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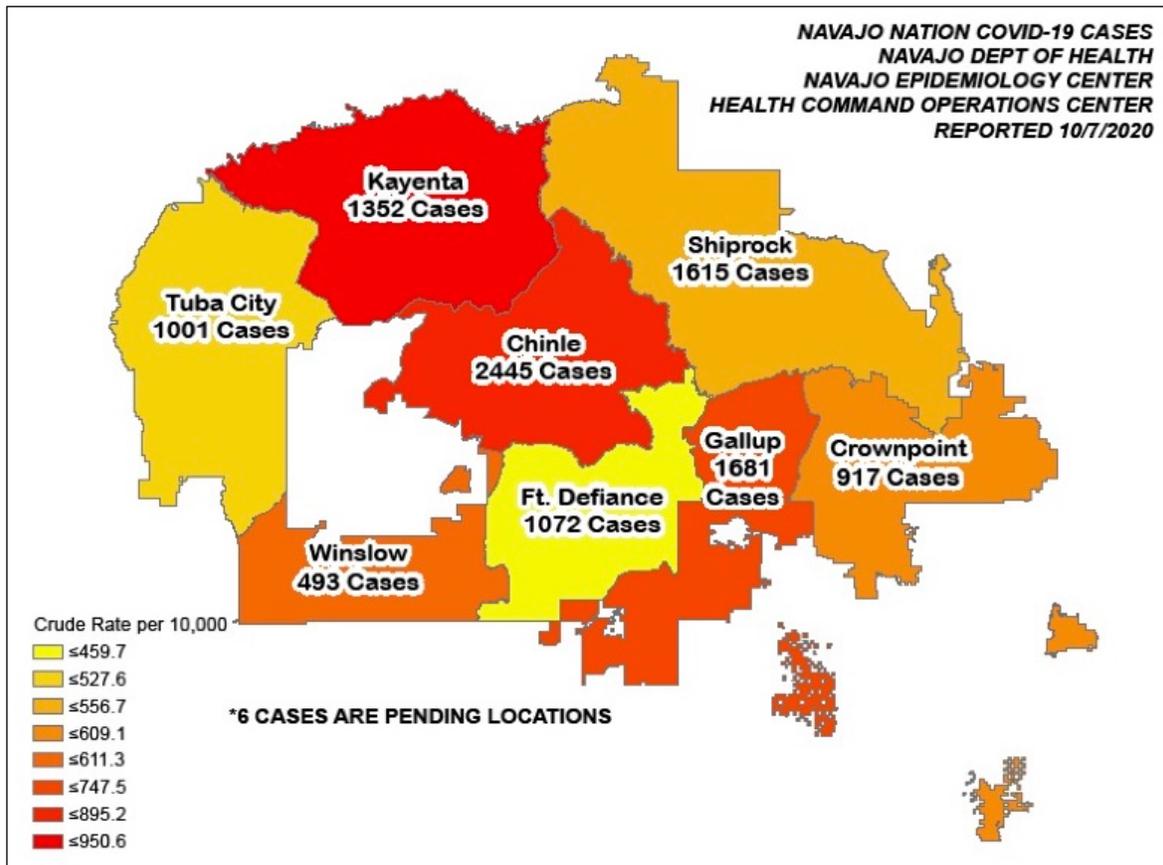
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32 new cases, 7,312 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



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 32 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 563 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 7,312 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 111,430 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 10,582, including four additional cases that were previously unreported due to delayed reporting or reconciliation.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,445

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 917
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,072
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,681
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,352
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,615
- Tuba City Service Unit: 1,001
- Winslow Service Unit: 493

* 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. 9 until 5:00 a.m. (MDT) on Monday, Oct. 12. A Stay-At-Home Order also remains in effect for the entire Navajo Nation. On Thursday, the state of New Mexico reported 387 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 863 new cases, and Utah reported 1,501.

"Unfortunately, the state of Utah set a new daily record with 1,501 new COVID-19 cases reported today. This is very troubling for our communities in Utah. New Mexico and Arizona also continue to report high numbers of new cases and hospitalizations. People are becoming complacent and too relaxed, we cannot afford to let up now. If this trend continues, we're going to see more and more of our Navajo people testing positive and being hospitalized. Please remain diligent and continue to pray for our Nation, especially those who have lost loved ones," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Nez-Lizer Administration distributed food and care packages to 218 families in the community of Nahata Dzil on Thursday. 2020 Census representatives were also on-site to help local residents get counted for the census. President Nez and Vice President Lizer also provided updates on COVID-19 during a live radio forum on Thursday evening on KTNN 660 AM.

On Friday, Oct. 9, the Nez Lizer Administration will distribute food and care packages at Teec Nos Pos Chapter at 10:00 a.m., Red Mesa Chapter at 11:30 a.m., Aneth Chapter at 1:00 p.m., and Mexican Water Chapter at 3:00 p.m. Census officials will also be on-site to help residents self-respond for the 2020 Census.

"As difficult as it may be, we have to remain strong and optimistic for our loved ones. We have to continue to lift each other up and keep our spirits high during this pandemic. People all over the world are struggling, but we must also remember that our ancestors were strong and overcame so much, so that we could be where we are today. Please pray and please remain diligent," 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-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call [\(928\) 871-7014](tel:9288717014).

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