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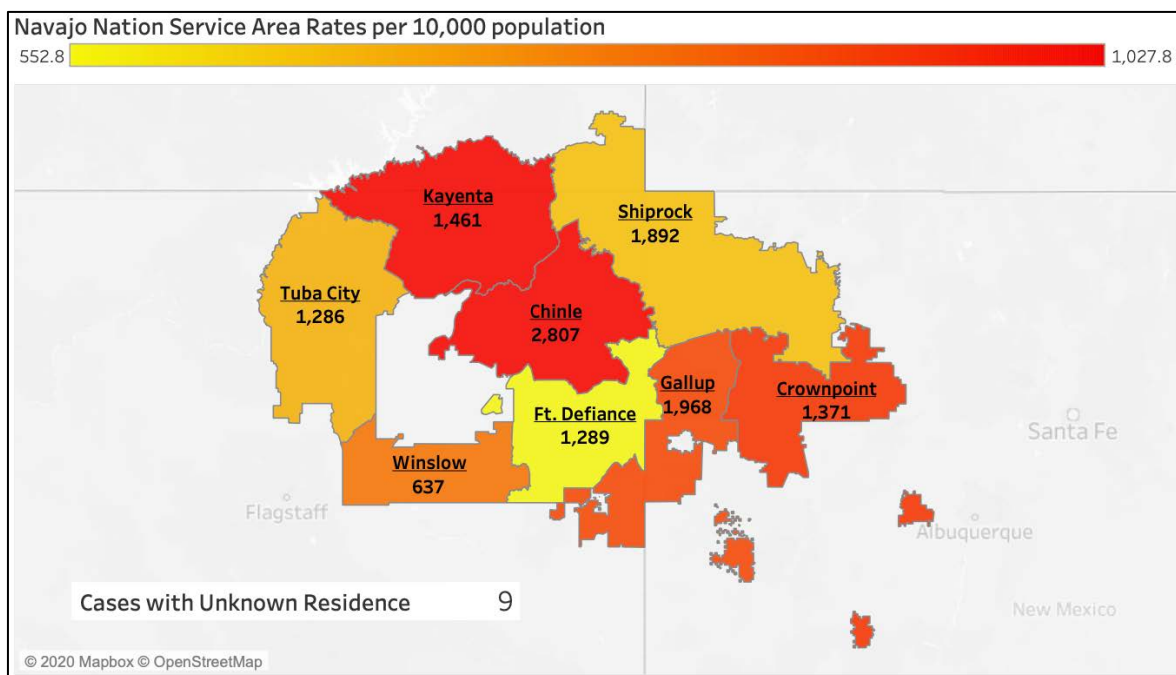
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79 new cases, 7,802 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 79 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 595 as of Tuesday. Reports indicate that 7,802 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 133,733 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 12,720.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,807
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 1,371
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,289
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,968
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,461

- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,892
- Tuba City Service Unit: 1,286
- Winslow Service Unit: 637

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

The Navajo Nation will have a 56-hour weekend curfew beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 until 5:00 a.m. (MST) on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 due to the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 in certain communities on the Navajo Nation, which is largely due to travel off the Navajo Nation and family gatherings.

On Tuesday, the state of New Mexico reported 1,266 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 3,434 new cases, and Utah reported 2,517.

“The states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico are nearing capacity for hospitalizations and hospital bed occupancy, and our health care system alone will not be able to handle a high number of severe COVID-19 cases. We have to do better and we have to hold our loved ones accountable for their actions. Please stay home as much as possible, wear a mask, avoid family and social gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often. We are strong and resilient and now we have to come together in order to overcome this pandemic,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Tuesday, the Nez-Lizer Administration and World Central Kitchen distributed food packages in Black Falls and Cameron, Arizona to 188 families to help them stay home and stay safe.

“Stay strong and keep fighting hard. We brought down our number of COVID-19 cases to zero two months ago, and we can do it again. Please be safe and keep your loved ones safe. We will get through by making good decisions and through prayer,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

All businesses on the Navajo Nation including gas stations, grocery stores, laundromats, and restaurants and food establishments are required to ensure employees and customers wear masks, practice social distancing, disinfect high-touch surfaces, access to hand wash stations, sanitizers and gloves, and limit the number of customers in any enclosed areas. Restaurants and food establishments must operate on a curbside or drive-thru basis only.

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.

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