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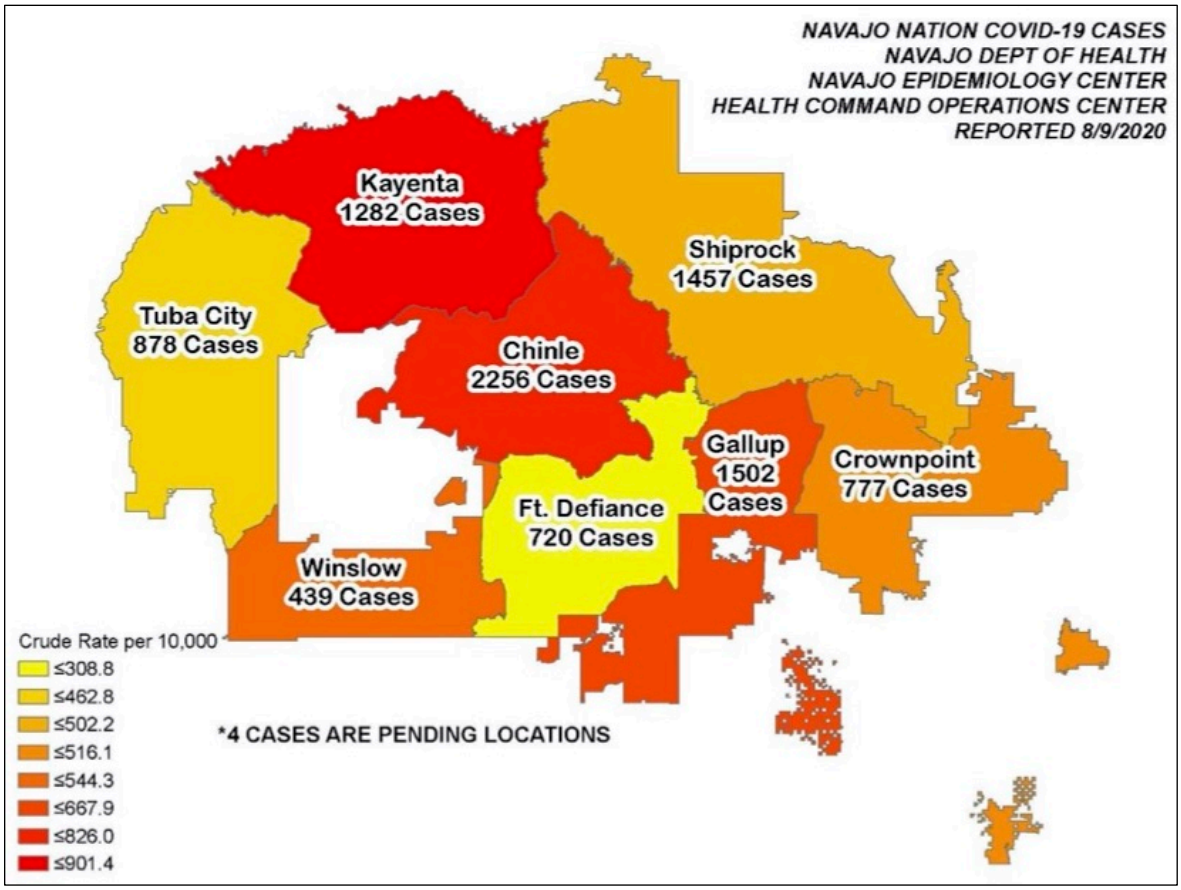
7 new cases, 6,878 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported seven new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths now totals 473 as of Monday. Reports indicate that 6,878 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 85,772 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases is 9,315 and negative tests total 71,972.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,256

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 777
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 720
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,502
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,282
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,457
- Tuba City Service Unit: 878
- Winslow Service Unit: 439

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

On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 600 new cases of COVID-19, while New Mexico reported 132 new cases, and Utah reported 263 new cases.

"We are seeing good signs with the gradual decrease in new cases overall for the states of New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah over the last few days, but we must continue to stay home as much as possible and avoid traveling to cities and towns off the Navajo Nation. There remains substantial risk of contracting COVID-19. When certain states reopened in May, we saw how quickly the virus can re-emerge and spread among communities. We are very grateful to all of our Nation's healthcare workers. We do not want to put them in a position where our health care system is strained again due to new cases. Please stay home, wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and avoid large crowds. We are beating COVID-19 little by little, but we have to stay focused and vigilant," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan 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.

"It is true that we have some residents that choose to leave the Nation during the weekend lockdowns, and we are being informed through contact tracing that it is often those individuals who contract the coronavirus off the Navajo Nation and unfortunately, bring it home when they return. We have to make good decisions for ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone that we come in contact with. Overall, we are doing a good job fighting COVID-19, but the fight is not over. Please continue to pray and stay home as much as possible for the health and safety of us all," 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 at http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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