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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

NTU Full Mask Mandate Continues to be in Effect on Navajo Nation

CROWNPOINT, NM - As of February 17, 2022, the State of New Mexico has lifted its indoor mask mandate requirement. "Effective immediately, masks will be optional, and we will respect the decision of students, families and staff to choose for themselves whether or not they want to wear a mask — indoors or out." said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. Although our main campus and other sites fall under the state of New Mexico, this **DOES NOT APPLY** to the Navajo Nation. Under the Navajo Nation Public Health Emergence order. No. 2020-07 issued on April 17, 2020, face masks must be worn in all public places.

We must understand that this virus is still here but we cannot let our guard down. Ensuring safe learning spaces for our NTU community is Navajo Technical University's main priority. We must continue to practice cleaning our areas, mask up, sanitize, social distance, and wash hands frequently. As we continue our academic year, the NTU community is more than welcome to attend the Navajo Technical University Pandemic Response Team (PRT) weekly meetings. Attendees will be able to receive the current information regarding COVID-19 impacts on the Navajo Nation.

Contact Nicole Pino at npino@navajotech.edu to receive the weekly meeting zoom invitation.

Navajo Technical University continues to honor Diné culture and language while educating for the future.

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