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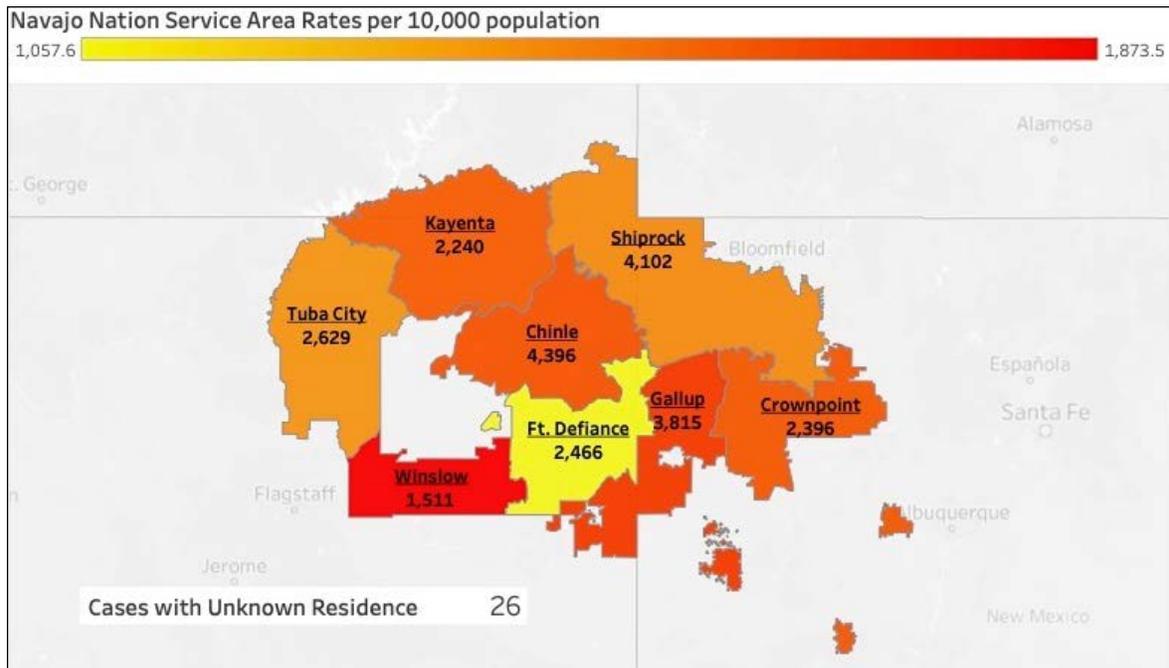
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152 new cases, 12,170 recoveries, and three more deaths related to COVID-19



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 152 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 816 as of Saturday. Reports indicate that 12,170 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 205,218 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 23,581.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 4,396
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,396
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 2,466
- Gallup Service Unit: 3,815
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,240
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,102
- Tuba City Service Unit: 2,629

· Winslow Service Unit: 1,511

* 26 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 8,883 new cases, Utah reported 5,042, and New Mexico reported 1,252 new cases.

“We have more vaccines coming in the next several weeks and months, but we have to remember that we already know how to beat this invisible monster that we call COVID-19. By staying home as much as possible, we greatly reduce the risk of being infected by the coronavirus. When we isolate ourselves, we isolate the virus and prevent it from spreading further. The safest place to be during this pandemic is here at home on the Navajo Nation. Continue to stay home, wear a mask, practice social distancing, avoid crowds and in-person gatherings, and wash your hands often. We know how to beat COVID-19, but we have to do it together,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

The Navajo Nation’s 57-hour weekend lockdown remains in effect until Monday, Jan. 4 at 5:00 a.m. (MST). COVID-19 testing schedules are available online at the Navajo Health Command Operations Center website: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Testing>.

“The New Year is filled with renewed hope and more blessings for all of our Navajo people. Please continue to remain strong and to fight hard against COVID-19. We see the light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccines, but it will take time for the production, transportation, and distribution of more vaccines. Please continue to pray for our health care workers, first responders, and all of our people throughout the Navajo Nation and around the world,” 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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