

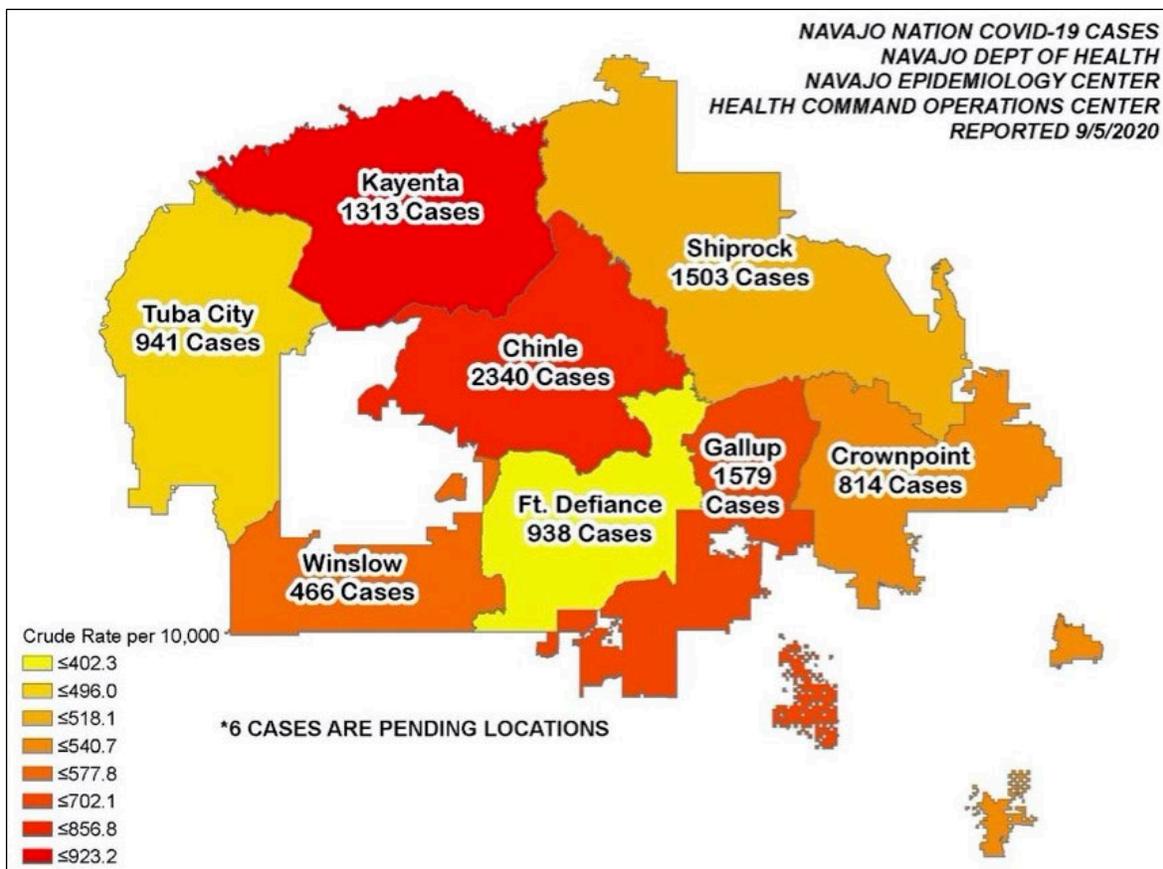


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9 new cases, 7,148 recoveries, and one more death related to  
COVID-19 reported as 32-hour partial weekend lockdown continues



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Sunday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported nine new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 523 as of Sunday. Reports indicate that 7,148 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 and 97,110 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 9,900.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 2,340
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 814
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 938
- Gallup Service Unit: 1,579
- Kayenta Service Unit: 1,313
- Shiprock Service Unit: 1,503
- Tuba City Service Unit: 941
- Winslow Service Unit: 466

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

The Navajo Nation's 32-hour partial weekend lockdown is currently in effect until Monday, Sept. 7 at 5:00 a.m. (MDT) to help control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the Navajo Nation.

"We are optimistic that the Navajo Nation will not see another spike in new COVID-19 cases after this holiday weekend. We have done a lot of public outreach to educate our people about the importance of wearing masks, staying home, washing hands, social distancing, and avoiding large crowds. Hopefully, we don't have too many people traveling this weekend and putting themselves at risk. Please make smart decisions for you and your family members and please think of others. Stay home, stay safe, and save lives," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Sunday, the state of Utah reported 388 new cases of COVID-19, the state of Arizona reported 250 new cases, and New Mexico reported 66.

"This holiday weekend is a great opportunity to prepare your households for the upcoming winter season. We also know that the flu season is near, so please continue to eat healthy foods and to take care of yourselves in order to make your immune systems stronger. The flu season combined with the COVID-19 pandemic may create new challenges for us, but we believe that if our people continue to comply with the health protocols put forth by the health experts, we should be able to overcome the flu season with minimal issues," 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.

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