

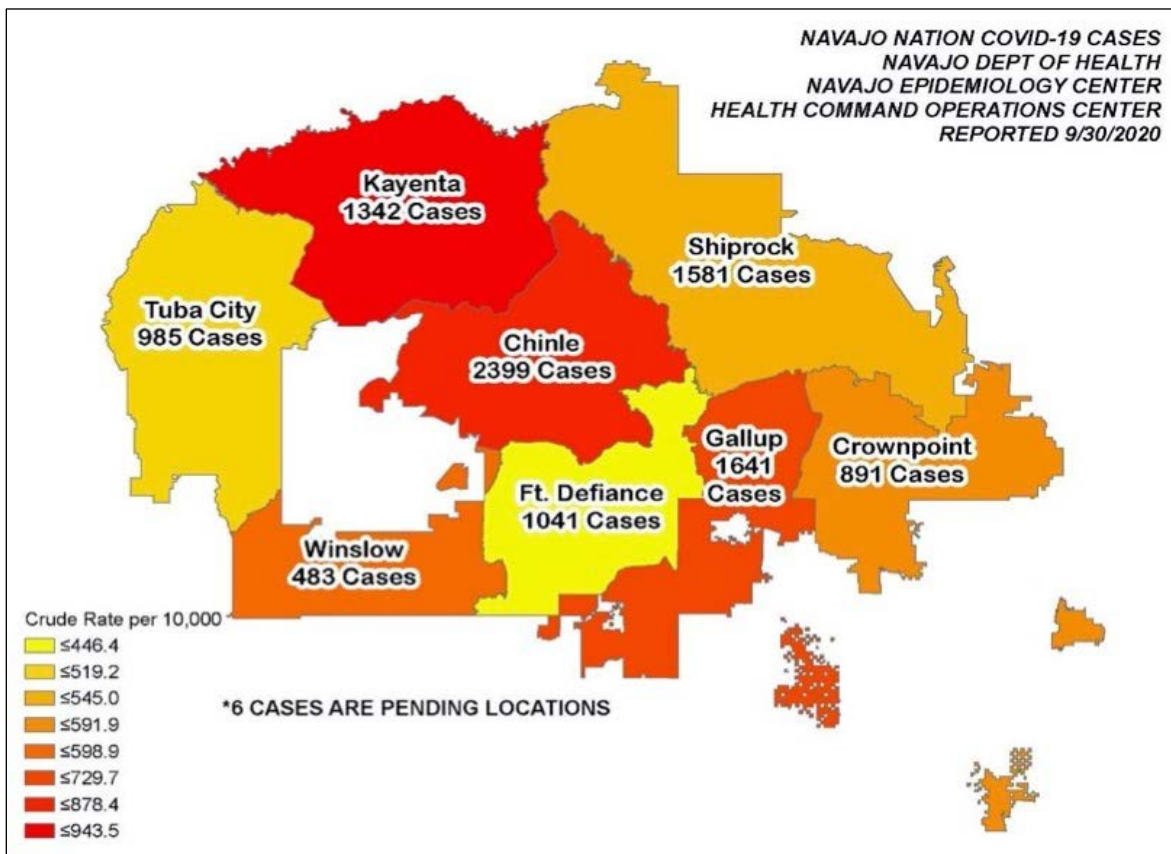


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13 new cases, 7,262 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, online interactive dashboard updated to provide additional data



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 13 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 556 as previously reported on Wednesday. Reports indicate that 7,262 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 107,599 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 10,369, which includes one additional case that was previously unreported due to delayed reporting.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,399

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 891
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,041
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,641
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,342
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,581
- Tuba City Service Unit: 985
- Winslow Service Unit: 483

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

The Navajo Nation will have a 57-hour weekend lockdown beginning at 8:00 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, Oct. 2 until 5:00 a.m. (MDT) on Monday, Oct. 5. A Stay-At-Home Order also remains in effect for the entire Navajo Nation.

"As frustrating and challenging as it is, we have to keep fighting and we have to remain diligent about staying home as much as possible, wearing masks, avoiding large crowds, washing hands, and practicing social distancing. Our ancestors overcame many adversities and atrocities in their lifetime, and we have to remember that their strength and resilience is within each of us to this day. We cannot give up and become complacent in our daily activities. Keep fighting this virus and we will overcome this pandemic together," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Thursday, the state of New Mexico reported 227 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 705 new cases, and Utah reported 1,008.

"Today, we had a great meeting with the head of FEMA, Administrator Peter T. Gaynor, and others to continue our partnerships with federal and state officials to provide more resources to fight COVID-19. We appreciate all of the work of the Health Command Operations Center, our federal and state partners, first responders, and many others who are fighting alongside us. Please pray for our Nation and all of our people," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

On Friday, Oct. 2, the Nez-Lizer Administration is scheduled to distribute food and care packages at Teesto Chapter at 10:00 a.m., Indian Wells Chapter at 11:30 a.m., Whitecone Chapter at 1:00 p.m., Jeddito Chapter at 2:30 p.m., and Steamboat Chapter at 4:00 p.m. Census officials will also be on-site to provide information and to help residents get counted for the 2020 Census.

The Navajo Nation COVID-19 interactive dashboard is a resource to help advance the virus's understanding and inform the public, and to guide response, improve care, and save lives. The interactive maps and visuals are compiled by the Navajo Department of Health, Navajo Epidemiology Center, and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service to provide real-time updates about the virus's reach and impact. The dashboard includes breakdowns and trends across gender, age, service units, deaths, and others. To access the interactive dashboard, visit the webpage: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/Data>.

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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