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Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education updates hours of operation after Office of the President and Vice President extends Public Health Order

Window Rock, Ariz. - The Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education (DODE) adjusted its hours of operation in November 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 initially shut down its government offices from Monday, November 16, 2020, 8:00 am through December 4, 2020, 5:00 pm. The release of Executive Order 012-20 on December 24, 2020 extended the closure of Navajo Nation government offices until January 10, 2021.

In compliance with the Executive Order, all Navajo Nation offices are 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 have changed. As of December 29, 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, the office is open to accept the documents through via-mail, emails and fax copies.

Navajo Nation Johnson O' Malley Program (JOM): Employees report into the office as needed from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. For more information, contact the JOM office at (928) 871-6678.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 8 am to 12 pm, while another specialist reports to the office from 8 am to 12 pm Monday and Tuesday. Otherwise, all employees work remotely. Acting Education Program Manager Maggie Benally works remotely Monday to Friday and will report to the office as needed.

Cognia Navajo Nation: Employees are teleworking through the public health order and will report to the office as needed. If you have questions, please email Shayla Yellowhair, Director, at: shayla.yellowhair@cognia.org.

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/telework schedule from 8 am to 5 pm – Monday through Friday. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the proper NHS staff member from the contact listing below for specific inquiries per content area:

- Enrollment: Kaylene Francis 928-206-9391
- Education Services: Rolanda Billy 928-551-3304
 - ✓ Ms. Chrissy Snow, School Readiness Language Immersion Manager (program wide)
 - EMAIL Work: chrissysnow@nndode.gov csnow@navajo-nsn.gov
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 - ✓ Ms. LouAnn Paul, School Readiness Coach – Shiprock District
 - EMAIL: louannpaul@nndode.org District Ofc: 505-368-1200
 - ✓ Mrs. Miranda Billie, School Readiness Coach – Crownpoint District
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 - Program cell: 928-206-3271
 - ✓ Ms. Nelda Scott, School Readiness Coach – Window Rock District
 - EMAIL: neldascott@nndode.org Ofc. Phone: 928-810-8520
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 - ✓ Mr. Cyrus Donald, School Readiness Coach – Window Rock District
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 - Ofc. Phone: 928-810-8520
 - Program Cell: 928-551-3326
 - ✓ Rena Ben, School Readiness Coach – Window Rock District
 - EMAIL: renaben@navajo-nsn.org Ofc. Phone: 928-674-2141
 - Program Cell: 928-206-7654
 - ✓ Ms. Melissa Yazzie, School Readiness Coach –Chinle District
 - EMAIL: mellissayazzie@nndode.org Program Cell: 928-206-3330
- Health & Nutrition and Facilities: Dr. Florinda Jackson 505-879-1039
- Human Resources: Dr. Florinda Jackson 505-879-1039
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- Mental Health & Disabilities: Lena Yellowhair 928-206-3346
- Program Governance: Lacie Tillman 928-551-3458

- Finance: Renee Marianito 928-206-7066
- CDC Command Leader: Michael Begay 928-206-6932
- You may also call the office receptionist at 928-871-6902

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 programs is located, is closed to the public. For more information on DODE programs, please call (928)871-7475.