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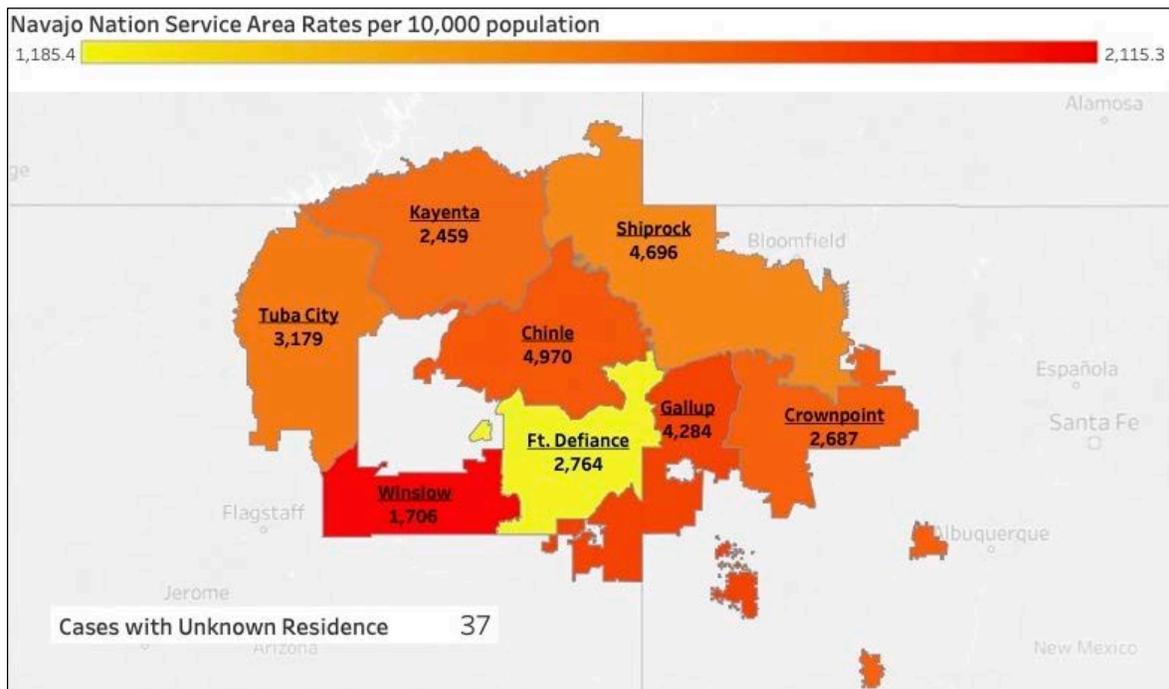
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166 new cases, 13,762 recoveries, and seven more deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 166 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and seven more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 940 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 13,762 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 226,158 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 26,782.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 4,970
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,687
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 2,764
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,284
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,459
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,696
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,179

- Winslow Service Unit: 1,706

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

On Thursday, the state of Arizona reported 9,398 new cases, Utah reported 2,089, and New Mexico reported 997 new cases. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez visited the Kayenta Health Care Center on Thursday, where he thanked health care workers as they continue administering the COVID-19 vaccines to individuals who are 65-years and older and essential employees including Navajo Tribal Utility Authority workers. Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer vaccines to help protect elders and high-risk patients against the virus.

“The team at Kayenta Health Care Center is doing a great job in reaching out to the elders, high-risk, and essential workers in their service area to inform residents and to arrange drive-thru vaccination events. I commend their workers and all of the Navajo Area IHS employees who are working hard to protect our people. It’s important that all of us do our part to protect ourselves and others. Even after you receive the first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, please continue to wear a mask, social distance, stay home, avoid gatherings, and wash your hands often. The process of vaccinating as many people as possible will take time due to limited vaccine resources and the extensive coordination that it requires. We thank all of our health care workers and we ask all of our Navajo people to continue praying,” said President Nez.

The Navajo Nation’s stay-at-home order remains in effect for all residents with the exception of essential workers who must report to work, to obtain essential items such as food and medication, and in cases of emergencies.

“Our health care workers and first responders are making tremendous sacrifices and taking on a lot of risk to help our people, so let’s do our best to help them by taking precautions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Be safe and continue to pray for our Nation and all those fighting on the frontlines,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

The Navajo Health Command Operations Center, under the Navajo Department of Health, now has an online registration form available for those who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The online registry will assist with planning the allocation of vaccines and in scheduling individuals at the appropriate health care facility. Please visit the following link for more information and to register: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine/Vaccine-Registration>.

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>. 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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