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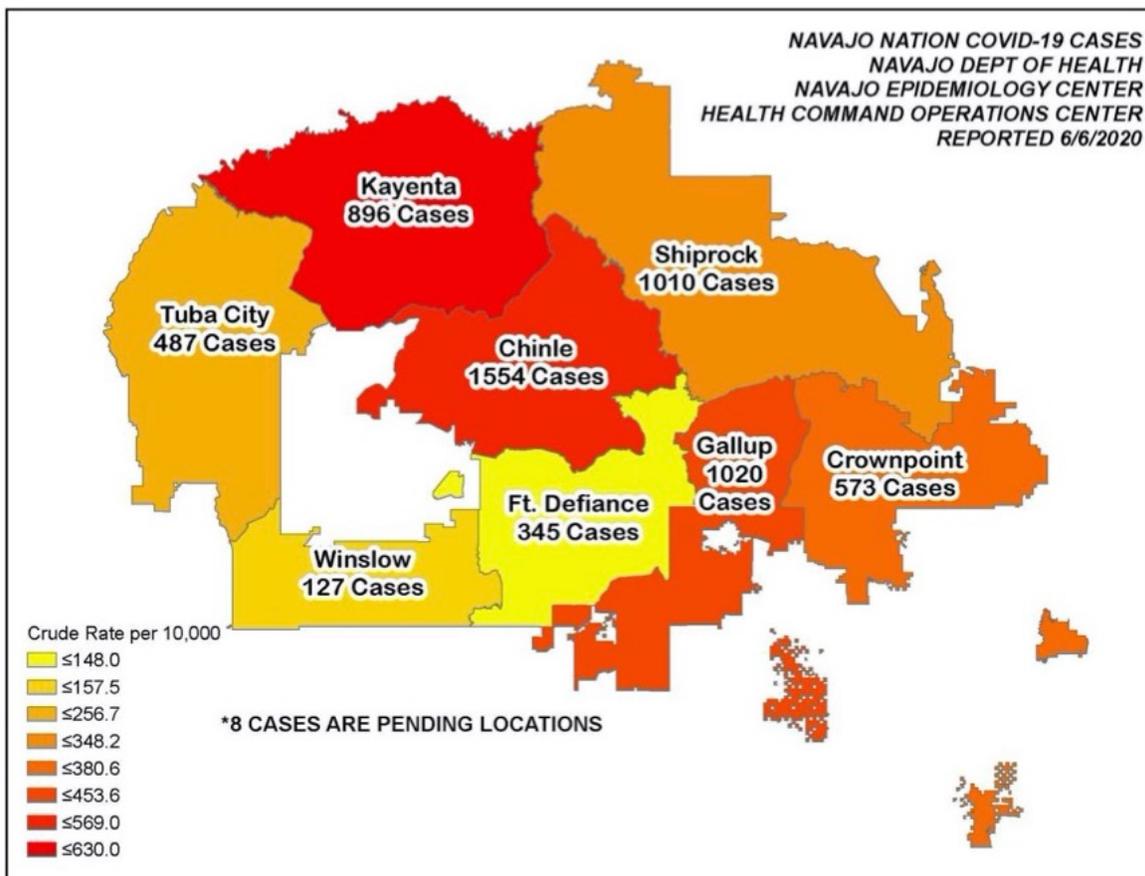
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2,727 recoveries, 102 new cases, and three more deaths related to COVID-19 reported as Nation’s leaders caution Navajo citizens



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 102 new cases of COVID-19 for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths as of Sunday. The total number of deaths has reached 277. Preliminary reports from 11 health care facilities indicate that approximately 2,727 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, with one health care facility report still pending. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation has reached 6,020.

Navajo Nation cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 1,554
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 573
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 345
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,020
- Kayenta Service Unit: 896
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,010
- Tuba City Service Unit: 487
- Winslow Service Unit: 127

* Eight residences are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit

The Navajo Nation's daily curfew remains in effect from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. seven days a week. Navajo Nation Police continue to enforce the daily curfew and may issue a citation to curfew violators. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer continue to urge all Navajo Nation residents to stay home, wash your hands, wear your protective masks in public, practice social distancing, and adhere to the daily curfew.

"In areas of the country that opened up before Memorial Day, they are now seeing spikes in new cases. Don't be foolish and don't let your guard up. This pandemic is far from over and if we become too relaxed then we are certain to see a second wave of the virus. I say this because I want you to be safe and I want our elders to be healthy – hold each other accountable for each other's actions. Please remain diligent and let's keep fighting this virus together," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began on the Navajo Nation, President Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer have relied on data and reports from health care experts to determine the need for public health emergency orders and restrictions to help slow and prevent the spread of the virus.

To help families on the Navajo Nation remain home as much as possible, the Nez-Lizer team has distributed food, bottled water, and other essential supplies to 13,731 families so far. More distributions are planned in the coming days.

"Our administration has our staff, division directors, first responders, and many others working around the clock to fight this virus, but we cannot do it alone. We need the Navajo people and all residents of the Navajo Nation to help us by staying home as much as possible. We know that towns and cities near the Nation are opening and it's tempting to leave home and go to those places, but we need to be smarter than that. We have to be disciplined and listen to the health care experts who are urging all of us to stay the course and make good decisions for ourselves and our loved ones," said Vice President Lizer.

For more information, including reports, helpful prevention tips, and more resources, please visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website at <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. To contact the primary Navajo Health Command Operations Center, please call (928) 871-7014.

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