

DIKOS NTSAAÍGÍ (COVID-19) UPDATE

Navajo Epidemiology Center

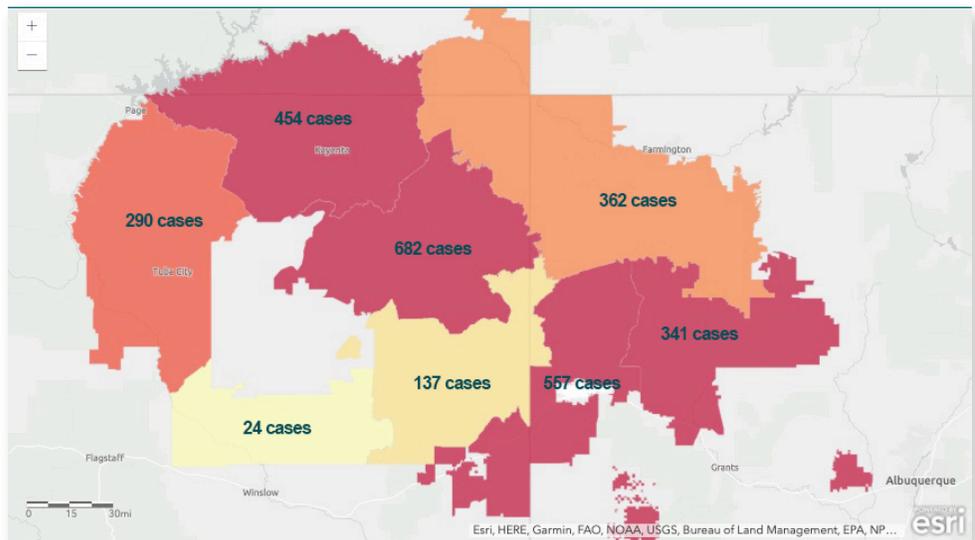
Helping with Making Data-driven Decisions for the COVID-19 response



NEC Director Ramona Antone-Nez meeting with IHS and CDC partners to conduct contact tracing using CommCare mobile application.



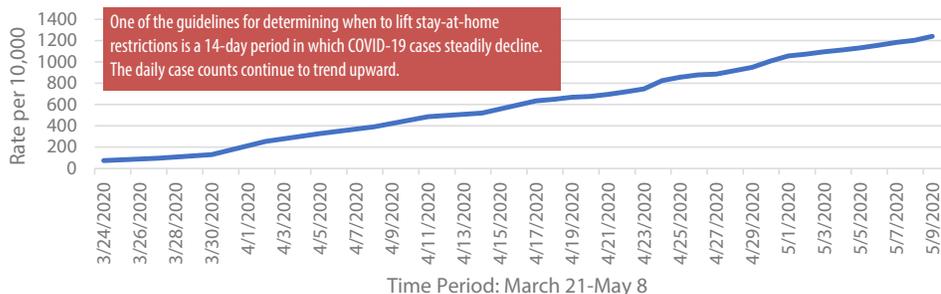
NEC hosts CDC Epi-Aid team to assist with COVID-19 surveillance and case tracking systems for better disease characterization.



Total cases as of May 8, 2020.

Figure 1: Navajo Nation* COVID-19 Crude Incidence Rates

Source: Navajo Epidemiology Center and Navajo Area IHS Collaborative



*Does not include data from border towns.

The Navajo Epidemiology Center (NEC) is playing a critical role in assisting with making data-driven decisions by collecting and analyzing data, and using them to develop appropriate strategies and activities for COVID-19 response on the Navajo Nation. NEC is working with partners (tribal programs, IHS, 638 tribal organizations, state health departments, academic institutions, non-profit programs, and CDC), to conduct COVID-19 disease surveillance, perform contact tracing, and manage the data to help with data visualization. NEC also shares its daily COVID-19 situational awareness reports with leaders, partners and general public to help with making informed decisions. Additional information can be found at: www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19.

What is epidemiology?

Epidemiology (*Naatniih Naalkaah*) is the study of disease in populations. It observes patterns by 'person, place and time', and attempts to answer the questions 'Who?', 'What?', 'Where?' and 'When?'. NEC collects information to learn who got sick, when they got sick, who might get sick, and where they reside on the Navajo Nation. This information helps protect the residents of Navajo Nation.

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