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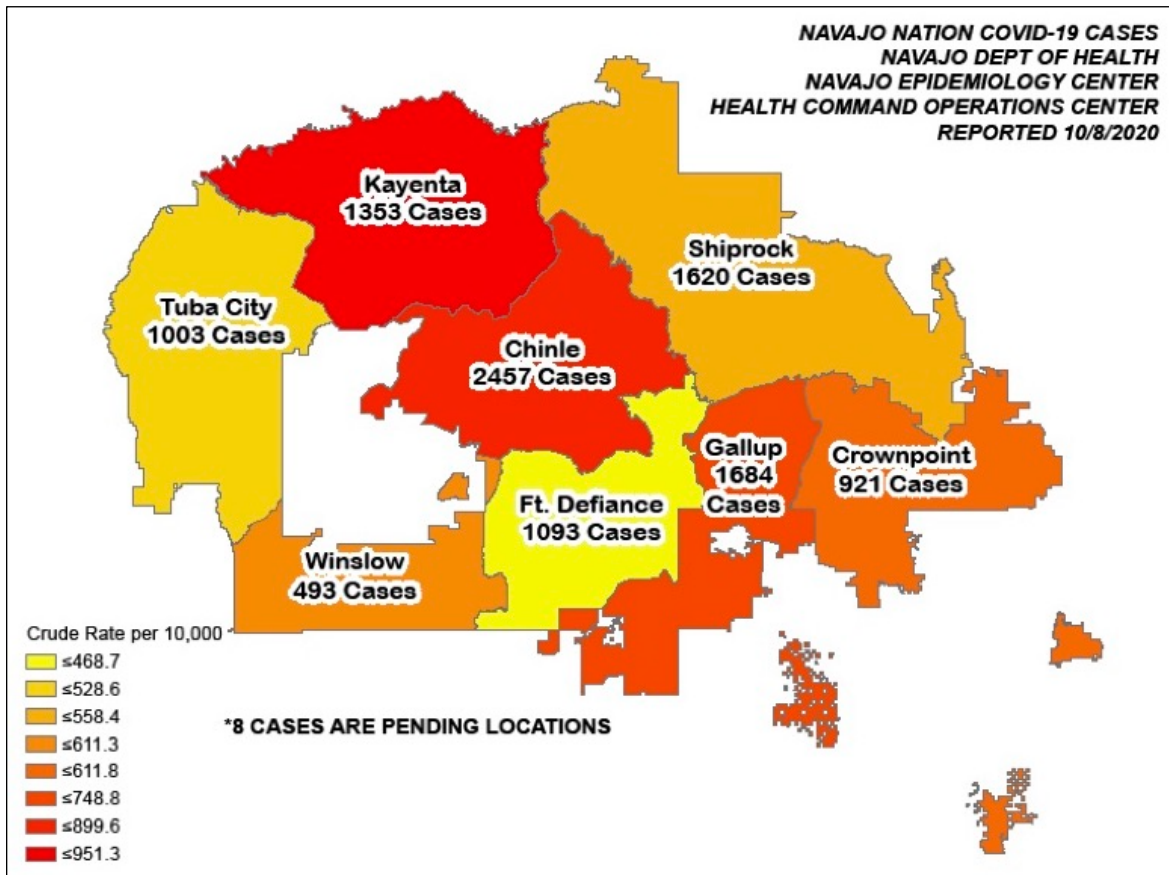
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**42 new cases, 7,314 recoveries, and one more death related  
to COVID-19 as large increases in overall state numbers reported**



**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 42 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 564 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 7,314 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 112,053 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 10,632, including eight additional cases that were previously unreported due to delayed reporting or reconciliation.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,457
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 921
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 1,093
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,684
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,353
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,620
- Tuba City Service Unit: 1,003
- Winslow Service Unit: 493

\* Eight 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 Friday, the state of New Mexico reported 488 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 683 new cases, and Utah reported 1,343.

"Today, the state of New Mexico reported its largest single day increase in COVID-19 cases with 488 new cases reported on Friday. The states of Arizona and Utah also continue to report massive increases in COVID-19 cases daily. The safest place for the Navajo people to be is at home on the Navajo Nation. We know frustration and fatigue caused by the pandemic is setting in, but we have to be strong and resilient like our ancestors. Now is not the time to let up and now is not the time to travel and expose yourselves to the virus. Please stay home, wash your hands, wear your masks, practice social distancing, and avoid large gatherings," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Friday, the Nez-Lizer Administration, World Central Kitchen, CORE Foundation, and Miss Navajo Nation Shaandiin Parrish distributed food and care packages to 440 families in the communities of Teec Nos Pos, Red Mesa, Aneth, and Mexican Water. Census officials were also on-site to help residents self-respond for the 2020 Census.

"Stay strong and keep fighting hard against this COVID-19 pandemic. We have the power and ability to reduce the spread of the virus using the recommendations of our public health experts. We did it before and we can do it again. Please remain optimistic and please pray for your families, friends, and our first responders as we continue fighting this virus together," 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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