



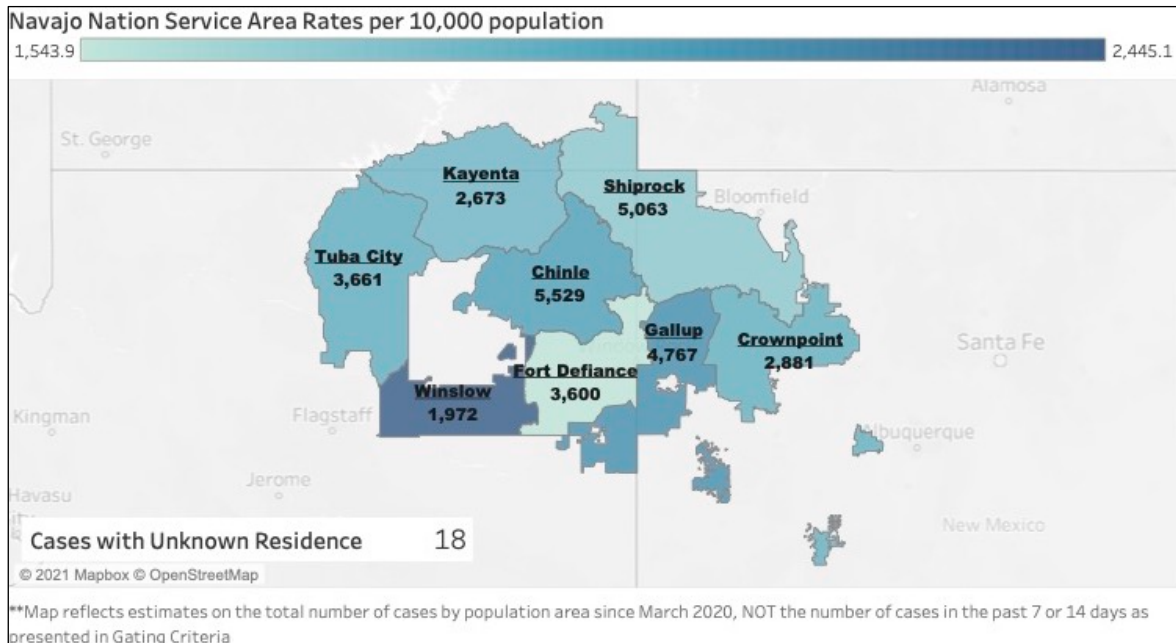
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18 new cases, 16,423 recoveries, and four more deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 18 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,257 as of Saturday. Reports indicate that 16,423 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 255,452 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,164, including 14 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

1. Chinle Service Unit: 5,529
2. Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,881
3. Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,600
4. Gallup Service Unit: 4,767
5. Kayenta Service Unit: 2,673
6. Shiprock Service Unit: 5,063
7. Tuba City Service Unit: 3,661
8. Winslow Service Unit: 1,972

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

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 706 new cases, Utah reported 447, and New Mexico's report was not yet available.

"We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday and we strongly encourage our people to celebrate safely with COVID-19 protocols in place. We have at least one known COVID-19 variant on the Navajo Nation, so it's very important we continue to take all precautions to stay safe and healthy. Our health care experts continue to encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated to reduce the risks associated with the virus. Please stay home as much as possible, wear a mask, practice social distancing, avoid large in-person gatherings, and wash your hands with soap and water often," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Nez-Lizer Administration will hold an online town hall on Tuesday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. (MST) on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide additional COVID-19 updates.

"Be safe as you celebrate the holiday weekend. Please continue to pray for all of our people, including those who are fighting the virus at this time. A special thank you to all of the health care workers and frontline warriors working through the holiday weekend. 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-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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