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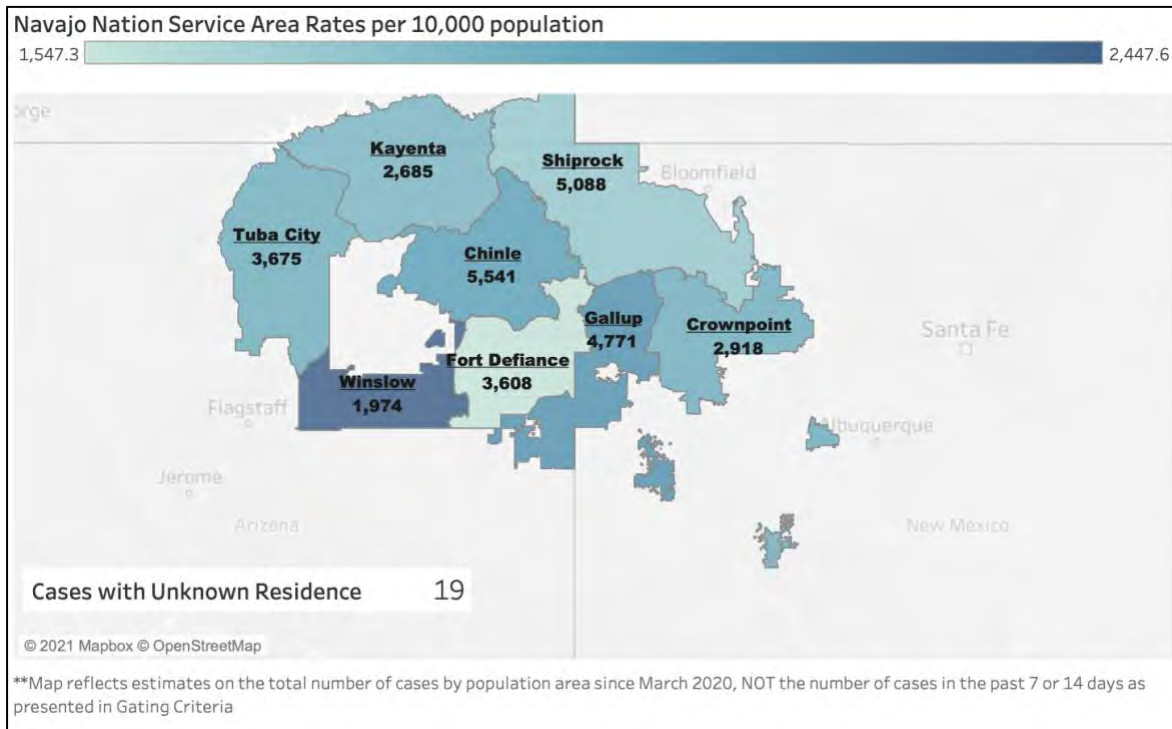
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10 new cases, 16,430 recoveries, and no deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 10 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,262 as previously reported on Tuesday. Reports indicate that 16,430 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 259,269 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,279.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,541
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,918
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,608
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,771
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,685

- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,088
 - Tuba City Service Unit: 3,675
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,974
- * 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 419 new cases, Utah reported 530, and New Mexico reported 222. The Navajo Department of Health was notified on Tuesday of a second confirmed case of the B.1.429 variant, also known as the California variant, that was identified from a test sample from the IHS Gallup Service Unit.

“With the recent announcement of another case of the California variant, we now have had variants detected in the western portion of the Navajo Nation, Chinle Service Unit, and Gallup Service Unit. As we continue forward, we urge everyone to take all precautions and continue to stay informed of new developments and help to inform the elders in your family as well. We have many challenges, but we have to support one another and forge ahead in order to overcome this pandemic. Please be safe and continue to pray for our communities and health care workers. Stay home as much as possible, wear a mask, avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

“Together, we continue to overcome the pandemic one day at a time. Our daily actions and decisions play a vital role in the reduction or spread of COVID-19, so please make good decisions for yourselves and others. Keep praying and remain strong,” 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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