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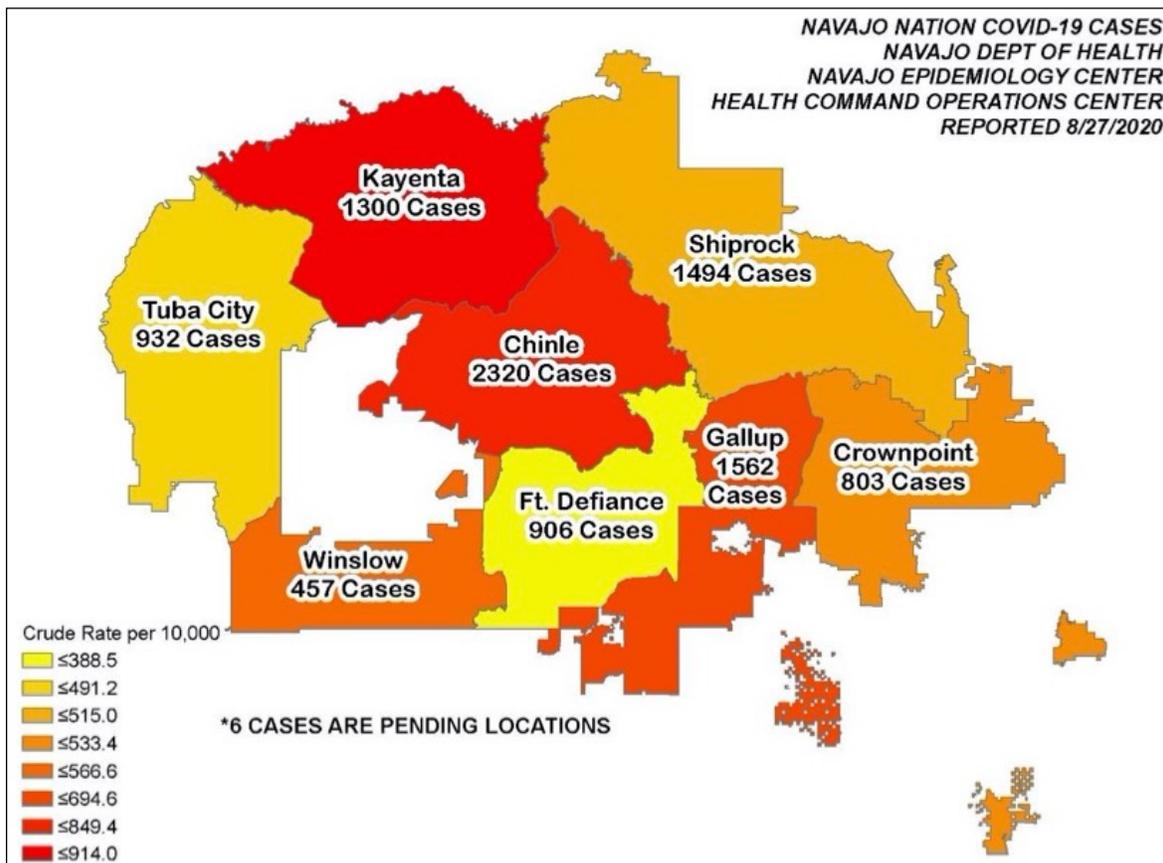
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14 new cases, 7,032 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 14 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths has reached 500 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 7,032 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 94,099 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases is 9,780, which includes 165 additional cases that were recently identified that occurred between April 6 and Aug. 12.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,320

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 803
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 906
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,562
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,300
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,494
- Tuba City Service Unit: 932
- Winslow Service Unit: 457

* Six residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

The Navajo Nation will have a 32-hour weekend lockdown beginning Saturday, Aug. 29, at 9:00 p.m. until Monday, Aug. 31 at 5:00 a.m.

"Our people are carrying on the same strength that carried our ancestors for many generations in today's fight against COVID-19. Resilience is within us and tells us to keep going. Our fight against COVID-19 is far from over, and to combat the virus we need to continue to stay home as much as possible, wear masks, wash hands, social distance, and avoid large crowds," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Friday, the state of Utah reported 391 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 519 new cases, and New Mexico reported 126.

"Until there is a safe vaccine available for COVID-19, we must remain focused on continuing with the preventative measures. We are doing good at the moment and we need to continue the momentum. Please continue to pray for our Nation," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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