

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EXTREME HIGH RATE OF POSITIVE CASES

Zuni Office of Emergency Management and the Zuni Tribal Council were contacted by our local Zuni Hospital Medical Staff with some very concerning information. As of Monday January 3^{rd,} to January 5th, 2022; there are **81** new COVID-19 positive cases. With this rapid spread there is a high susceptibility that the COVID 19 Variant Omicron may be within our community. Our dedicated health professionals are working endlessly to determine this.

It is vital to continue following protective measures:

- > Continue to wear clean facemasks properly indoors and outdoors when in public.
- ➤ Avoid social gatherings when possible.
- > Practice continuous hand washing.

Watch for the following Symptoms:

Fever or chills / cough / shortness of breath or difficulty breathing / fatigue / muscle or body aches / headache / new loss of taste or smell / sore throat / congestion or runny nose / nausea or vomiting / diarrhea

Seek Immediate Emergency Care for the following:

Trouble breathing / Persistent pain or pressure in the chest / new confusion / inability to wake or stay awake / pale, gray or blue-colored skin, lips or nail beds

In fully vaccinated people, these symptoms may feel like common cold but it also could indicate a COVID infection. Zuni community members who are not vaccinated are STRONGLY encouraged to get vaccinated, including the booster shot. It is proven that vaccinations help lessen the severity of COVID symptoms and saves lives. COVID Vaccines are made available to the community through the Zuni Hospital please call (505) 782-7590 to find out more information.

IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL, PLEASE STAY HOME TO PREVENT THE SPREAD.

LET'S REACH COMMUNITY IMMUNITY.

DO YOUR PART.