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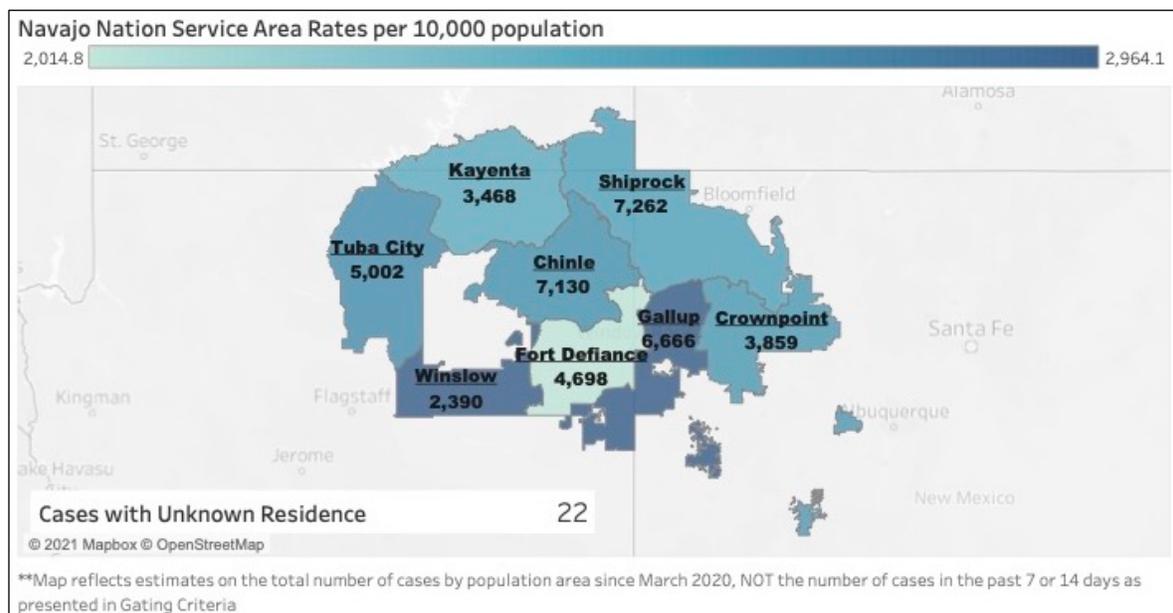
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23 new cases, 38,410 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Sunday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 23 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,562. The report indicates that 38,410 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 401,954 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 40,497, including seven delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 7,130
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,859
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,698
- Gallup Service Unit: 6,666
- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,468
- Shiprock Service Unit: 7,262
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,002

- Winslow Service Unit: 2,390

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

On Sunday, the state of Arizona reported 3,231 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report weekend case numbers on Monday.

"As we get closer to the Christmas holiday, it's crucial that more people get the COVID-19 vaccine and the booster shot to help lower risks of severe sickness and hospitalizations. As with past holidays, we expect to see an increase in new infections following the holiday, but we have to do our best to protect ourselves and others. Please continue to take precautions such as wearing a mask in public, social distancing, and washing your hands often. We cannot afford to have another large surge in cases. Be safe and continue to pray for our frontline warriors and all of our people," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"We are in this fight against COVID-19 together and it takes all of us doing our part to reduce the spread of the virus. Please continue to pray for those who are fighting COVID-19, and for our health care workers who put themselves at risk helping others. Please take safety precautions, especially in public settings," 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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