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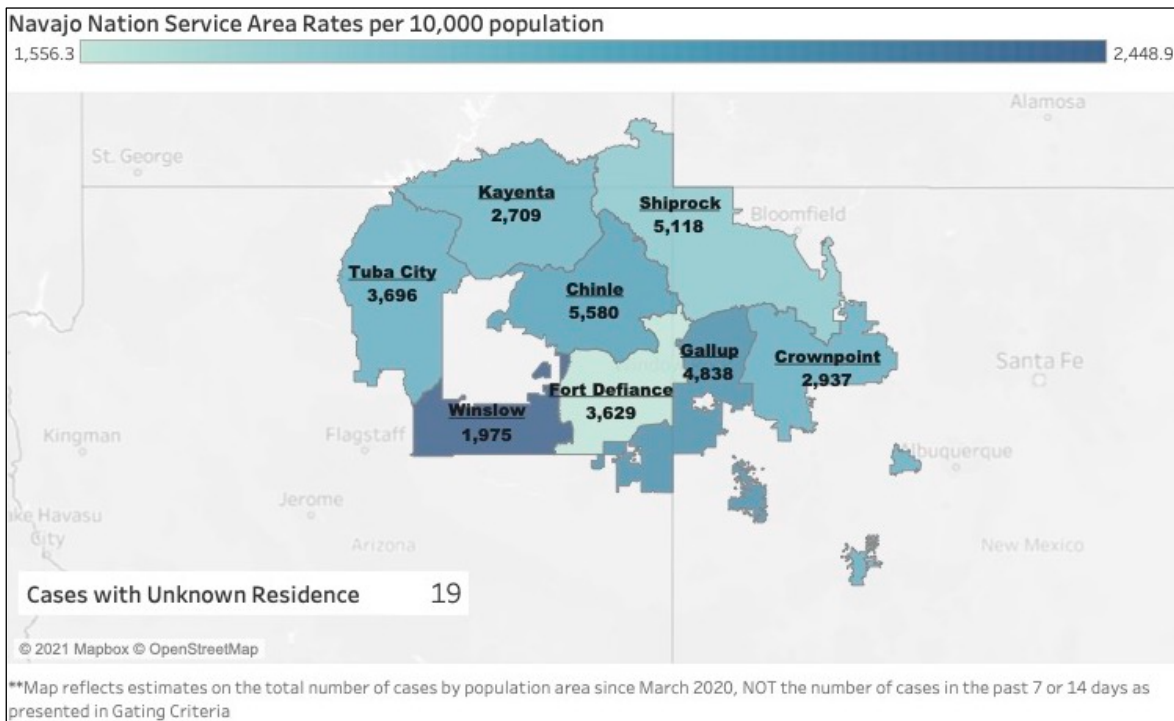
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9 new cases, 16,574 recoveries, and two more deaths related to COVID-19



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 nine new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and two more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,278 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 16,574 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 265,385 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,501, including one delayed reported case.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,580
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,937
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,629

- Gallup Service Unit: 4,838
 - Kayenta Service Unit: 2,709
 - Shiprock Service Unit: 5,118
 - Tuba City Service Unit: 3,696
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,975
- * 19 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 844 new cases, Utah reported 338, and New Mexico reported 309 new cases.

“The Navajo Nation is currently in the “Yellow Status,” which provides more options for businesses to reopen on a limited basis. In order to reopen to visitors, we need more of our Navajo people to be vaccinated. Community immunity is our current goal and our health care workers are doing a great job to help our Nation accomplish that. For those of our people who are fully vaccinated already, please continue to take all precautions including wearing a mask in public and minimizing travel to essential purposes only. We have to keep pushing back on COVID-19 and the variants by getting vaccinated, wearing masks, social distancing, washing your hands often, avoiding large in-person gatherings, and limiting travel. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation,” 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.

“According to the latest report from Navajo Area IHS, over 98,000 of our people are fully vaccinated. We’ve had record low numbers of COVID-19 cases for several weeks, but the fight against this virus is not over. We have to remain strong, keep supporting one another, and keep praying for our people,” 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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