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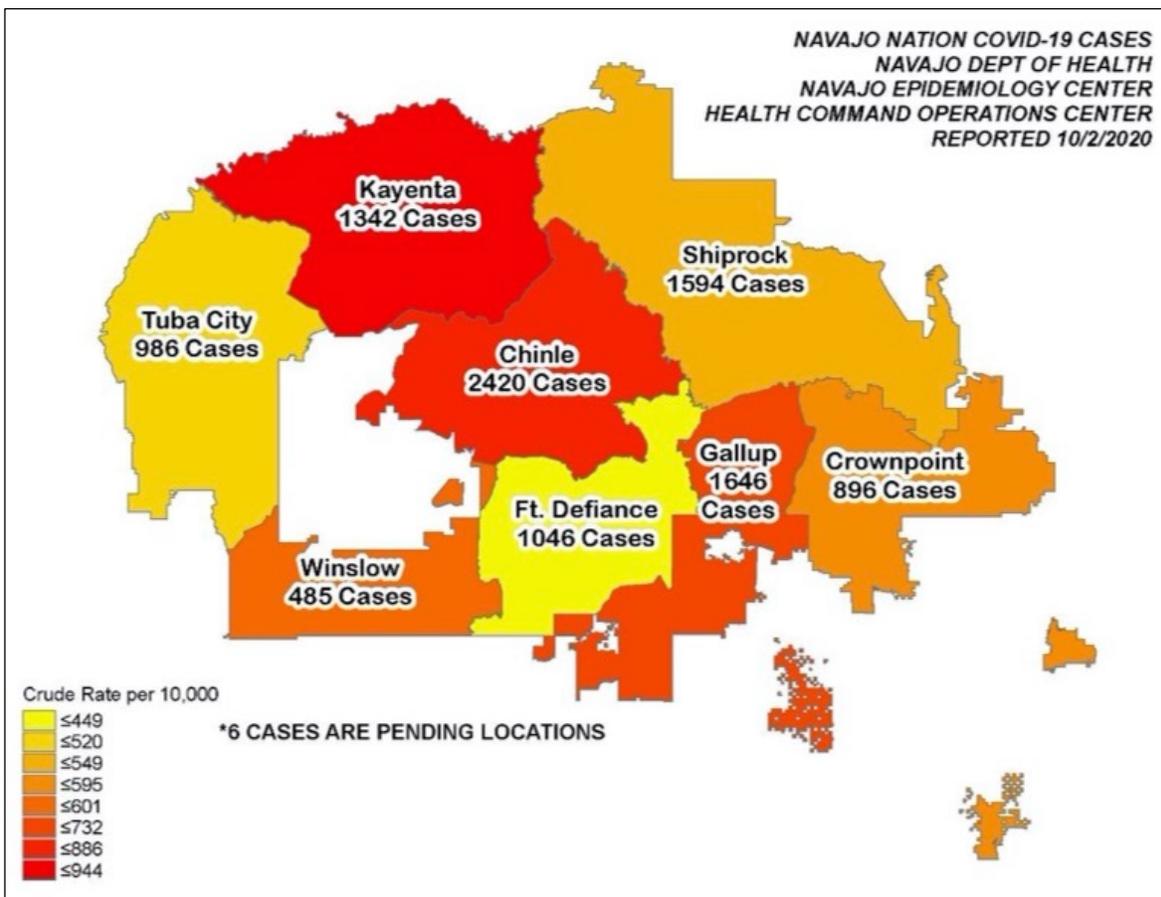
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17 new cases, 7,266 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 17 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 558 as previously reported on Friday. Reports indicate that 7,266 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 108,446 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 10,421.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,420
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 896
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,046
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,646
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,342
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,594
- Tuba City Service Unit: 986
- Winslow Service Unit: 485

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

The Navajo Nation's 57-hour weekend lockdown remains in effect until 5:00 a.m. (MDT) on Monday, Oct. 5. A Stay-At-Home Order also remains in effect for the entire Navajo Nation.

"The safest place to be this weekend is at home on the Navajo Nation. The towns and cities near the Navajo Nation continue to report high numbers of COVID-19 cases. Our health care system on the Navajo Nation cannot handle another large surge in cases. Please stay home, wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and avoid large gatherings," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Saturday, the state of New Mexico reported 298 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 636 new cases, and Utah reported 1,068.

"The overall numbers of COVID-19 for the states of Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona remain substantially high, much higher than the Navajo Nation, but the risks remain high. We know that we're able to lower the numbers and we can do it once again. We will continue to pray and remain optimistic for our Nation," said Vice President Myron 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-nns.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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