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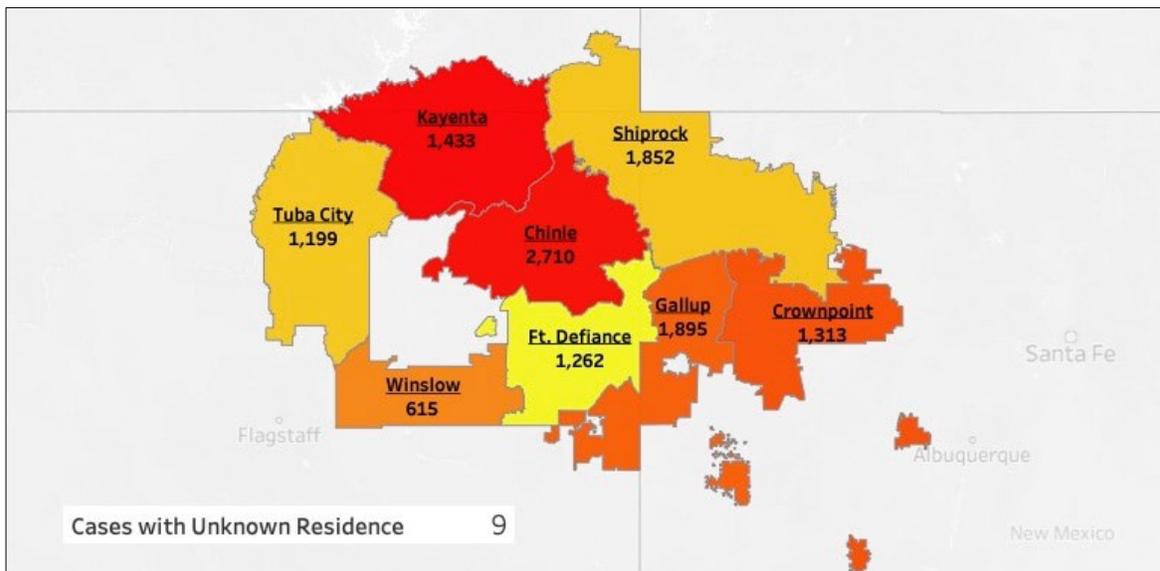
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90 new cases, 7,637 recoveries, and three more deaths related to COVID-19 as the 56-hour weekend curfew begins



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 90 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 591 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 7,637 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 130,556 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 12,288, including three delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,710
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 1,313
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,262
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,895
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,433
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,852
- Tuba City Service Unit: 1,199
- Winslow Service Unit: 615

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

The Navajo Nation's 56-hour weekend curfew begins at 9:00 p.m. (MST) on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 until 5:00 a.m. (MST) on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 due to the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 in 29 communities on the Navajo Nation. The increase in the uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 in certain communities is largely due to travel off the Navajo Nation and family gatherings.

On Friday, the state of New Mexico reported 1,287 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 1,996 new cases, and Utah reported a record-high of 2,987.

"To all of our Navajo Nation residents, please stay local and stay safe this weekend. Today, the state of Utah had a record-high number of new COVID-19 cases for the second consecutive day with 2,987 reported. We are seeing record-numbers of daily COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths across the country. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. Keep staying home as much as possible, always wear a mask in public, avoid crowds and family gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often. Stay local, stay safe," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

To encourage residents to stay local and stay safe during the 56-hour weekend curfew, gas stations, grocery stores, laundromats, and restaurants and food establishments will remain open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. (MST) and 3:00 p.m. (MST). These businesses 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.

"Be safe and do everything you can to keep your loved ones safe, especially our elders, children, and those with existing health conditions. Stay local, stay safe. Our first responders will be working around the clock to protect us and to save lives, so please help them by staying home as much as possible. Keep praying for yourselves, your family members, our first responders, and our Nation," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

During the 56-hour weekend lockdown, individuals are permitted to conduct farming activities and tend to livestock, however livestock owners must plan ahead to purchase hay and feed – hay vendors will not be allowed to sell. Residents are also allowed to exercise outdoors within their immediate residential area or home site area. Wood gathering and hauling is allowed with a permit issued by the Navajo Nation Forestry Department. Essential Employees reporting to or from duty are exempted from the weekend lockdown, but must carry official identification or a letter of designation from their employer on official letterhead which includes a contact name and number for verification.

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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