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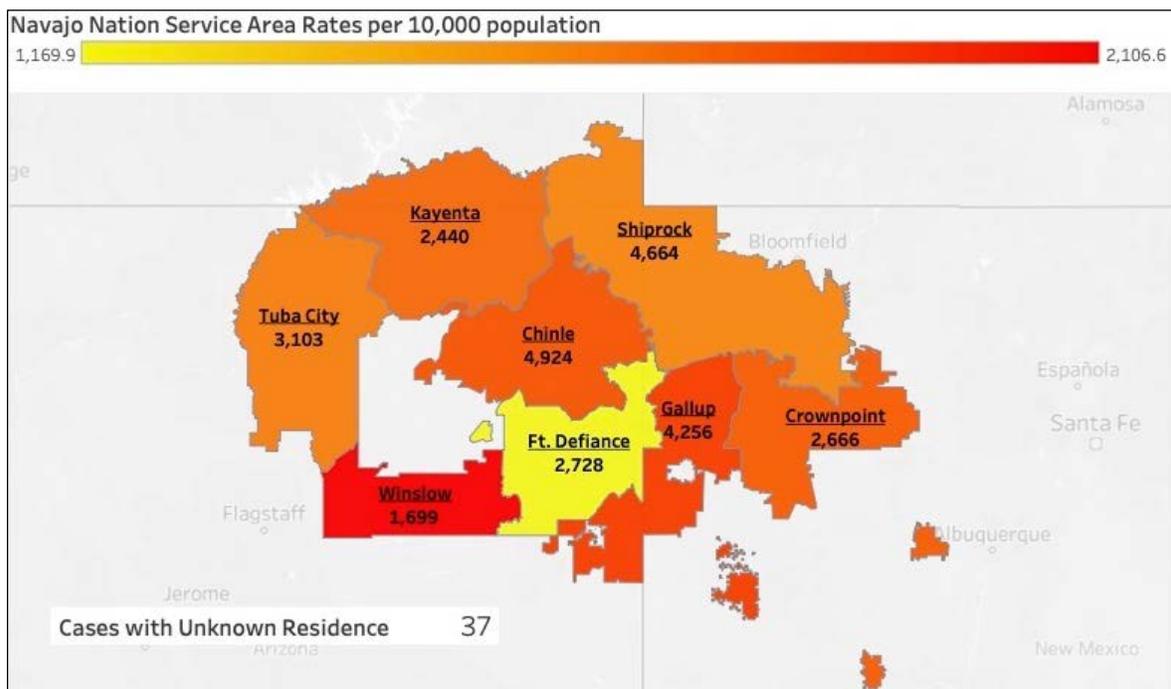
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45 new cases, 13,566 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



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 45 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 922 as previously reported on Monday. Reports indicate that 13,566 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 224,108 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 26,517.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 4,924
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,666
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 2,728
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,256
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,440
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,664
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,103

- Winslow Service Unit: 1,699

- * 37 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 6,417 new cases, Utah reported 1,302, and New Mexico reported 691 new cases. 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.

"Today, the Navajo Department of Health identified 75 of our communities with uncontrolled spread of COVID-19. This means that the virus is still very much in our communities and community spread is still occurring. Just because today's number of new cases is somewhat low does not mean that it's safe to go out and travel. Our health care providers are making great progress with the vaccines, but we need to remain diligent. The COVID-19 variant is becoming a greater concern as more cases are being reported in various regions around the country. While the variant does not appear to be any more severe than the current strain of the virus, it is much more contagious among people. Now that the Office of the Controller is disbursing CARES Act Hardship Assistance checks for those who were approved, we urge our people to be careful and to use the financial relief for essential items or services that help your family during this pandemic. Be safe and continue to take all precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among our people," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

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>.

"We have to stay strong and stay the course. We have lost too many of our people to COVID-19, but we have strong men and women fighting on the frontlines who have also saved many lives. Please continue to pray for everyone who has contracted the virus and those who are grieving for the loss of their loved ones. Stay strong and continue to fight COVID-19 together," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

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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