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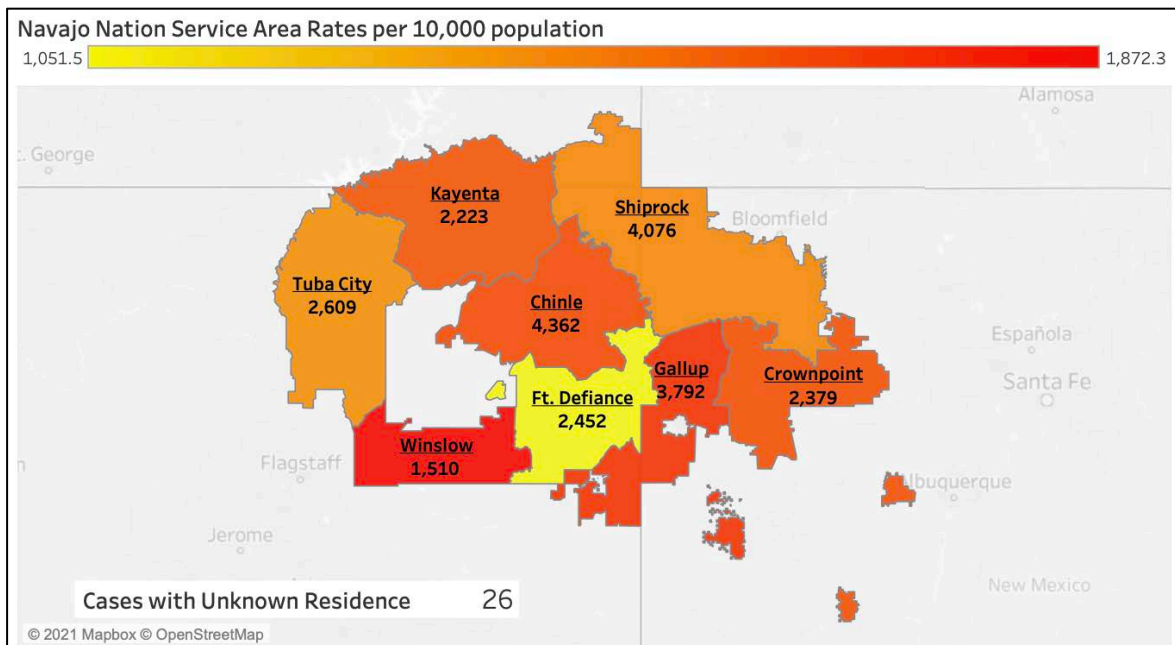
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266 new cases, 11,741 recoveries, and 7 more deaths related to COVID-19 as 57-hour weekend lockdown begins



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 266 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and 7 more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 813 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 11,741 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 204,307 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 23,429, including 73 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 4,362
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,379
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 2,452
- Gallup Service Unit: 3,792

- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,223
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,076
- Tuba City Service Unit: 2,609
- Winslow Service Unit: 1,510

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

“We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy New Year. We lost many of our people to COVID-19 in 2020, so let’s pray for their families and continue to fight hard and protect one another against the coronavirus in the new year. We are hopeful and optimistic that more and more people will receive the vaccines in the coming months and drastically reduce the spread of COVID-19. Keep staying home, wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, avoid gatherings, and wash your hands often,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Navajo Nation’s 57-hour weekend lockdown begins this evening at 8:00 p.m. (MST) until Monday, Jan. 4 at 5:00 a.m. (MST). COVID-19 testing schedules are available online at the Navajo Health Command Operations Center website: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Testing>.

“We offer prayers for all of our Navajo people, health care workers, and first responders for the new year. We’ve come a long way through this pandemic and we will continue to persevere. Be safe and keep praying,” 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](tel:9288717014).

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