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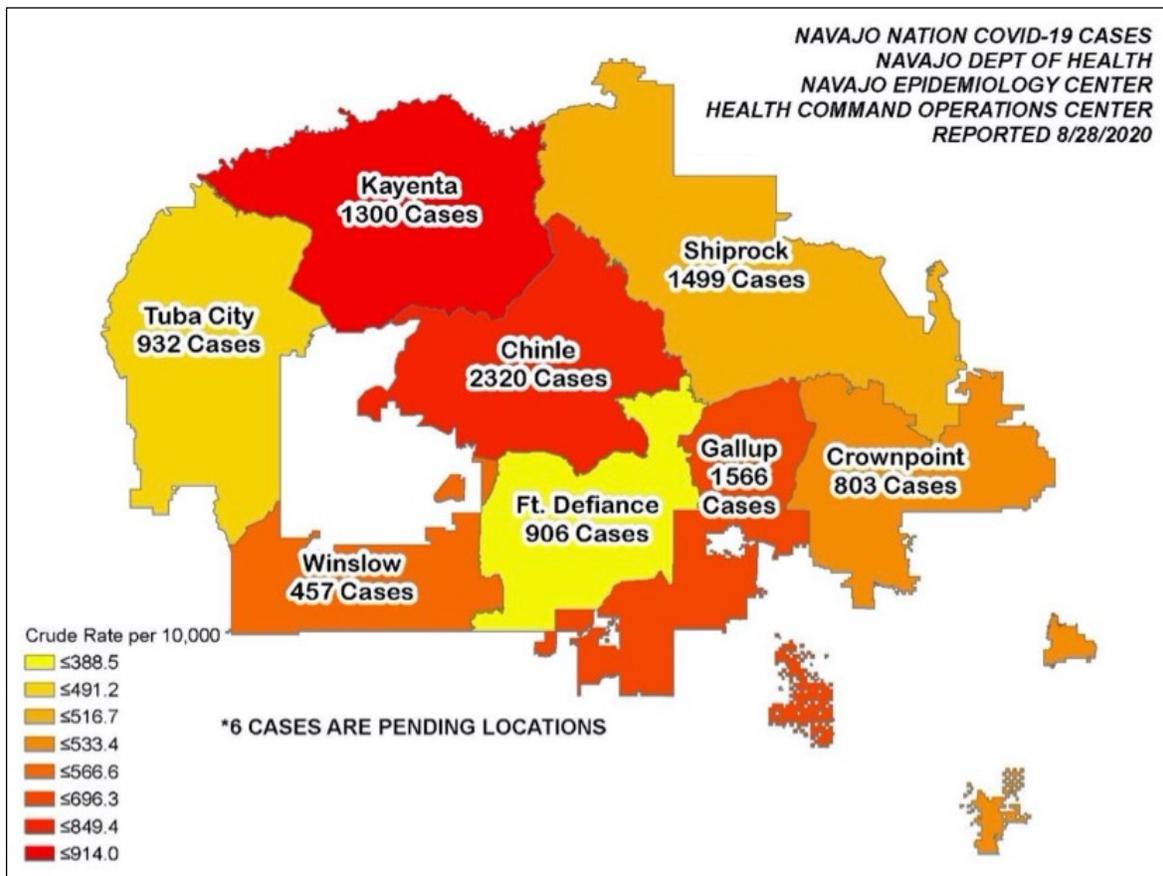
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## Nine new cases, 7,054 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19 as 32-hour lockdown is set to begin



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported nine new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths has reached 501 as of Saturday. Reports indicate that 7,054 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 94,287 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases is 9,789.

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: 1,566
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,300
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,499
- 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's 32-hour weekend lockdown is set to begin on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 9:00 p.m. and last until Monday, Aug. 31 at 5:00 a.m.

"If you travel to areas such as Phoenix, Albuquerque, or other cities or towns during the lockdown, you are putting yourself, your loved ones, and everyone else that you come into contact with at substantial risk of contracting COVID-19. We only have nine new reported cases today, but the overall state numbers remain relatively high. Home is the safest place to be right now. Please stay home during the 32-hour lockdown and spend time with your family or do something productive at home. We have to stay on course and keep our numbers low," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Friday, the state of Utah reported 458 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 629 new cases, and New Mexico reported 139.

"Stay home, stay safe, and save lives. That's been our motto and that's what our Navajo people have followed in order to bring our daily number of cases down. A few months ago, we were at our high point in terms of new cases and thanks to the combined efforts of the people, first responders, and health experts we have remained consistently low. Keep praying for all of the families who have lost loved ones and for those who are in the hospital fighting for their health and their lives," 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.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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