants must remain in the vehicle, helpers will place the toys in the trunk or storage area of the vehicle

Parents, Guardians, or a Responsible Adult can pick up toys for children ages 0-17 years

**Children are discouraged from attending**

Two person per vehicle is recommended

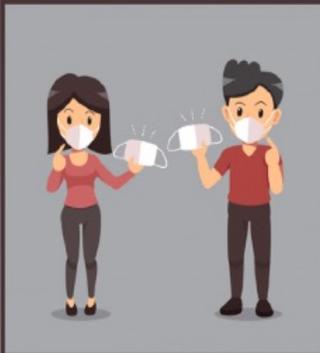
If you have any questions, contact Toy for Tots Coordinator K-9 Officer DeVan Lallo or K-9 Officer John Homer at (505) 782-7057/7058



**MIKEY.O. "2020"**

## TIPS ON HOW TO PROPERLY WEAR & CARE FOR YOUR MASK

Make sure your mask fits snugly and covers both your nose and mouth completely.



Do not share your mask with others!

Do not use a disposable mask more than once. Dispose after each use.

Store your mask in a paper bag if possible when not in use.

Keep extra masks on hand at your home and in your vehicle if possible in case of emergency.

Cloth/Fabric masks should be washed daily with laundry detergent.

Be sure to wash your hands with soap & water for at least 20 seconds after touching a dirty mask.

Make sure mask is completely dry. Masks can be dried in a dryer or hung in direct sunlight.

Dispose of mask if engaging in a "high" risk activity, i.e. shopping in crowds.

**STAY SAFE**

## PLEASE WEAR A MASK!

Remember the COVID-19 is a virus that is respiratory, and is more likely to be transmitted via cough and sneezes. Masks are an effective barrier that protects everyone!

If you are in need of a mask please contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 782-2466 or 782-7114



A message brought to you by the  
Zuni Teen Health & Family Wellness Center



Source: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html)

**zoom**  
Presentation

## "COPING WITH COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS"



**PHOEBE K. SUINA**

Owner & President of High Water Mark, LLC

To register, please contact Dawn Gashytewa below at:

Dawn.Gashytewa@ashiwi.org

505-782-5719 or 505-850-7347

**CONTACT US**



**DATE:** December 29, 2020

**TIME:** 11:00am-12:00pm

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# Zuni Tribal Council Updates Emergency Declaration

December 2, 2020

Resolution No. M70-2020-P081

Amended and Supplemental COVID-10 (Coronavirus) Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and six Tenientes, is declared to be the legislative authority of the Zuni Tribe by Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to approve, provide and to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe by Article VI, Section 1, paragraph d of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council is authorized to enact ordinances, to provide for the enforcement of tribal ordinances, and to provide by ordinance the orderly management of tribal affairs by Article VI, Section 1, paragraphs k, l and m of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and,

*Declaration continues on page 6*

## We're Here!

**ZECDC Program  
Services are available!**

- ♦ **Cash Assistance**
- ♦ **Child Care Services**
- ♦ **Classroom Training**
- ♦ **Tribal Scholarship & other services...**

**The Zuni Education & Career Development Center is here to help during these challenging times.**



Please email your inquiry to [zecdc@ashwlv.org](mailto:zecdc@ashwlv.org).

OR  
You can also call the COVID-19 Information Center at (505) 782-2466.



## Zuni Transfer Station



The Zuni Transfer Station hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the transfer station is not making residential trash pickups at this time. Quarantined households may request for a referral through the IHS Community Health Nurses. Please be safe and stay home if you are sick. The Transfer Station requires masks to be worn at all times.

The Solid Waste Program recently purchased a 2021 MACK Roll-Off Truck for the purpose of hauling the increased amount of waste from the Covid-19 pandemic. A 2019 Curbside Refuse Truck is currently on order for the additional waste from quarantined homes. 96-gallon containers will be delivered later this month. These will be used for families under quarantine, so the workers who collect the trash will not come into direct contact with contaminated Covid-19 waste. These much-needed

National Smoking Prevention Month

# COVID-19 & SMOKING



**DID YOU KNOW???**

Since COVID-19 is a respiratory disease, **SMOKING MAY** increase the risk of serious complications and/or illness.

