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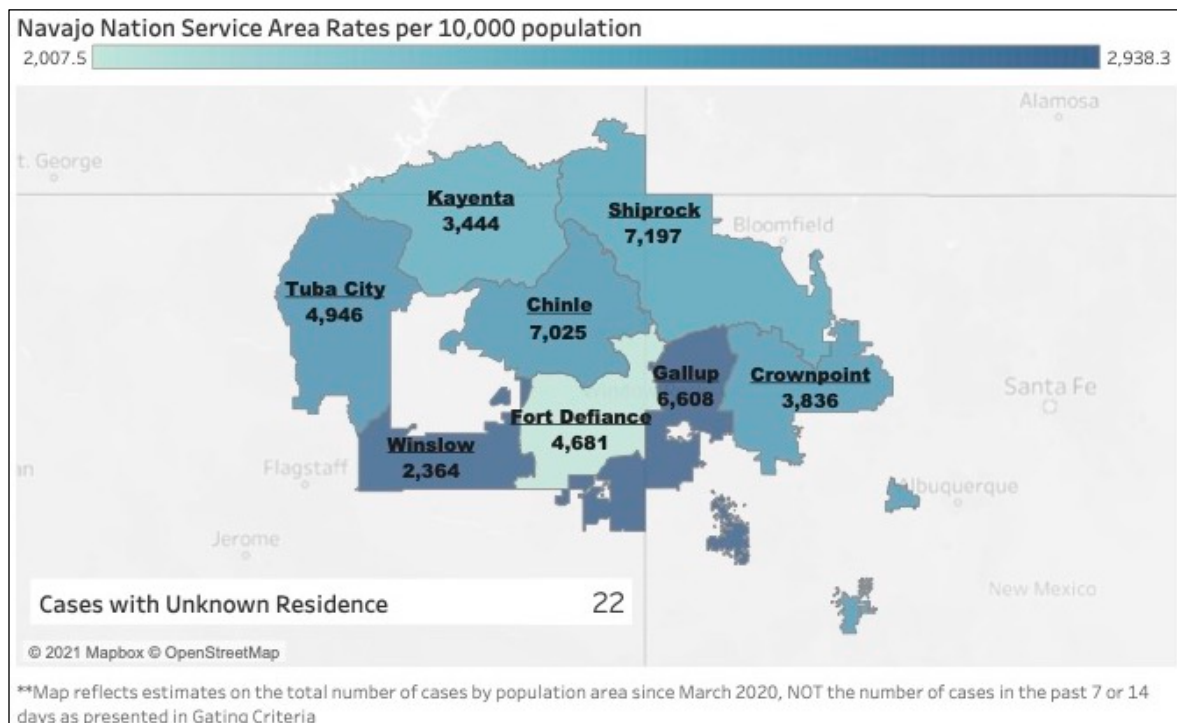
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26 new cases, 37,836 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, 61 communities identified with uncontrolled spread



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 26 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,551. The report indicates that 37,836 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 398,259 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 40,123, including 12 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 7,025
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,836
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,681
- Gallup Service Unit: 6,608
- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,444
- Shiprock Service Unit: 7,197

- Tuba City Service Unit: 4,946
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,364

* 22 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 3,022 new cases. The state of Utah reported 3,457 new cases, and New Mexico reported 3,794, which includes weekend numbers. Based on cases from Nov. 19 to Dec. 2, 2021, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 61 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Baca/Prewitt	Dennehotso	Nageezi	Rock Point	Thoreau
Becenti	Ganado	Nahatadzil	Rock Springs	Tohajiilee
Beclabito	Hogback	Nahodishgish	Rough Rock	Tohatchi
Bird Springs	Indian Wells	Naschitti	Sanostee	Tonalea
Black Mesa	Inscription House	Navajo Mountain	Sheepsprings	Tsaile/Wheatfields
Bread Springs	Kaibeto	Nazlini	Shiprock	Tsayatoh
Chichiltah	Kayenta	Newcomb	Shonto	Tselani/Cottonwood
Chinle	Lechee	Oak Springs	St. Michaels	Tuba City
Churchrock	Leupp	Pinedale	Standing Rock	Twin Lakes
Coppermine	Low Mountain	Pinon	Tachee/Blue Gap	Upper Fruitland
Cove	Lupton	Ramah	Teecnospos	Whippoorwill
Coyote Canyon	Manuelito	Red Mesa	Teesto	White Horse Lake
Crownpoint				

"As scientists and health experts continue to gather samples and study the Omicron variant, our best defense and mitigation strategy is to continue getting more people fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and a booster shot, if eligible. The vaccines are highly effective in preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death if you become infected with the virus. People with weakened immune systems or underlying medical conditions must also be very cautious, especially in public settings. Please continue to take precautions such as wearing a mask in public, practicing social distancing, washing your hands often, limiting travel, and staying home as much as possible. We are in this together and we must continue to pray," 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.

"Personal responsibility is key to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the variants in our communities. It's been 19 months since the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed on the Navajo Nation and we have learned much about protecting ourselves and others during that time. Please be safe, make good decisions for yourself and others, and keep praying for our people and frontline workers," 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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