



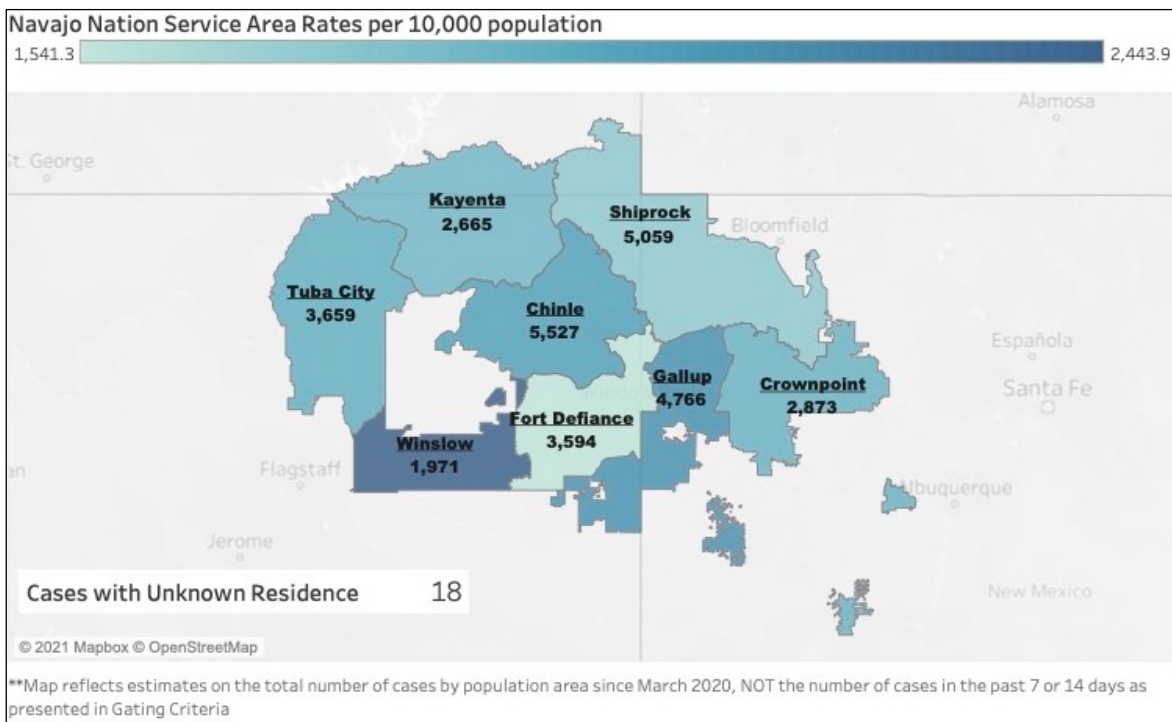
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17 new cases, 16,421 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



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 17 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,253 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 16,421 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 255,185 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,132, including nine delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,527
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,873
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,594
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,766
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,665
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,059

- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,659
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,971
- * 18 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Friday, the state of Arizona reported 940 new cases, Utah reported 422, and New Mexico reported 218 new cases.

“If you plan to celebrate the Easter holiday, please do so safely and only with those who live under your immediate household. We are still in the process of getting more of our people vaccinated and until we accomplish that, we have to continue to take all precautions to stay safe and healthy. We have at least one known variant on the Navajo Nation, so please continue to encourage your loved ones to keep staying home as much as possible, to wear a mask, to limit travel, avoid large in-person gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often. We do not want to see a large surge in new COVID-19 cases after the Easter holiday, so please be safe,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The following COVID-19 vaccination events are scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2021:

Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility – Chinle, Ariz.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (MDT)

1st doses available for individuals 16 years and older – drive thru event, no appointment needed

Shiprock High School, Shiprock, N.M.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (MDT)

1st and 2nd doses available for active Shiprock Service Unit patients – drive-thru event

Sacred Peaks Health Center, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (MST)

2nd doses only for patients who received the 1st dose on March 6, 2021

By appointment only – please call (928) 283-1505 to schedule an appointment

“We can all be part of the solution to overcome this COVID-19 pandemic and it begins with the decisions we make every day. The more we travel and move about, the greater the chances of contracting the virus. Please continue to adhere to the advice of our public health experts and please keep praying for all of our communities. We wish you all a safe and joyful Easter holiday,” 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-nnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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