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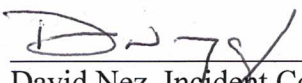
MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Information Officers

FROM:



Dr. Jill Jim, Executive Director
Navajo Department of Health



David Nez, Incident Commander
Health Command Operations Center

DATE: March 25, 2020

RE: Health Command Operations Center Joint Information Center (JIC) Activation

The Navajo Nation is launching the Joint Information Center (JIC) under the Health Command Operations Center. The JIC has been established in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management System and will be used for sharing information.

The JIC will be organized across multiple government entities at the state and county level, as well as within tribal government. The purpose of the JIC is to provide avenues to coordinate and organize information to ensure accurate and timely messaging. The JIC will have plans, protocols, and procedures to **provide information** to the general public, leaders, media, elected officials, and other impacted persons.

The JIC lead person is Eli Leslie with the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center. The PIO Liaison is Jared Touchin, Office of the President and Vice President.

The JIC will meet weekly on March 31, 2020; thereafter regular meetings will be scheduled.

To be invited to a virtual meeting, please send an email to Eli Leslie at elileslie@navajo-nsn.gov

In order to maintain accuracy in reporting of confirmed positive test results of COVID-19 individuals across the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Epidemiology Center is the only entity authorized within the HCOC to report official confirmed tests of COVID-19 on the Navajo Nation. Officials can be found at:

<http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>

Your cooperation and adherence to the JIS/ICS is hereby directed.

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