

First on the Navajo Nation

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Gallup Indian Medical Center will be the first Navajo Nation health facility to receive the coronavirus vaccine when it arrives on Dec. 14.

Dr. Loretta Christiansen, chief medical officer of the Navajo Indian Area Health Services, told a Facebook live town hall Dec. 10 that the vaccine, which requires very cold storage would be coming to GIMC in less than a week.

Christiansen attributed the designation to the hospital's ability to store the vaccine as instructed by the pharmaceutical company, Pfizer-BioNTech.