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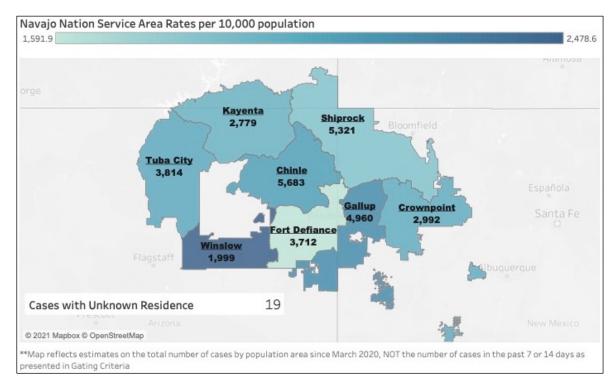
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## 11 new cases, 29,785 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Friday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 11 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,368. The report indicates that 29,785 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 288,399 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 31,279.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

• Chinle Service Unit: 5,683

Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,992Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,712

• Gallup Service Unit: 4,960

Kayenta Service Unit: 2,779
Shiprock Service Unit: 5,321
Tuba City Service Unit: 3,814
Winslow Service Unit: 1,999

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

On Friday, the state of Arizona reported 1,479 new cases, New Mexico reported 244 new cases, and Utah has yet to report.

"The Navajo Department of Health, Navajo Area IHS, and all of the health care workers on the Navajo Nation are working together to help our people and to urge them to get vaccinated. They've sacrificed so much for all of us, but they can't force people to get vaccinated or to wear a mask in public – that's an individual choice. The Delta variant is leading to an increase in new cases of COVID-19 across the country, in the Four Corners states, and here on the Navajo Nation. We have to hold ourselves and our loved ones accountable for taking precautions, for getting fully vaccinated, and continuing to wear masks in public. Please adhere to the advice of our public health experts and keep your guard up. We don't want to see another huge surge in COVID-19 cases here on the Navajo Nation," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines during drive-thru events or by appointment. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please contact your health care provider for more information for your Service Unit.

"If you test positive for COVID-19, please isolate yourself and please provide any and all information to the contact tracers so they can use that information to help prevent further spread of the virus in our communities. Our health care workers are working around the clock, but we all need to do our part to help them as well. Please take precautions and please continue to pray for our people," 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: <a href="http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19">http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19</a>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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