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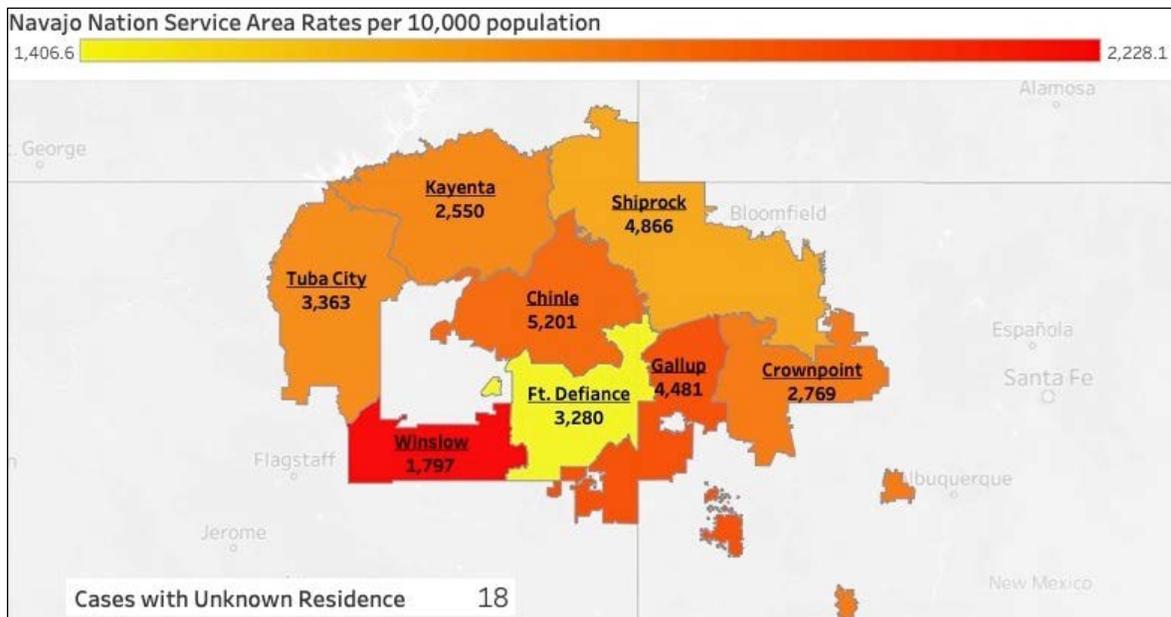
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103 new cases, 14,454 recoveries, and four more deaths related to COVID-19 as health care experts urge public to continue taking all precautions



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Sunday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 103 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,018 as of Sunday. Reports indicate that 14,454 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 232,173 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 28,325, including five delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,201
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,769
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,280
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,481
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,550
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,866

- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,363
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,797
- * 18 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Sunday, the state of Arizona reported 5,025 new cases, Utah reported 1,194, and New Mexico reported 530 new cases. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer visited Tséhootsooí Medical Center's vaccine site in Fort Defiance, Ariz. on Sunday, as health care workers offered approximately 1,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccines to residents that live within the Fort Defiance Service Unit. On Saturday, Gallup Indian Medical Center also administered over 1,000 vaccine doses to elders 65 years and older that reside in the Gallup Service Area.

"There is great support and confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines on the Navajo Nation and our health care workers are getting them into the arms of our people as quickly and efficiently as possible. Going out to the vaccine events gives us great insight into the numbers of people who want to receive the vaccine. I commend Navajo Area IHS and the tribal health facilities for working seven days a week now to administer the vaccines. Vice President Lizer, Navajo Department of Health Executive Director Dr. Jill Jim, and Navajo Area IHS continue to meet with federal officials to advocate for more vaccines, testing kits, medical personnel, and other resources to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. We are seeing good progress, but we also take the time to pray and offer our condolences to all of the families that have lost loved ones to this virus. You are in our thoughts and prayers every day. Please keep praying and taking all precautions. There are now COVID-19 variants in several states including Arizona, so please wear a mask and do everything you can to protect yourselves," said President Nez.

On Tuesday, Feb. 1 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.

"It was very uplifting to see so many of our health care workers administering the vaccines to help save lives. They are truly our warriors in this fight against COVID-19 and they are sacrificing so much for all of us. We can help them by staying home as much as possible and taking all precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please be safe and keep praying for all of our people and health care workers," 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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