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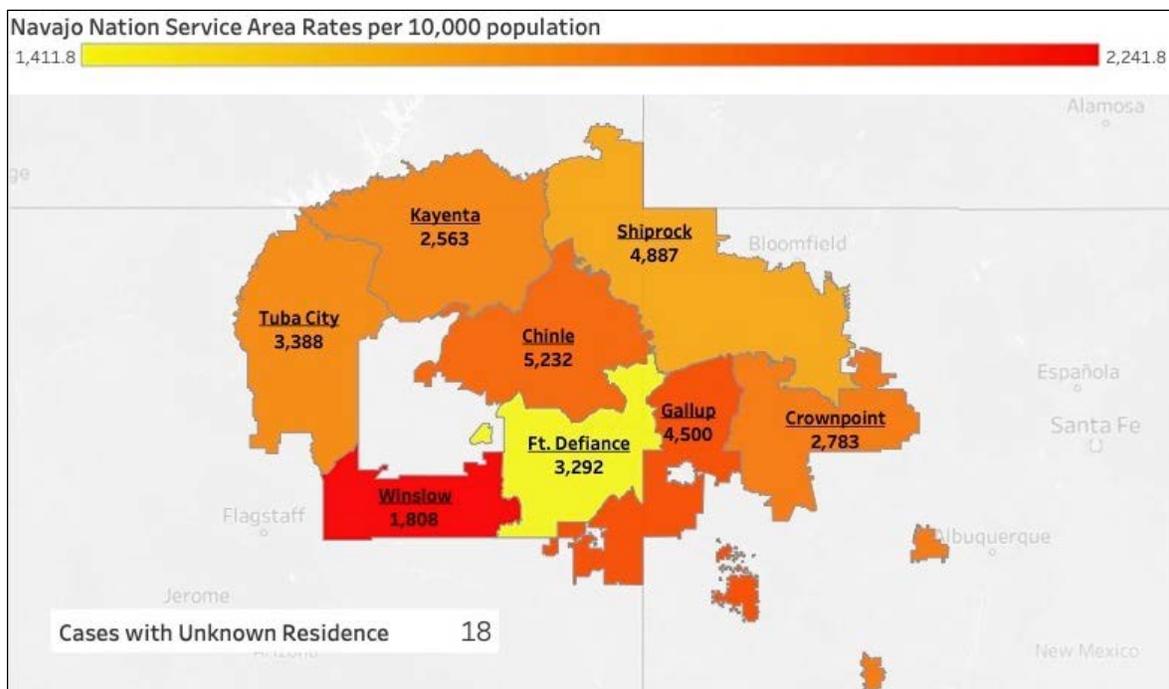
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82 new cases, 14,709 recoveries, and 12 more deaths related to COVID-19, public health experts caution public about traveling and in-person gatherings



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 82 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and 12 more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,032 as of Tuesday. Reports indicate that 14,709 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 233,764 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 28,471, including two delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,232
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,783
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,292
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,500

- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,563
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,887
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,388
- Winslow Service Unit: 1,808

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

On Tuesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,938 new cases, Utah reported 1,201, and New Mexico reported 434 new cases. The Navajo Area IHS reported that the Navajo Nation received 64,713 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines combined, and that 53,483 of those doses had been administered including some for second doses, as of Tuesday.

“Our goal is to administer at least 100,000 doses to our people by the end of February. We have to remain mindful that the risks of COVID-19 are still high and that we now have variants of the COVID-19 that are spreading in regions around the Navajo Nation. We have to keep our guard up and avoid traveling off the Navajo Nation and in-person gatherings. Nearly 83-percent of the vaccines that we have received so far have been put into the arms of our people and we continue to advocate for more, but the demand is high across the country. We have to stay focused and not let up as long as COVID-19 continues to spread in areas near and around the Navajo Nation. Stay 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.

On Thursday, Feb. 4 at 10:00 a.m. (MST) the Nez-Lizer Administration will host an online town hall on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide more COVID-19 updates.

“We have to stay strong and remain focused on reducing the spread of the COVID-19 in our homes and in our communities. We are slowly bringing down the number of cases and we have to remain diligent to maintain that downward trend. Our health care workers are fighting hard for us every day, so let’s do our part to help them,” 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](tel:9288717014).

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