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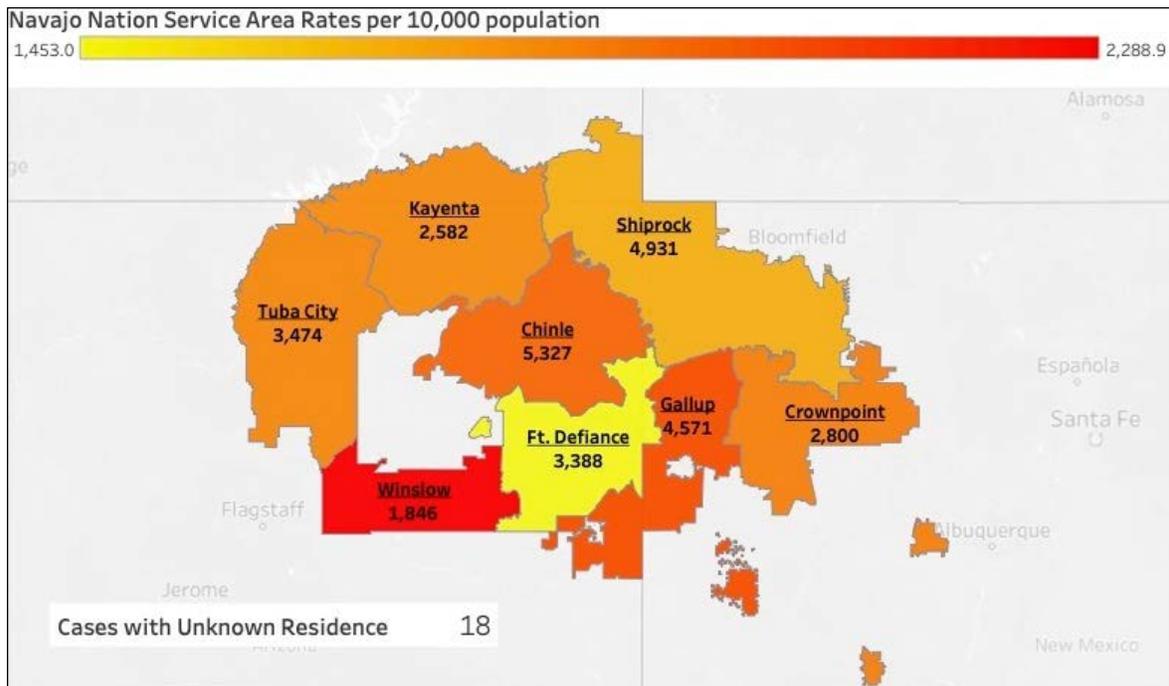
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### 40 new cases, 15,264 recoveries, and three more deaths related to COVID-19



**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 40 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,060 as of Monday. Reports indicate that 15,264 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 236,327 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 28,937.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,327
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,800
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,388
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,571
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,582
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,931

- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,474
- Winslow Service Unit: 1,846

\* 18 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

The Navajo Nation's curfew remains in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (MST) seven days a week. On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 2,250 new cases, Utah reported 514, and New Mexico reported 315 new cases.

"We are seeing some good indications in terms of daily numbers of new cases, the high percentage of vaccines completed, and increased support from the federal level. Our message to the Navajo people remains the same, keep taking all precautions against COVID-19 and keep your guard up at all times. Now is not the time to let up and now is not the time to travel off the Navajo Nation. There is growing concern over the new variant strands of COVID-19 and there is still a lot that the health experts do not know about the new variants. Our health care workers are administering the COVID-19 vaccines very efficiently and we are expecting over 28,000 more vaccines to arrive this week, but we all have to do our part as well. Stay home as much as possible, wear a mask in public, avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 10:00 a.m., the Nez-Lizer Administration will host an online town hall on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide COVID-19 updates.

"Each day, the light at the end of this dark tunnel gets a little brighter but we still have to keep fighting and staying strong. We cannot afford to have another large surge in new COVID-19 cases, so please keep listening to our health care experts. Our Navajo people are once again bringing down our daily numbers of new cases, but we have to remain focused and take all precautions," 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.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call [\(928\) 871-7014](tel:9288717014).

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