Smokers may also have lung disease or reduced lung capacity, which can greatly increase the risk of illness should they contract COVID-19.

Smoking can cause inflammation and cell damage and can weaken your immune system, making it harder to fight the COVID-19 Virus.

Second hand smoke from cigarettes & vapes can transmit the COVID-19 virus farther than usual. Droplets may even suspend in the air longer.

Smokers may be more vulnerable to COVID-19 due to increase risk of transmission with hands & fingers coming in contact with a person's lips.

#StopSmoking #StaySafe  
#QuitNow

Do not share cigarettes, vapes, hookahs and other smoking devices with others.

Brought to you by the Zuni Teen Health & Family Wellness Center

Protect yourself, your lungs and others from second hand smoke.



Visit [www.smokefree.org](http://www.smokefree.org) or call 1-800-QUIT NOW for more tips on how to quit smoking.

purchases are from the Cares Act Fund to help the Zuni Tribe protect the lives of the people.

Please try your best to get your trash hauled to the Transfer Station this week as we will be closed until December 31, 2020. We ask that everyone please be patient and courteous to others in line at the transfer station. It is important that you drive safely and use the A-X Propane turn-around to get into line.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the transfer station at 782-4986.

# Tribe Receives Generous Gift from the Purchasers of the El Paso Train Depot Property

A couple of years ago, an El Paso-based couple, Steve and Isha Santamaria, approached attorneys for the Zuni Tribe about purchasing a delinquent promissory note that the Tribe held. The note was secured by a mortgage on a troubled El Paso commercial property that had formerly been the city's train depot. After a couple of years of litigation against the owner of the property, the Santamarias were ultimately successful in foreclosing on the property and acquiring title to it.

Back when Steve Santamaria was negotiating to purchase the note and mortgage from the Tribe, he verbally told the Tribe's attorney that if he and his wife were ultimately successful in acquiring the Depot property, they intended to make a cash gift to the Tribe. True to their word, the Santamarias presented

the Tribe with a \$30,000 gift. Upon Zuni's receipt of the check, the Santamarias were informed that the money will go toward our Summer Youth Employment Programs.

We are very fortunate that the Santamarias were willing and able to relieve the Tribe of a long-troubled investment, and that they did so without seeking a discount on what was then owed to the Tribe under the promissory note.

The Santamarias are now in the process of a top-to-bottom renovation of the old depot, which they plan to use and market as a venue for special events. We wish the Santamarias the best of luck in their train depot venture, and hope that they will be able to visit Zuni in the near future to meet the Council and experience some Zuni hospitality and culture.



## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE ZUNI COMMUNITY

As of December 14, 2020, the following information is being released by Emergency Management and Pueblo of Zuni. Updates are received through the Ramah/Zuni Service Unit (IHS); test results reflects non-tribal and tribal members.

Total Tests Performed by Zuni Hospital Lab 12/14:	9,319
Total Negative to date:	6,323
Total Positives to date:	1,048
<b>Total Positive Test Results for Zuni Community as of 12/14:</b>	<b>842</b>
<b>Number of New Positives for 12/14 for Zuni Community:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Recoveries as of 12/14:</b>	<b>725</b>

\*Total number of recoveries include family members exposed to COVID-19 who did not take a COVID-19 test.

The Pueblo of Zuni and Emergency Management is stressing to the community to adhere to the shelter-in-place, use of face mask, limit traveling and social distancing; understand that it takes one person to infect everyone around them.

For additional information you can call the POZ COVID-19 information center, Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 5 PM (Weekend Lines are open) at the following numbers:

- (505) 782-2466
- (505) 782-7114
- (303) 917-3181
- (720) 576-4014



You can check for your COVID-19 test results as: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>

The Zuni Emergency Management Incident Response Team will **SUSPEND** Curfew on:

- **Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

To allow Zuni tribal members to prepare/participate in annual winter solstice cultural obligations.

Please adhere to all safety measures. Social distance, wear your mask properly, wash/disinfect hands and limit the number of people to five (5) or less.

