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ECECD, IAD Distribute Infant Packages to Pueblos, Tribes, Nation
Packages Customized to Individual Communities' Needs

Santa Fe - The Early Childhood Education and Care Department has partnered with the Indian Affairs Department to distribute infant packages to Native communities across New Mexico.

Deliveries have been made to the Pueblos of Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Zia, Jemez, Sandia, Isleta, Acoma, Laguna, Tesuque, Pojoaque, Nambe, Santa Clara, Ohkay, Picuris, and Taos, as well as the Mescalero and Jicarilla Apache tribes. Over the coming weeks, deliveries will reach the Navajo Nation.

“New Mexico is home to dozens of tribal communities - and each is home to children whose needs we are eager to support. We’re delighted to partner with the Indian Affairs Department, the Children, Youth and Families Department, and a network of volunteers to deliver key materials,” said Jovanna Archuleta, ECECD Assistant Secretary for Native American Early Childhood Education and Care.

“This effort is just one of the many ways New Mexicans are supporting each other during the public health emergency,” said IAD Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo. “In addition to our partners at ECECD, we want to thank the volunteers who packed and unpacked nearly 30,000 lbs of food and supplies according to each tribal community’s specific request.”

Each package contains a one-month supply of the following age-appropriate items:

0 - 6 Months

Diapers

Wipes

Onesies

Formula

Bassinet

Baby book

6 - 12 Months

Diapers

Wipes

Formula

Baby food, cereal and introductory snacks

Baby book

Note: Baby food and formula will be delivered in an upcoming shipment, along with other backordered items not included in the packages delivered so far.

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Governor Phillip A. Perez and Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo Community Health Representative



Region IX volunteers Josh Romero & Johnny Leinneweber with Monica Vigil, Nambe Pueblo Community Health Representative