

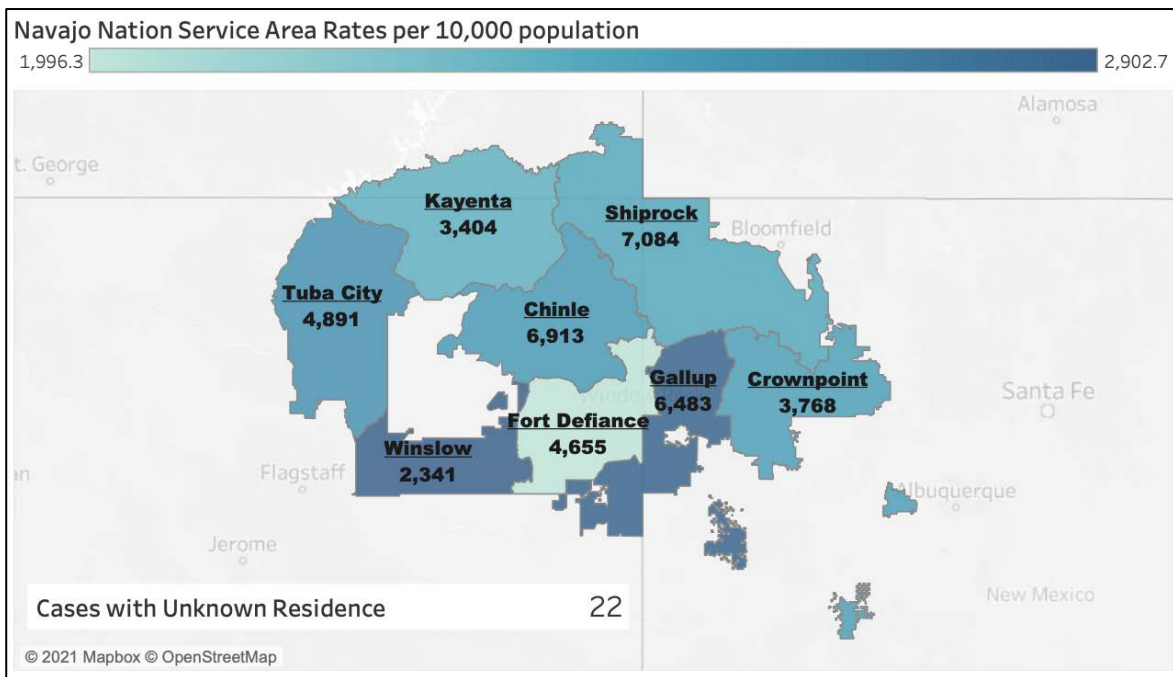


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**63 new cases, 37,504 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19**



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 63 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths is 1,542. The report indicates that 37,504 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 396,362 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 39,561, including 21 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,913
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,768
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,655
- Gallup Service Unit: 6,483

- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,404
- Shiprock Service Unit: 7,084
- Tuba City Service Unit: 4,891
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,341

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

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 3,163 new cases, Utah reported 2,297 cases, and New Mexico reported 1,887 new cases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also confirmed the first case of the Omicron coronavirus variant in California on Wednesday.

"The Omicron variant is creating more concerns among public health officials and there is still much to be learned about this latest variant. It's been nearly 21 months since the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed on the Navajo Nation. Since then, we've learned how to lessen the risks and the spread of the virus. We know that wearing a mask in public helps to reduce the chances of getting COVID-19 and we know that the COVID-19 vaccines are highly-effective in reducing symptoms and chances of being hospitalized if you do get the virus. We know how to push back on COVID-19, but we all have to do our part every day. Please 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.

"The pandemic has taken its toll on our people, especially when it comes to mental health. We encourage everyone to show your love and support for your parents, grandparents, children, and all of your relatives during these challenging times. Please keep praying for our people and taking precautions to lessen the risks of COVID-19," 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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