If you should have any questions, please call the POZ COVID-19 Information Center, open seven (7) days per week, Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 5 pm at the following numbers:

- (505) 782-2466
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- (303) 917-3181
- (720) 576-4014

# Update from the Division of Public Safety

On behalf of the Division of Public Safety, I express my appreciation to those who follow the safety precautions by staying home, practicing social distancing, and more importantly, wearing a mask when in public. In the division of public safety, this pandemic only added to all the other social ills we have in this community, including public intoxication, drug abuse, domestic violence, DUIs, assaults and other crimes. In fact, it made it more difficult when community members were positive with the COVID-19 virus and under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Throughout this pandemic the division of public safety personnel, though limited in numbers, have maintained services and responded to calls, and when staff tested positive with the virus, others stepped up to ensure the services are there for this community. I commend our first responders who continue to serve and protect this community.

*Public Safety continues on page 8*

## An Important Message for Our Zuni People About COVID in Gallup

On November 30, 2020, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham did a live stream on TV regarding an update on COVID-19 within our state. In her report, she shared a document, printed below, which shows Gallup rated as the second highest city in the whole United States of America for its per capita outbreaks of COVID-19. This is very alarming, and I know many of our Zuni people shop in Gallup. This message is to caution against going to Gallup unless you absolutely have to. And, if you do, please be extra careful!

Elahkwa! Don yayyubatchipdu!



### IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By the order of the Incident Command Team in consultation and support from the Governor, Tribal Council, and Zuni Public Health Officials. The Incident Command team will continue implementing precautionary measures to address the increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases in the Zuni. During the upcoming Shalako activities some measures will be increased while some others will be modified to accommodate cultural and religious practices. Below are specific details regarding these precautionary measures.

The Pueblo of Zuni Tribal Council enacted a State of Emergency through Resolution No. M70-2020-P081 and adopted New Mexico State Public Health Orders on December 2, 2020.

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

- Curfew will be suspended for Shalako activities from December 4, 2020 to December 11, 2020. Extended curfew will be in effect on December 12, 2020 at 12 am.
  - Essential Businesses: including grocery stores, jewelry stores, restaurants/drive through food establishments including local food vendors must close at 7:00 p.m.
  - Regular curfew hours will resume and be enforced between 8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. daily beginning on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Extended Weekend Curfew will commence on the following dates:
  - 12:00 a.m. Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and end at 5:00 a.m. Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and end at 5:00 a.m. Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and end at 5:00 a.m. Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>
- Curfew Restrictions - all Zuni community members will comply with the orders and remain at their place of residence during the weekend curfew hours except in the event of an emergency or as described below:
  - Individuals may leave their place of residence in the event of an emergency to go to the hospital, dialysis unit, or to work as an essential employee.
  - Livestock Owners will be permitted to leave their homes to check on livestock. A temporary permit from the Division of Natural Resources will be provided at the check point.
  - Individuals may be allowed to be outside their homes, but not outside the boundaries of their property.
  - Essential Businesses: including grocery stores, jewelry stores, restaurants/drive through food establishments including local food vendors must cease operations for the duration of the weekend curfew. This closure and cease operations requirement do not apply to the healthcare operations and essential government functions.
  - Essential employees reporting to or from duty are exempted from the weekend curfew but must carry official identification or a letter from their employer on an official letterhead.
  - Religious personnel will be subject on an individual basis. **Please limit driving activity.**

### THE SAFETY OF OUR ZUNI PEOPLE IS PRIORITY

Issued: December 4, 2020  
Zuni Incident Command Team

# WHERE THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IS WORST NOW

NEW YORK TIMES

## HIGHEST AVERAGE DAILY CASES, METRO AREA, LAST TWO WEEKS

### STATES WITH HIGHEST PER CAPITA CASES

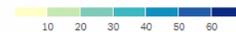


### NEW MEXICO

	TOTAL REPORTED	ON NOV. 29	14-DAY CHANGE
<b>Cases</b>	95,417	1,435	+45% ↗
<b>Deaths</b>	1,540	13	+60% ↗
<b>Hospitalized</b>	5,821	919	+89% ↗

