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Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education announces updated hours of operation during Office of the President and Vice President Public Health Order

Window Rock, Ariz. - The Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education (DODE) has adjusted its hours of operation as a result of the public health order issued by the Navajo Nation Health Command Operations Center (NHCOC) on November 13, 2020.

Per the NHCOC public health order, the Navajo Nation shut down its government offices from Monday, November 16, 2020, 8:00 am through December 4, 2020, 5:00 pm. All offices will be closed to the public and only essential employees will report into their worksite, with each site also having a maximum capacity of 25% of workers.

Due to the limited capacity of workers, the hours of operation for DODE departments has changed. As of November 30, the updated list is below:

Navajo Nation DODE Administration: Essential employees report into the office on a staggered schedule from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Navajo Nation Office of Dine School Improvement (ODSI): The Office of Dine School Improvement continues to work with schools on a virtual basis. Dr. Calvin White and Julia Mitchell are ODSI essential employees, and at least one of them reports into the office during the week.

Office of Dine Youth (ODY): The Office of Dine Youth will continue with Virtual Activities, through Zoom and Microsoft Teams from all sites. At this time, ODY will not provide Curb-site for activity packets or additional care packets, until further notice. Since the office provides High School Preparatory Scholarships for the Spring Semester 2021, it will be required to reopen on Monday, November 23, 2020 to accept the documents through via-mail, emails and fax copies.

Navajo Nation Johnson O' Malley Program (JOM): The JOM Program has one essential staff report into the office from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. The JOM Office can be reached through email to ElritaHarvey@nndode.org; AliceDodson@nndode.org; ChrisRoanhorse@nndode.org; paulashondee@nndode.org; alicebenally@nndode.org; eleanorthomas@nndode.org.

Navajo Nation Library: The Navajo Nation Museum, Library and Visitor Center is closed to the general public.

Navajo Nation Office of Standards, Curriculum & Assessment Development (OSCAD): One of the department's education specialists will be in the office from Monday to Thursday each week from 8 am to 5 pm, and employees will report to the office as needed on Fridays.

Cognia Navajo Nation: Employees are teleworking through the public health order and will report to the office as needed. Contact Cognia at (928)871-6420 with any questions.

Navajo Nation Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation Services (OSERS): Employees are working a combination of in-person and telecommuting. Supervisors report into the office throughout the week as

needed. The office is open for business through on-line and virtual applications from 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Navajo Nation Office of Education Research & Statistics (OERS): OERS is operating on an in-person and telecommuting schedule. The OERS office is open for business through online/virtual applications from Monday to Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

Navajo Nation Head Start: The office is closed to the public and the program has essential staff working on a staggered schedule from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Call (928)871-6902 for more information.

Navajo Nation Office of Dine Accountability and Compliance (ODAC): All Senior Education Specialists are teleworking until mid-January 2021. Designated essential ODAC staff are currently in the office Monday through Friday. The best way to contact ODAC is through email at darrickfranklin@nndode.org; lavidamaestas@nndode.org; suzettehaskie@nndode.org or call (928) 871-7466 with any questions.

The Navajo Education Center, where DODE Administration and each of the listed departments is located, is closed to the public. For more information on DODE programs, please call (928)871-7475.