



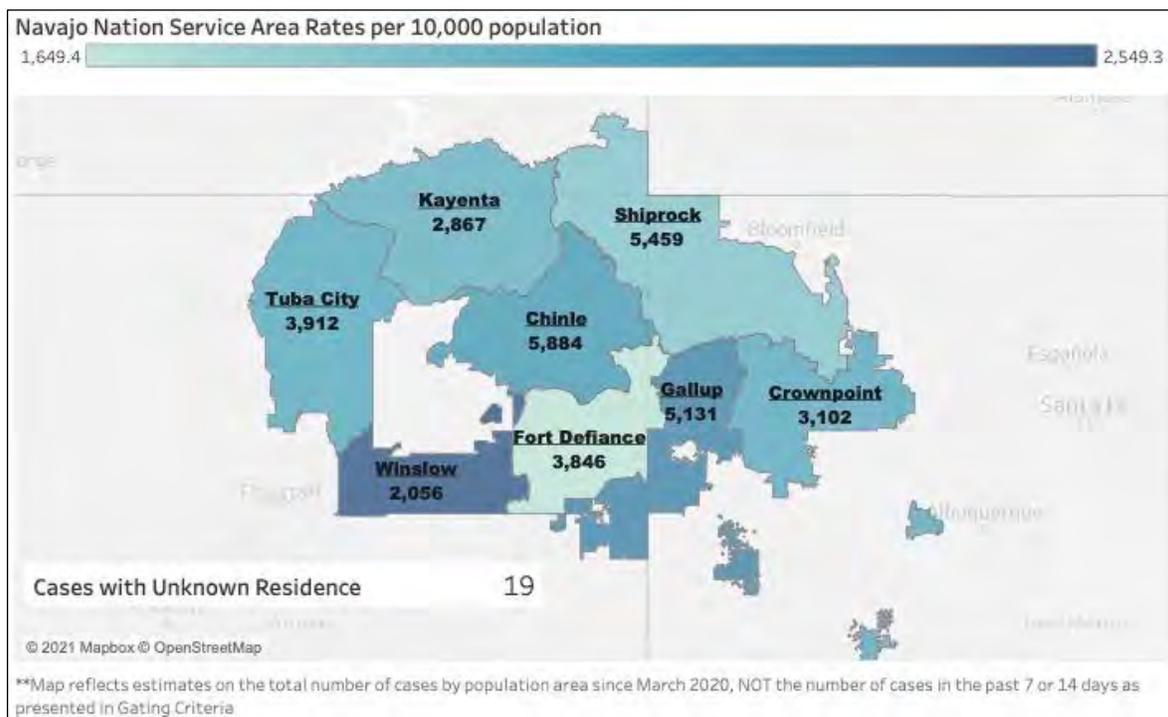
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**24 new cases, 30,539 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, 36 communities identified with uncontrolled spread**



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 24 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,397. The report indicates that 30,539 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 307,375 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 32,276.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,884
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,102
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,846
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,131
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,867
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,459
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,912

- Winslow Service Unit: 2,056
- \* 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 2,632 new cases, Utah reported 2,718 new cases, and New Mexico reported 2,201 new cases. On Monday, the U.S. Federal and Drug Administration granted full approval for the Pfizer/BioTech COVID-19 vaccine for people 16 years and older. This vaccine had only been approved for emergency use previously.

Based on cases from Aug. 6 to Aug. 19, 2021, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 36 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Baca/Prewitt	Dennehotso	Kayenta	Nazlini	Teesto
Becenti	Ganado	Leupp	Rock Springs	Tohatchi
Bird Springs	Hard Rock	Littlewater	Rough Rock	Tonalea
Chichiltah	Indian Wells	Low Mountain	Sheepsprings	Tsaile/Wheatfields
Chinle	Inscription House	Lukachukai	Shiprock	Tsayatoh
Coppermine	Iyanbito	Many Farms	Smith Lake	Upper Fruitland
Coyote Canyon	Kaibeto	Naschitti	Tachee/Blue Gap	Whippoorwill
Crownpoint				

“The Pfizer vaccine is proven to be safe and high-effective against COVID-19. With today’s full approval of the Pfizer vaccine, we hope that it will lead to more of our Navajo people receiving the vaccine and hopefully we see additional vaccines receiving full approval from the FDA soon. We have to remember that the vaccines do not guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19, but they are intended to prevent severe symptoms and reduce the risk of death if you do contract the virus. So, it’s very important that everyone continue to wear masks and take precautions whether or not you are fully vaccinated. Please be safe and continue to pray for our people,” 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.

“Mask up and take precautions to keep yourselves and others safe and healthy during this pandemic. We are in this together and we need everyone’s support to move us out of this public health emergency. Our health care professionals have provided the guidance and resources to keep ourselves safe, so please make the right decisions for yourself and your loved ones. Be safe and keep praying for our frontline workers and all of our people,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

The Nez-Lizer Administration will host an online town hall on Tuesday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (MDT) on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide more COVID-19 updates.

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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## Navajo Department of Health Health Advisory Notice (HAN) COVID-19 Community Advisory No. 40 —Safety Precautions

**WINDOW ROCK, AZ** – The Navajo Health Command Operations Center is issuing uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 advisory for the following communities. The cases reflect dates August 6, 2021 – August 19, 2021. The advisory will be in effect until the risk and cases decline.

The following communities are identified as having uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Baca/Prewitt	Dennehotso	Kayenta	Nazlini	Teesto
Becenti	Ganado	Leupp	Rock Springs	Tohatchi
Bird Springs	Hard Rock	Littlewater	Rough Rock	Tonalea
Chichiltah	Indian Wells	Low Mountain	Sheepsprings	Tsaile/Wheatfields
Chinle	Inscription House	Lukachukai	Shiprock	Tsayatoh
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***\*Schools serving these communities need to implement layers of mitigation to meet the high level of COVID-19 community transmission.***

All residents should take precautions to protect their health from the spread of COVID-19. Individuals with the following conditions are at higher risk of being affected from COVID-19.

People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Older Adults</li><li>• Cancer</li><li>• Chronic kidney disease</li><li>• Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease</li><li>• Heart conditions</li><li>• Immunocompromised state</li><li>• Obesity and severe obesity</li><li>• Pregnancy</li><li>• Sickle cell disease</li><li>• Smoking</li><li>• Type 2 diabetes mellitus</li></ul>	Might be at Increased Risk for Severe Illness <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asthma</li><li>• Cerebrovascular disease</li><li>• Cystic fibrosis</li><li>• Hypertension or high blood pressure</li><li>• Immunocompromised state</li><li>• Neurologic conditions, such as dementia</li><li>• Liver disease</li><li>• Overweight</li><li>• Pulmonary fibrosis</li><li>• Thalassemia</li><li>• Type 1 diabetes mellitus</li></ul>
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All residents should practice health and safety measures:

- Get vaccinated.
- Wear a mask in the public.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect your vehicle, home, workspace and other common areas on a regular basis.
- Social distance - keep 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Limit gatherings with individuals outside your immediate household.

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