Metro data limited to areas with at least 50,000 people. Recent cases are those announced in the last two weeks, but in some cases may have taken place earlier because of delays in reporting. Updated November 30, 2020, 8:00 A.M. E.T. Total NM hospitalization reported by NMDOH as of 11/23. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/04/23/upshot/five-ways-to-monitor-coronavirus-outbreak-us.html>

METRO OR MICRO AREA	POPULATION	RECENT CASES	DAILY PER 100K
1 Roswell, N.M.	64,615	1,604	177.3
2 Gallup, N.M.	71,367	1,767	176.9
3 Carson City, Nev.	55,916	1,357	173.3
4 St. Cloud, Minn.	201,964	4,821	170.5
5 Hutchinson, Kan.	61,998	1,431	164.9
6 Grand Forks, N.D.	100,815	2,253	159.6
7 Cumberland, Md.	97,284	2,152	158.0
8 Bismarck, N.D.	133,179	2,835	152.1
9 Minot, N.D.	75,713	1,605	151.4
10 Casper, Wyo.	79,858	1,676	149.9
11 Fergus Falls, Minn.	58,746	1,232	149.8
12 Faribault-Northfield, Minn.	66,972	1,370	146.1
13 Pueblo, Colo.	168,424	3,409	144.6
14 Lubbock, Texas	322,257	6,506	144.2
15 Kankakee, Ill.	109,862	2,181	141.8
16 Beaver Dam, Wis.	87,839	1,717	139.6
17 Cape Girardeau, Mo.	96,765	1,847	136.3
18 Quincy, Ill.	75,211	1,399	132.9
19 Great Falls, Mont.	81,366	1,498	131.5
20 Hobbs, N.M.	71,070	1,299	130.6
430 New York City area	20.0 mil.	91,458	32.7



WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 under Resolution Number M70-2020-P037 the Zuni Tribe declared that there was a public health emergency related to the pandemic spread of COVID-19. On April 3, 2020 Governor Val R. Panteah, Sr., issued an Executive Order, a curfew within the boundaries of the Zuni Reservation between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. This Resolution and Order were reviewed by the Zuni Tribal Council on August 6, 2020 and on September 2, 2020, and Amended and Supplemental Covid-19 Emergency Declarations, M70-2020-P058, M70-2020-P062, and M70-2020-P078, were issued; and,

WHEREAS that emergency continues and the Zuni Tribal Council on this date has reexamined the need for the restrictions set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph and finds that based on the increase in COVID-19 cases which are now at 705 and the number of deaths which are now at 35, with no end in sight as there is not yet a vaccine or other medical treatment to cure or stop this virus, that these emergency restrictions need to be continued; and,

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council has determined that COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent threat to the health, safety and well-being of the Zuni Tribe and Community; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has continued to report numerous confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths as a result of COVID-19, and Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has declared a statewide public health emergency and invoked her authority under New Mexico's All Hazard Emergency Management Act. Currently, there have been 99,419 cases and 7,128 deaths from COVID-19 in New Mexico and 7,128 cases and 279 deaths in McKinley County, New Mexico.

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that in addition to directions given in Resolution M70-2020-P037 the Tribal Council directs the following:

1. All of Zuni Community members will wear face coverings when not at their residences unless excepted by this Declaration. (CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) *Considerations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings, Help Slow the Spread of Covid-19*, Updated November 4, 2020, and Public Health Order, New Mexico Department of Health, Acting Secretary Billy J. Jimenez, November 5, 2020). Excepted from this directive are Zunis participating in traditional and cultural and religious activities.

2. Meetings of five (5) or more people are prohibited unless excepted by this Declaration. (CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Considerations for Events

and Gatherings, Updated July 7, 2020, and Public Health Order, New Mexico Department of Health, Cabinet Secretary Kathyleen M. Kunkel July 13, 2020). Excepted from this directive are traditional cultural or religious meetings as long as number 1 above and number 3 below are complied with.

3. All in-person meetings between members of the Zuni Community which are not inconsistent with #2 above who are not members of the same household may be held if each person is wearing a face covering and standing six (6) feet or more apart from other persons. (CDC Guidance and Tips for Tribal Community Living During COVID-19, Social Distancing and Coping During COVID-19, Updated July 7, 2020, and CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Social Distancing, Keep a Safe Distance to Slow the Spread, Updated July 15, 2020).

