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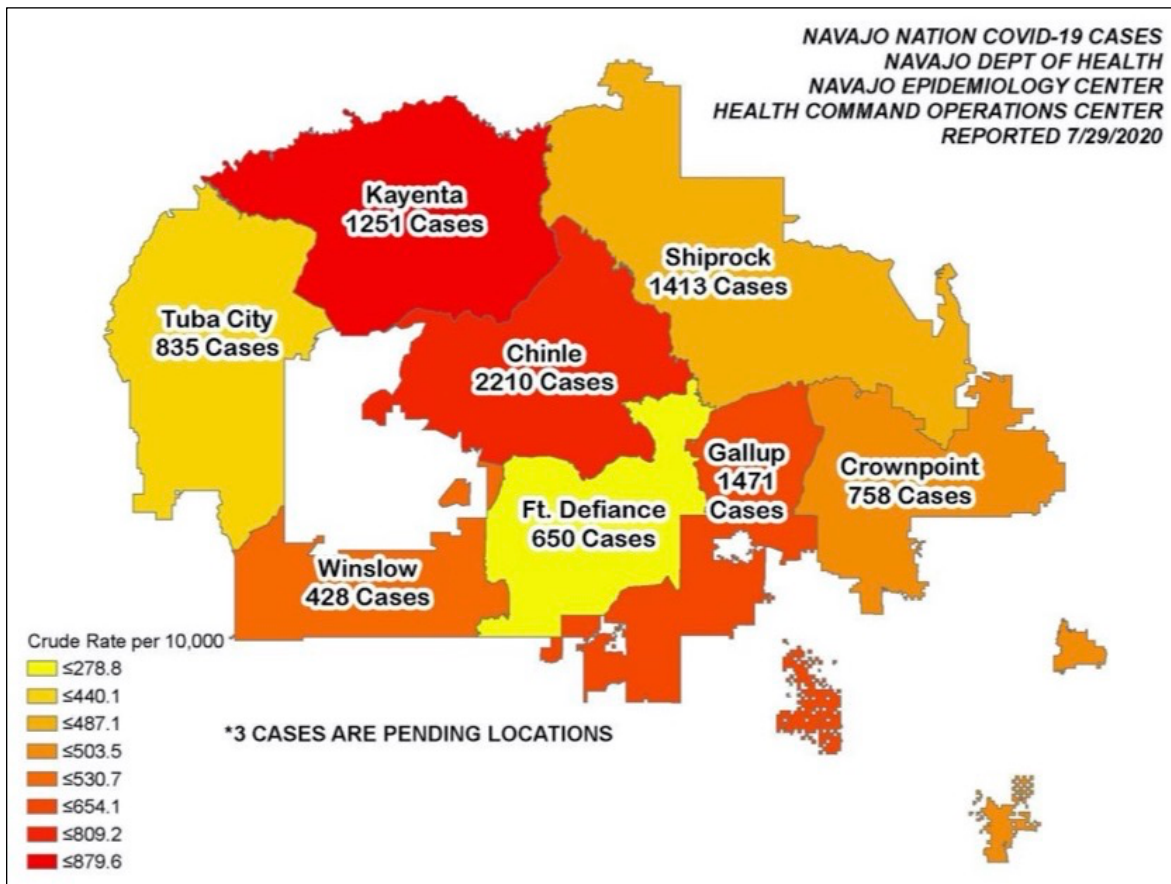
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**6,627 recoveries, 51 new cases, and one more death related  
to COVID-19 reported as 57-hour weekend lockdown approaches**



**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 51 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths has reached 454 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 6,627 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 80,280 people have been tested for COVID-19. The total number of COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation is 9,019.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,210

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 758
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 650
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,471
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,251
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,413
- Tuba City Service Unit: 835
- Winslow Service Unit: 428

\* Three 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 2,525 new cases of COVID-19, while New Mexico reported 255 new cases, and Utah reported 502 new cases. The Navajo Nation's 57-hour weekend lockdown will begin on Friday, July 31 at 8:00 p.m. until Monday, Aug. 3 at 5:00 a.m. All businesses will be closed for the duration of the lockdown.

"Today marks the 35<sup>th</sup> consecutive day with less than 100 positive COVID-19 cases on the Navajo Nation. A big thank you to our Navajo Nation residents for doing a great job in flattening the number of cases and we also thank the Navajo Nation Department of Health and all of the health care experts for their non-stop work and advice to help our people. They continue to plan for the long-term and for any potential new spikes in cases. We recently proposed to use \$128 million in CARES Act funds to secure more COVID-19 testing kits, isolation sites/services, emergency medical transportation, mobile medical units, vaccinations, contact tracing/case managers/data support/callers/epidemiology services, vehicles/equipment for food deliveries for elders, and much more. We have to continue to wear masks, stay home, wash hands, social distance, and avoid large crowds to prevent another spike in cases. Please remain diligent and keep fighting this virus together," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Department of Health and the Health Command Operations Center is also preparing for the upcoming winter flu season. They have also created a vaccination group to develop plans securing and distributing a vaccine for COVID-19 once one is proven to be safe and made available.

"We have to meet our prayers half way by listening to our health care experts and doing everything we can to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and in good health. In your prayers, please remember those who have lost loved ones and those who are fighting for their lives. We pray that the COVID-19 virus does not harm any more of our brothers and sisters and that we will continue to heal and become stronger," 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](tel:9288717014).

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