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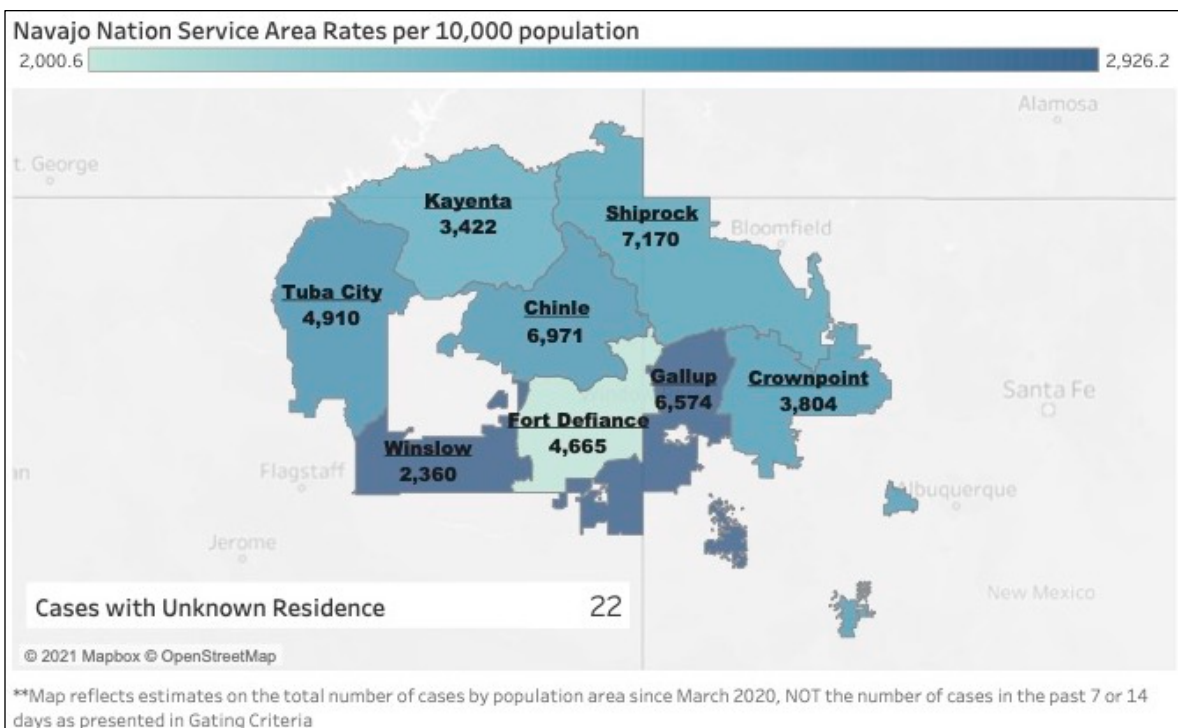
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**88 new cases, 37,647 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19**



**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 88 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,547. The report indicates that 37,647 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 397,846 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 39,898, including 42 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,971
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,804
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,665
- Gallup Service Unit: 6,574

- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,422
- Shiprock Service Unit: 7,170
- Tuba City Service Unit: 4,910
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,360

\* 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 5,236 new cases, Utah reported 1,873 cases, and New Mexico reported 2,388 new cases. On Friday, the Office of the President and Vice President was informed that 98-percent of Navajo Area Indian Health Service employees are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Additionally, 97-percent of Navajo Nation Executive Branch employees are fully vaccinated as well.

"As of Friday, the Omicron variant has been detected in at least five states that include New York, California, Hawaii, Minnesota, and Colorado. We continue to put forth our mitigation efforts through the Navajo Department of Health and our public health partners, but we have to anticipate that this new variant will reach our communities at some point. Public health officials within the Navajo Nation continue to sequence swab samples and their priority is to help detect the Omicron variant if it is within our communities. We will immediately inform the public if this new variant is detected on the Navajo Nation. In the meantime, we ask all of our Navajo people to remain vigilant and continue to take precautions and limit travel. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation," 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 know what needs to be done to protect ourselves and others. It's up to us to practice the safety protocols that our health experts put forth to help slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please stay safe, keep praying for yourselves and your loved ones, and continue to take precautions especially if you have to travel," 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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