4. The current evening curfews will remain 8:00 p.m.-5:00 a.m.

5. A 57-hour weekend curfew from 8:00 p.m. Friday until 5:00 a.m. Monday is imposed to limit contact and restrict movement within the Zuni Pueblo. Exceptions are for persons traveling to work, essential travel and emergencies. This 57-Hour weekend curfew will

become effective for the next 3 weekends, which will be on December 12-14, December 18-21, and December 25-28. Curfew hours will be strictly enforced.

6. All businesses located within the Zuni Reservation will be closed during the 57-hour weekend curfews, including grocery stores, jewelry stores, and restaurants/drive-through food establishments including local vendors. These closure and cease-operations requirements do not apply to the healthcare operations, public safety, post office, and other essential government functions. Programs must work with local fuel distributors to ensure fuel is available for purchase for their program vehicles during the extended curfew.

7. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Zuni Tribe are put on notice that violations of the above directives may cause members to be charged with Public Nuisance (4-4-120), Failure to Disperse (4-4-96) and other charges as the facts may merit.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zuni Tribal Council may review and change the directives as reasonably appropriate to deal with this pandemic.

**ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:**

- Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor **b/**  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Carleton R. Bowekaty, Lt. Governor **a/**  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Virginia R. Chavez, Head Councilwoman **b/**  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Clyde Yatsattie, Councilman  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr., Councilman  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Eric Bobelu, Councilman **b/**  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Ricky P. Penketewa, Sr., Councilman  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent
- Arden Kucate, Councilman **a/**  Approved  Opposed  Abstained  Absent

Note: **a/**Voted at Tribal Chambers; **b/**Voted Telephonic by Call-in

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and the same was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, 3 absent on December 2, 2020.

  
Tribal Council Secretary

~~APPROVED~~ / DISAPPROVED

  
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Val R. Panteah, Sr., Governor  
Pueblo of Zuni

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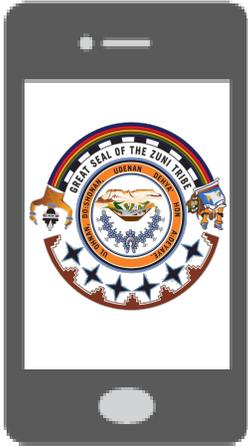
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# Zuni Community

## Text Alert

## Notification System

To receive Pueblo of Zuni Alerts,  
 Updates, and Notifications, text the  
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**AshiwiAlerts**

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CASES ARE RISING.  
**ACT NOW!**



