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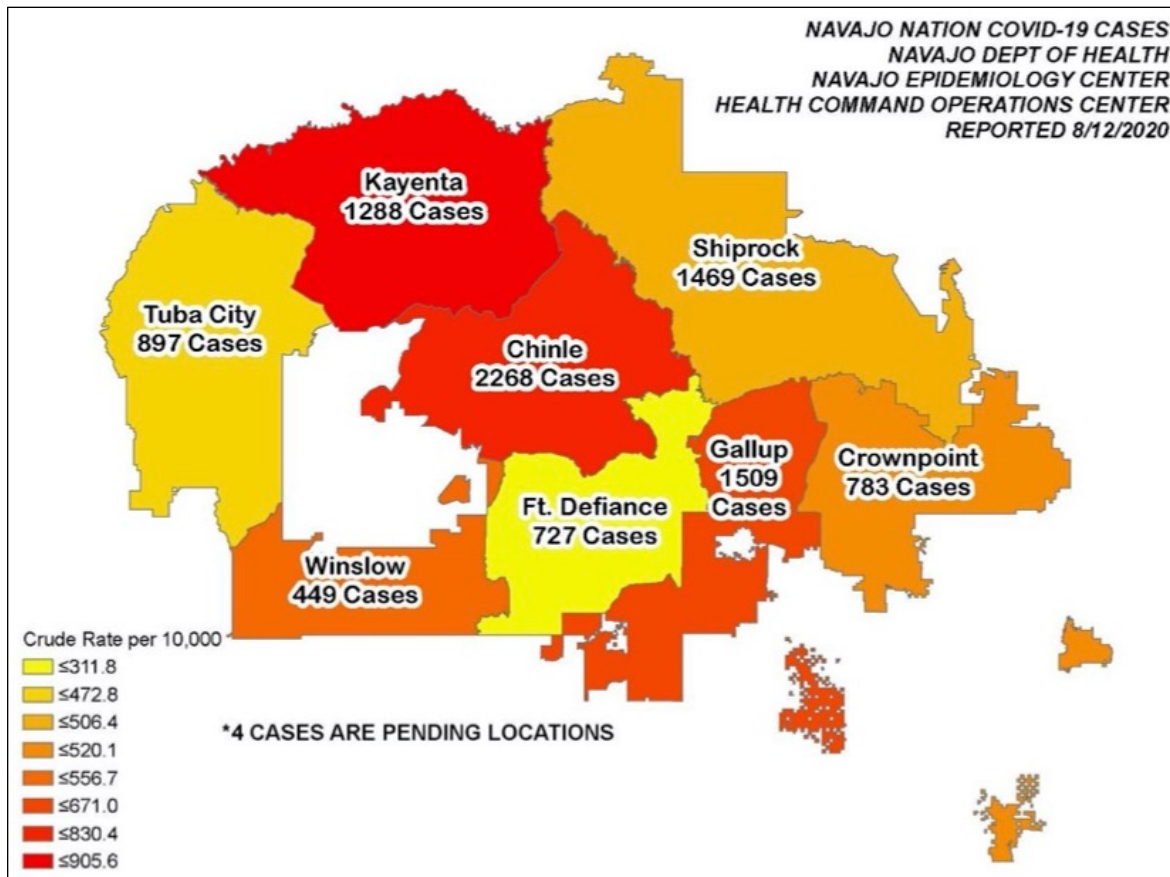
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38 new cases, 6,942 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 38 new positive COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths has reached 478 as of Thursday. 6,942 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 and 87,402 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases is 9,394 and negative tests total 73,147.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,268
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 783
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 727

- Gallup Service Unit: 1,509
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,288
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,469
- Tuba City Service Unit: 897
- Winslow Service Unit: 449

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

On Thursday, the state of Arizona reported 1,351 new cases of COVID-19, while New Mexico reported 177 new cases, and Utah reported 334 new cases. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer strongly urge all residents to wear masks, stay home as much as possible, wash hands, practice social distancing, and to avoid large crowds.

“A few days ago, we only had seven new cases of COVID-19 reported and today we have 38. We can’t become complacent and we cannot afford another spike in new cases. We have to stay the course and keep listening to our health care experts. Do not travel outside of the Navajo Nation and put yourself at risk of getting the virus and bringing it home. Keep your guard up and keep praying for your family, communities, and the entire Navajo Nation,” said President Nez.

The Navajo Nation will have another 32-hour weekend lockdown beginning on Saturday, Aug. 15 at 9:00 p.m. (MDT) until Monday, Aug. 17 at 5:00 a.m. All businesses will be closed for the duration of the weekend lockdown.

On Thursday, the Nez-Lizer Administration introduced the “Navajo Nation Reopening Plan,” which serves as a guide to safely and gradually reopen business on the Navajo Nation. The Plan includes safety-guidelines for Navajo Nation residents to follow through the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, directs places of business to implement COVID-19 policies and procedures meeting certain standards, and provides a color-coded system for progressively reopening business on the Navajo Nation based on data-driven analysis and input from health experts.

“The Navajo Nation has had 49 consecutive days with less than 100 reported daily cases of COVID-19, and 14 consecutive days under 50 daily cases. We commend and thank our Navajo people for listening to our health care experts. Now that we are moving forward with a phased-in reopening plan that includes safety measures and guidelines, we have to remain diligent and proceed very carefully. If we see a spike in new cases, we will immediately re-evaluate the plan and proceed accordingly based on the data and recommendations of our health care experts,” said Vice President Lizer.

To view the “Navajo Nation Reopening Plan,” please visit: <https://www.navajoreopening.navajonnsn.gov>. 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 at <http://www.ndoh.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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