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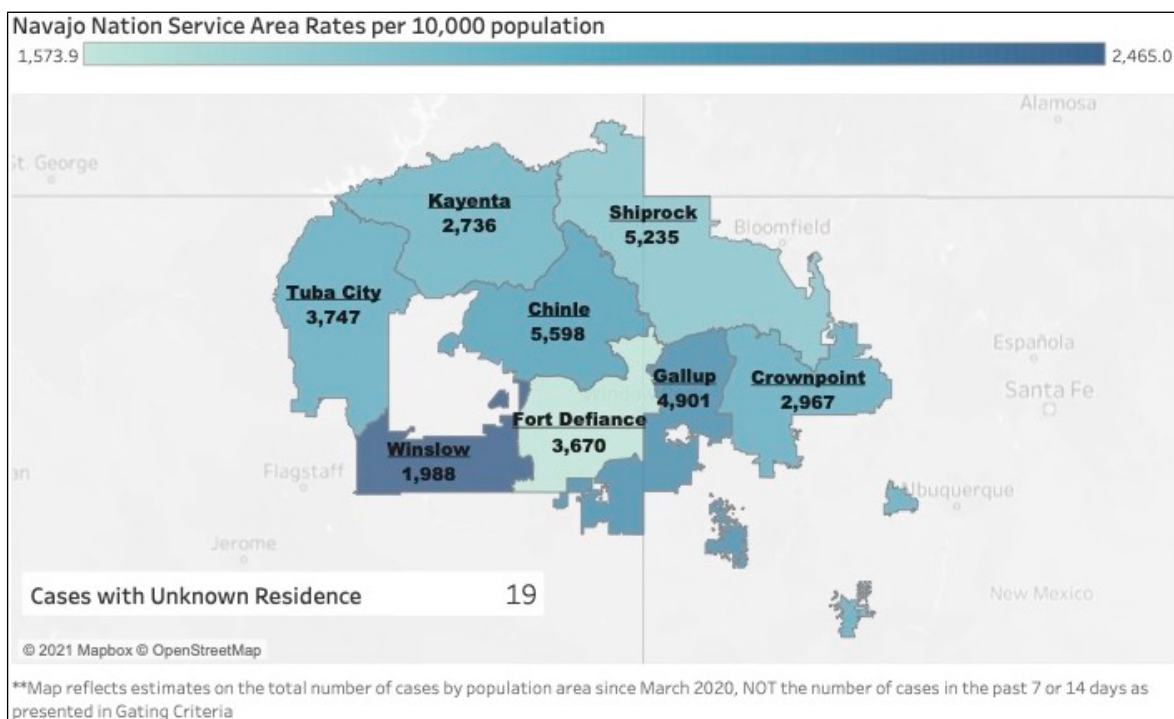
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13 new cases, 29,483 recoveries, and four more deaths related to COVID-19



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 13 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and four more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,328 as of Thursday, including two delayed reported deaths. Reports indicate that 29,483 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 275,001 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,861, including one delayed reported case.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,598
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,967
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,670
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,901

- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,736
 - Shiprock Service Unit: 5,235
 - Tuba City Service Unit: 3,747
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,988
- * 19 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 322 new cases, Utah reported 343, and New Mexico reported 126 cases. Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez accompanied his 13-year-old son, Christopher, as he received his second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the Gallup Indian Medical Center vaccine site on Thursday. Christopher stated that he did not experience any side effects, aside from slight soreness in his arm, after receiving his first dose three weeks ago.

“We have thousands of adolescents that have received the vaccine since the FDA authorized the Pfizer vaccine for individuals 12 years and older, but we need more parents and families to take the initiative to get vaccinated to protect yourselves and others. Please remember that we are in this together. When we get vaccinated, we are not only protecting our own health, but we are also protecting others and helping to save lives. We must remain diligent and continue to take precautions such as wearing masks in public and when you are near others that do not live within the same household. Be safe and keep pushing back on this virus,” 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.

“Community immunity is our focus right now. We need more of our Navajo Nation residents to get vaccinated to improve our chances of reaching herd immunity. The more people we have vaccinated the lesser risk for us all. Please consider getting vaccinated if you haven’t already. Be safe and keep praying 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: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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