WEAR A MASK



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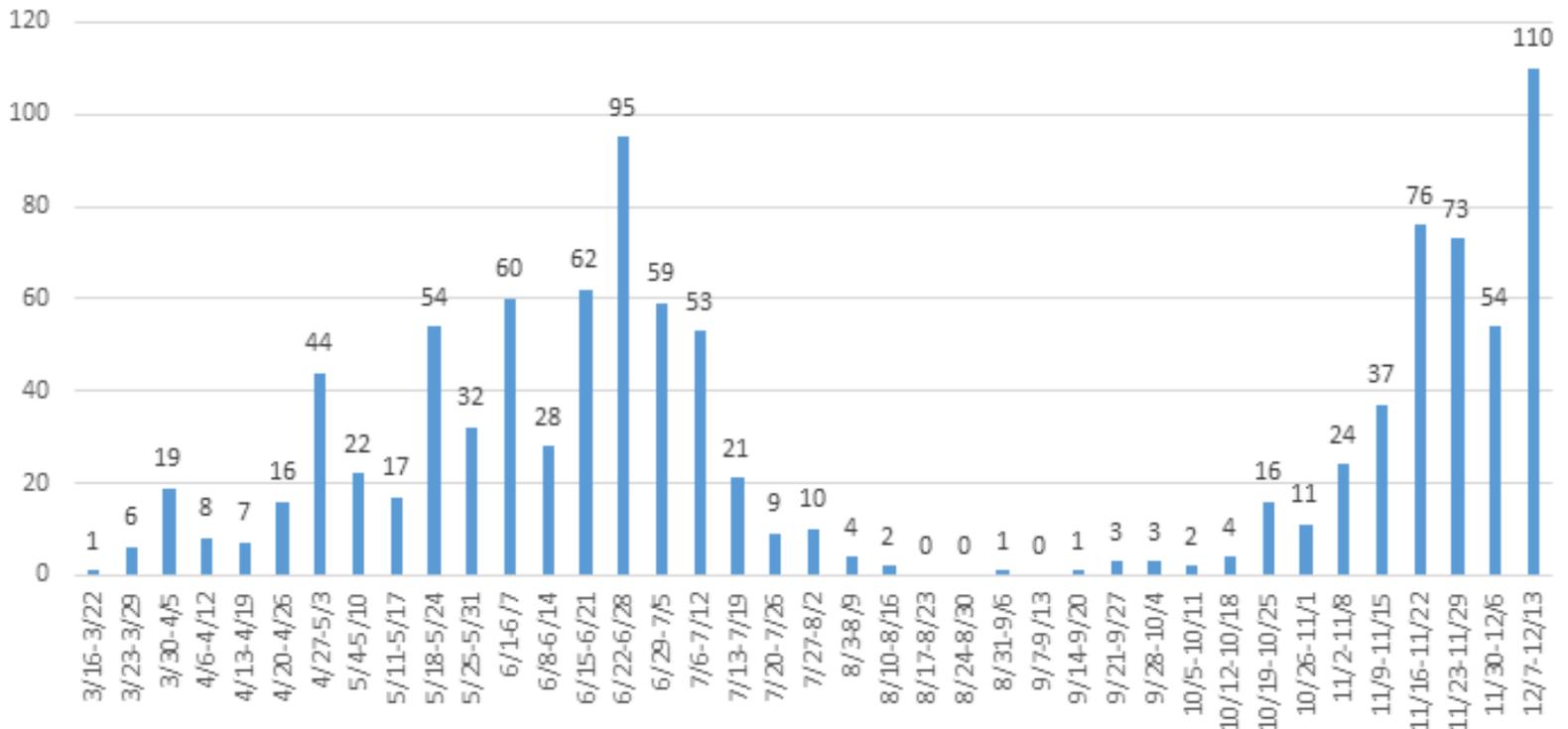
AVOID CROWDS

Cases in the last 7 days

**1,494,770**

Update: Dec 15 2020 12:17PM

Weekly Number of New Positive COVID-19 Cases



The CARES funding provided the division with two ambulances (\$471,199), two inmate transport units (\$220,321), and a coroner's unit (\$103,040).



Throughout the United States the demand for these types of vehicles increased and our order was placed behind many others. The safety of our personnel is a priority and providing these specialty units allows for increased precautionary measures when dealing with the general public. The coroner's unit was the most difficult to obtain. The purpose for this vehicle is to ensure there is separation between the deceased and the operator. Currently the staff utilize a van which does not provide any separation for the health and safety of staff. This unit finally arrived December 14, 2020.



As a member of the Incident Command team, it has been a difficult journey to address tough community issues that either placed restrictions or limited the activity and access into the community. The Incident Command team holds daily teleconferences where issues are tabled by team members, discussed at length, and strategies are identified for implementation based on what is in the best interest of the community. A teleconference with the Governor and Tribal Council and the Indian Health Service is held every Monday and Friday to update and discuss their issues and concerns with the Incident Command team. With that I want to thank the Governor and Tribal Council and staff from the Indian Health Service, for they



often are on the receiving end of negative comments.

As we reach the end of 2020, I want to remind the community that this pandemic is far from over and we need to continue to follow all safety precautions until we have all received the vaccine and when we have no more positive cases of COVID-19. Remember, "we are all in this together."

In closing, I express my appreciation to all division personnel who have been working the front lines since the onset of

this pandemic - including Incident Command Staff, Police Officers, EMTs, Firefighters, Corrections Officers, Tribal Rangers, Victims' Advocates, Telecommunicators, Control Officers, Control Operators, Detention Nurses, Veterans Service Officers, Administrative Support staff and Maintenance staff - for your courage, dedication, and continued commitment to protect and serve our community. Elahkwa.

Tyler Lastiyano  
Public Safety Division Director  
Veterans Service Officer

