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Dear Parents of GSCS Students & Community Members

I am writing this letter to provide you some basic information regarding the vaccines which are being given throughout our country and Navajo Nation. Our newly elected President, Joe Biden who received his vaccine, promises to administer 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine in his first 100 days in office. The hospitals cannot do it alone; it is up to us as individuals to take part in these massive vaccination efforts to tackle Covid-19 or it will continue to use us as hosts to spread to other people that are not vaccinated yet.

Mr. Jonathan Nez, our Navajo Nation (NN) President has received his vaccine and urges everyone to get theirs when their turn comes up. The people who work in the hospitals and other high-risk individuals received theirs first and will work their way to getting everyone vaccinated. Currently anyone 65 years and older are eligible to receive theirs. Get in touch with your doctor or hospital to see when you can get yours.

The NN has given at least 20 thousand doses to its 186 thousand membership of Navajo Nation. Dr. Jill Jim and her team will need more than 200 thousand doses. We want you to be one of those to get vaccinated as the virus is still virulent, still severe, still harmful in our NN.

Our closest hospital, Safe Memorial Hospital, will be moving into Tier 3/ Phase 1B for schools – their school's staff and will reach out to others when they are ready. You may be anxious about getting the vaccine, but let me assure you that science and research in the U.S. is top notch and it is deemed safe to administer. Please listen to KTNN and other sources about Pfizer and Moderna and make your decision to get vaccinated along with everyone else.

As principal of GSCS, I am concerned about the children's education and their socio-emotional development during this pandemic. I'd like to see school back in session as soon as it is safe to come back. Please call the school if you need more information.

Thank you.

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One "...who has a why to live for can bear almost any how." —Friedrich Nietzsche