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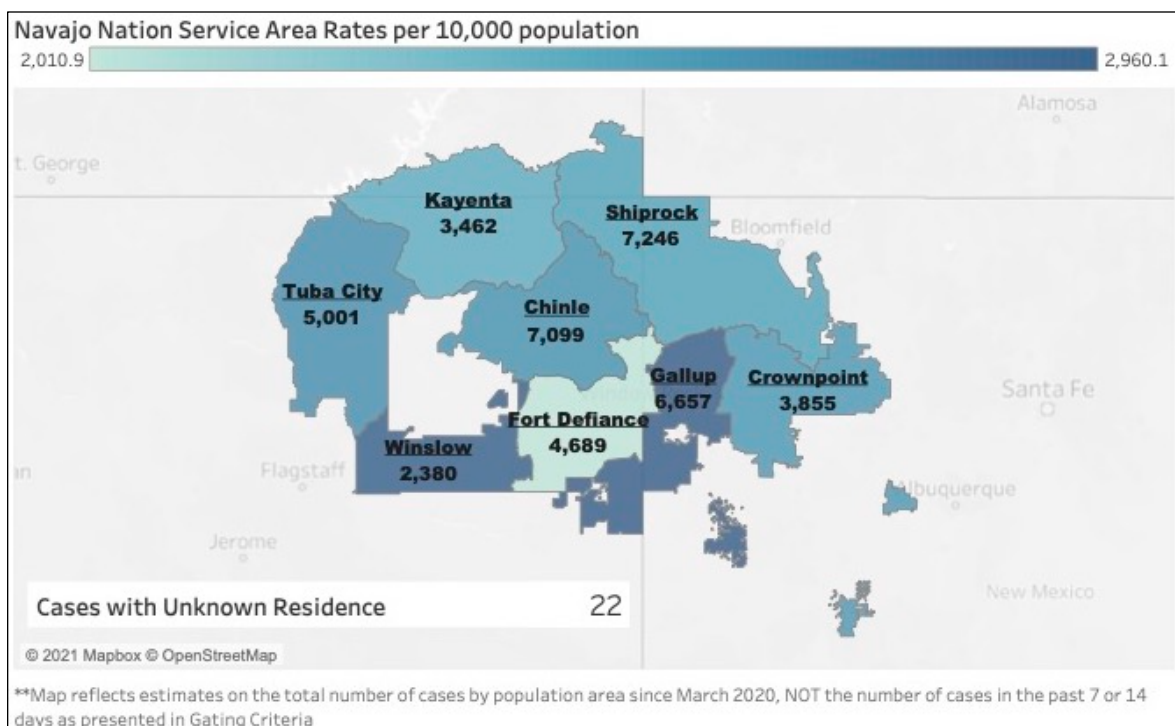
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61 new cases, 38,183 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



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 61 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,558. The report indicates that 38,183 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 40,411, including 17 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 7,099
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,855
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,689
- Gallup Service Unit: 6,657

- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,462
- Shiprock Service Unit: 7,246
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,001
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,380

* 22 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 3,924 new cases, Utah reported 1,330 new cases, and New Mexico reported 1,468 cases.

"Health care officials across the country continue to caution everyone about the growing concerns over the Omicron variant and the Delta variant, which remains the dominant strain in the country. We cannot let down our guard during this holiday season. We've seen how quickly variants can spread in our communities, especially during family gatherings. Our health care system is already being tested right now, and we cannot afford to have another large surge in new cases. Please continue to take precautions, wear a mask in public, practice social distancing, limit travel, and wash your hands often," 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.

"The Navajo Department of Health continues to be proactive in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and to offer direct assistance to those who are in need. We must remain supportive of one another, especially our parents and grandparents. This pandemic is taking its toll on the physical and mental health of our people. Please continue to pray and stay safe," 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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