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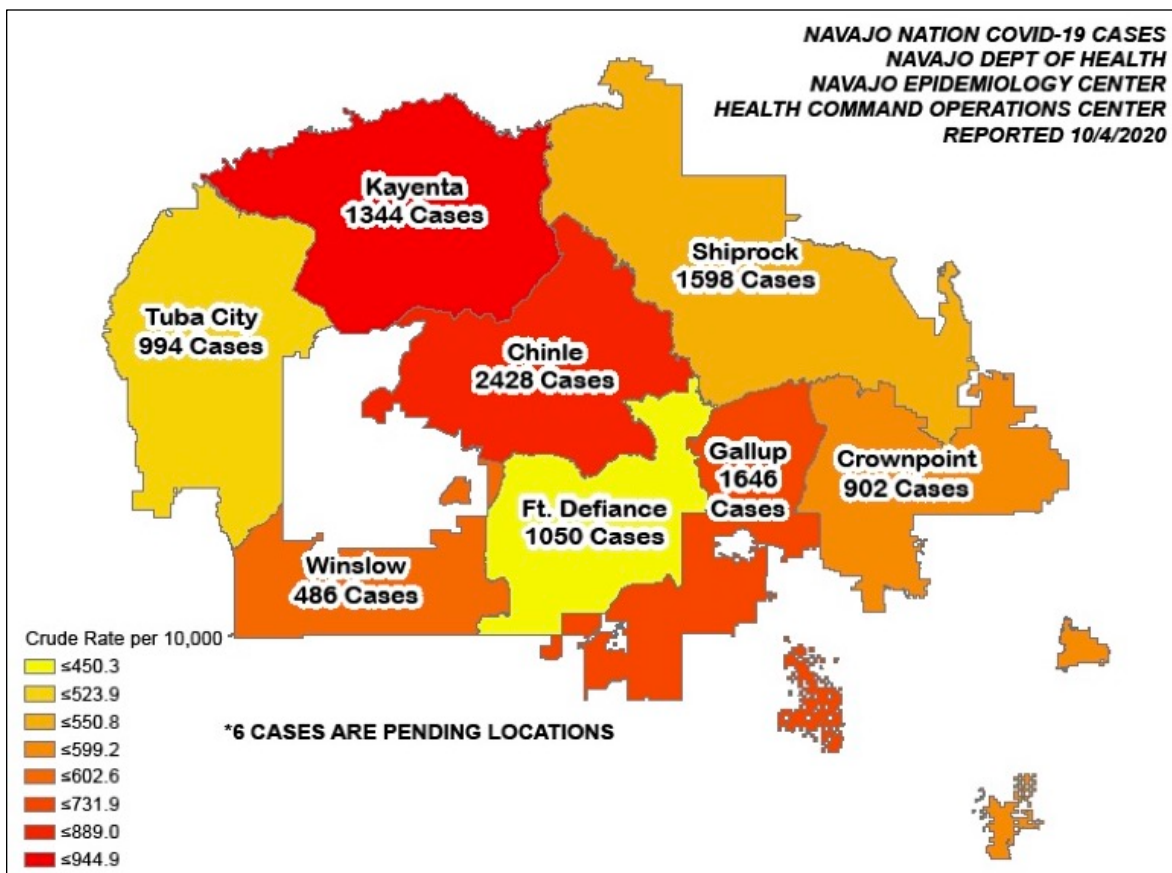
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11 new cases, 7,278 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 11 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 559 as previously reported on Sunday. Reports indicate that 7,278 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 109,181 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 10,454, including two additional cases that was previously unreported due to delayed reporting or reconciliation.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,428
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 302
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,050
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,646
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,344
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,598
- Tuba City Service Unit: 994
- Winslow Service Unit: 486

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

On Monday, the state of New Mexico reported 158 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 316 new cases, and Utah reported 1,105.

"Wearing a mask in public and when you're around other people makes a difference and helps to prevent the virus from spreading from person to person. You're a warrior if you wear a mask because you're helping to save lives and to protect our children and elders. This modern-day monster known as COVID-19 is an invisible virus, and it can affect anyone of any age, ethnicity, or background. We have to keep fighting and not let up. The Navajo people did a good job in bringing our numbers down by following the CDC guidelines and public health orders from the Navajo Department of Health and we can do it again. Stay home, wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and avoid large gatherings," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 10:00 a.m. (MDT), President Nez and Vice President Lizer will host an online town hall to provide additional COVID-19 updates on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page. Updates will also be provided regarding the 2020 Census, including a recent court order that requires the Census Bureau to continue counting individuals until Oct. 31, 2020.

"Despite the setbacks and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is very important for all of our Navajo citizens to get counted for the 2020 Census. At the start of the pandemic, COVID-19 devastated our health care system. By self-responding for the census, you can help our Nation receive additional funds and resources to help our health care facilities. Please self-respond as soon as possible and please continue to pray for our Nation," said Vice President 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.

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