



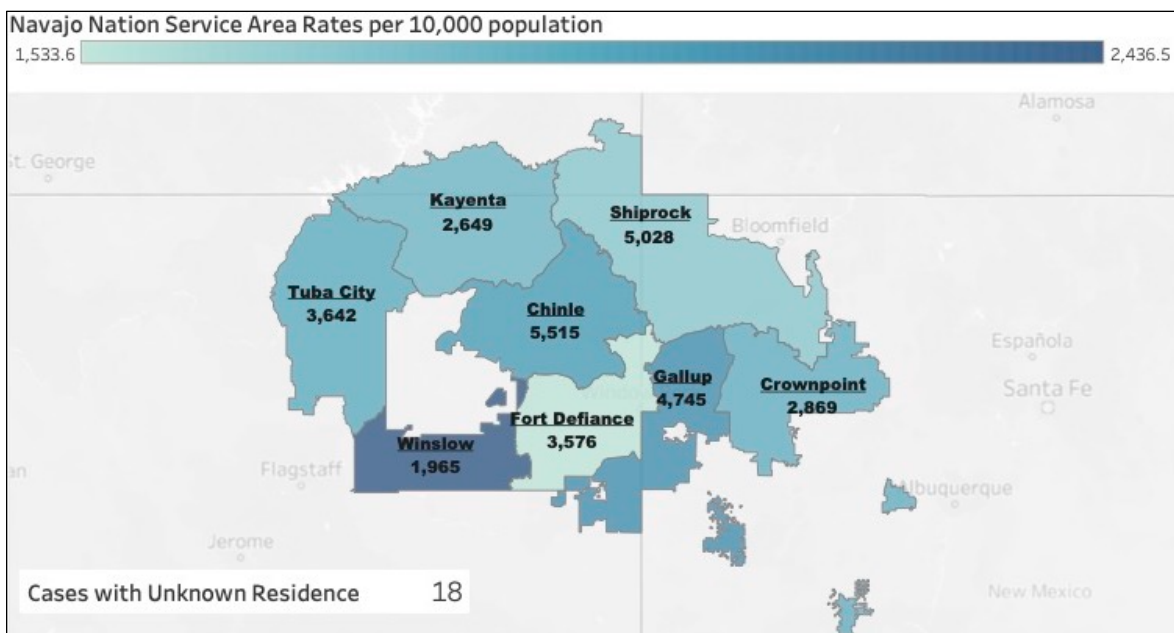
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**0 new cases and no recent deaths related to COVID-19 as
Navajo Area IHS reports over 191,000 vaccine doses administered**



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported zero new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,233 as previously reported on Saturday. Reports indicate that 16,331 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 251,270 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,007.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,515
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,869
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,576
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,745
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,649
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,028

- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,642
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,965
- * 18 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 484 new cases, Utah reported 159, and New Mexico reported 167 new cases. Navajo Area Indian Health Service reported that 221,325 total vaccine doses have been received, 191,064 administered, which represents over 86-percent so far. 76,571 individuals have been fully vaccinated.

“Thanks to the dedication and commitment of the Navajo people, health care workers, frontline warriors, and many others, the Navajo Nation has no new cases of COVID-19 reported. Once again, the Navajo Nation is exemplifying what can be accomplished when we listen to the public health experts and work together. Our hard work is paying off and our prayers are being answered. While today’s numbers are to be commended, the fight against COVID-19 continues on. Variants continue to be of great concern across the country, especially as we see more and more people travel including students on spring break. Throughout this pandemic, we’ve said that the safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. Our numbers of new infections have been very low on the Navajo Nation for a few weeks now, but that does not mean that it’s okay to let up your guard. We have to keep fighting this virus together and continue to help our health care workers by protecting ourselves. Please continue to stay home as much as possible, wear one or two masks in public and near others who do not reside under the same household as you, avoid large crowds and gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often,” 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.

The Nez-Lizer Administration will host an online town hall on Tuesday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. (MDT) on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide more COVID-19 updates.

“Our health care workers are doing their very best to vaccinate as many of our people as possible. We are making progress day by day, but as the COVID-19 virus continues to mutate and create variants it leads to more uncertainties. So please continue to take all precautions, stay home as much as possible, and continue to pray,” 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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