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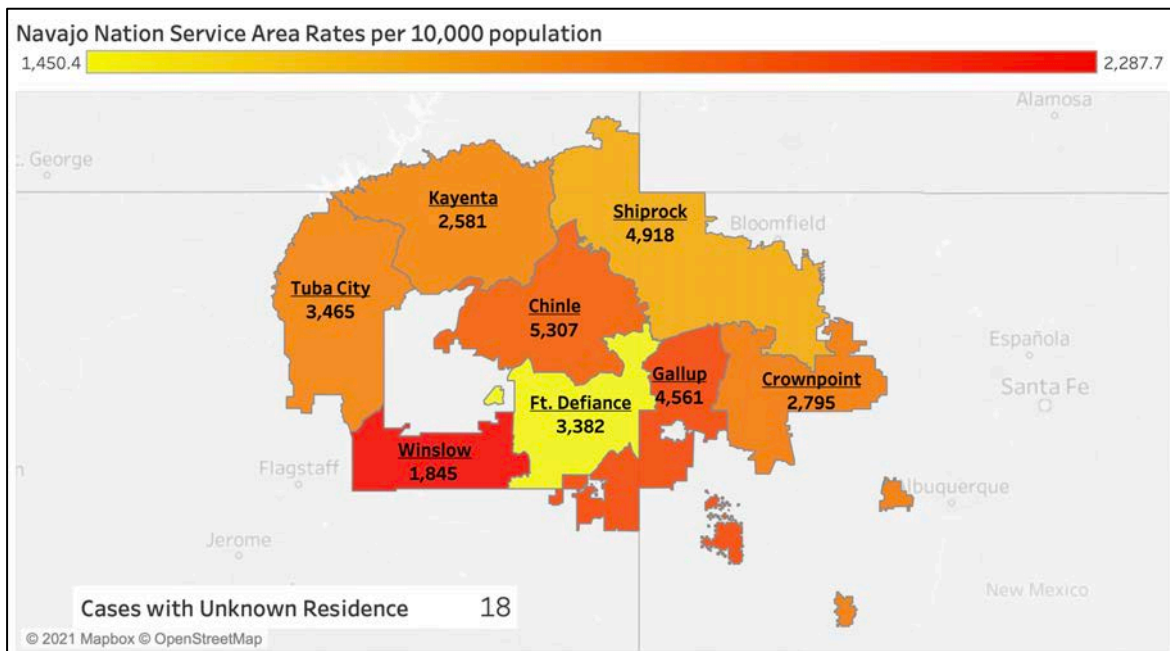
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71 new cases, 15,067 recoveries, and three more deaths related to COVID-19 as public health experts caution against large Super Bowl gatherings



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 71 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,056 as of Saturday. Reports indicate that 15,067 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 235,531 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 28,872, including five delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,307
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,795
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,382

- Gallup Service Unit: 4,561
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,581
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,918
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,465
- Winslow Service Unit: 1,845

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

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 3,471 new cases, Utah reported 1,211, and New Mexico reported 424 new cases. Public health officials continue to urge the public not to hold in-person gatherings on Super Bowl Sunday due to the risks of COVID-19.

“By now, everyone knows the risks of COVID-19 when it comes to large in-person gatherings. You can still enjoy Super Bowl Sunday safely with those that live in the same household with you, but please do not invite guests into your home. We have to keep our guard up and continue to take all precautions. This weekend, health care facilities continue to hold drive-thru vaccinations in several communities to help keep our people safe. Please be safe and keep staying home as much as possible, wear a mask in public, practice social distancing, avoid large gatherings, 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.

“We recognize the hard work and sacrifices that health care workers as first responders are making. Keep doing everything you can to protect yourselves and your loved ones from COVID-19. Be safe and continue to pray,” 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.

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