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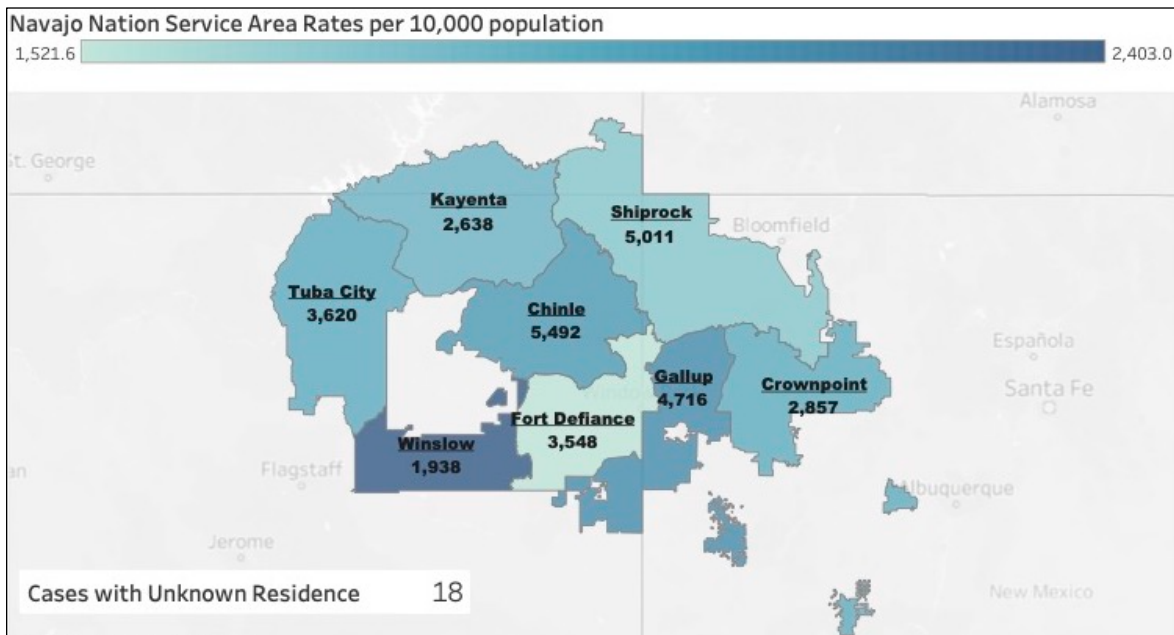
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12 new cases, 16,140 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19



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 12 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,195 as of Friday. Reports indicate that 16,140 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 246,109 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 29,838, including 11 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,492
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,857
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,548
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,716
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,638
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,011

- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,620
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,938
- * 18 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 2,276 new cases, Utah reported 549, and New Mexico reported 306 new cases. The Navajo Nation's daily curfew remains in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (MST) seven days a week.

A report from the Navajo Area Indian Health Service indicates that 187,560 total vaccine doses have been received, 142,607 administered, which represents 76-percent so far. 51,994 individuals have received both doses of the vaccines.

"Based on what we have learned over the last year, we know that it doesn't take much to create another large surge in new COVID-19 infections and that's what we are trying to avoid, but it takes all of us working together to do that. The more that people travel to border towns and cities off the Navajo Nation, the greater the risk for all of us. We have mutations of COVID-19 that are called variants, which appear to be more transmissible from person to person meaning they are more contagious. This means that it's very important that we stay informed every day, and do our very best to protect ourselves and our loved ones from this invisible monster known as COVID-19. Please continue to stay home as much as possible, wear one or two masks in public, avoid large in-person gatherings, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often with soap and warm water," 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.

"This weekend, vaccination events are scheduled in Church Rock at Fire Rock Navajo Casino parking lot, Inscription House Health Center, Sage Memorial Hospital, Shiprock High School, and many also offer the vaccine by appointment. Vaccines are being administered at a very high rate thanks to the hard work of our health care workers. We encourage our people to learn about the effectiveness of the vaccines to make the best decision for yourself and your family members. Please be safe and 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: <http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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