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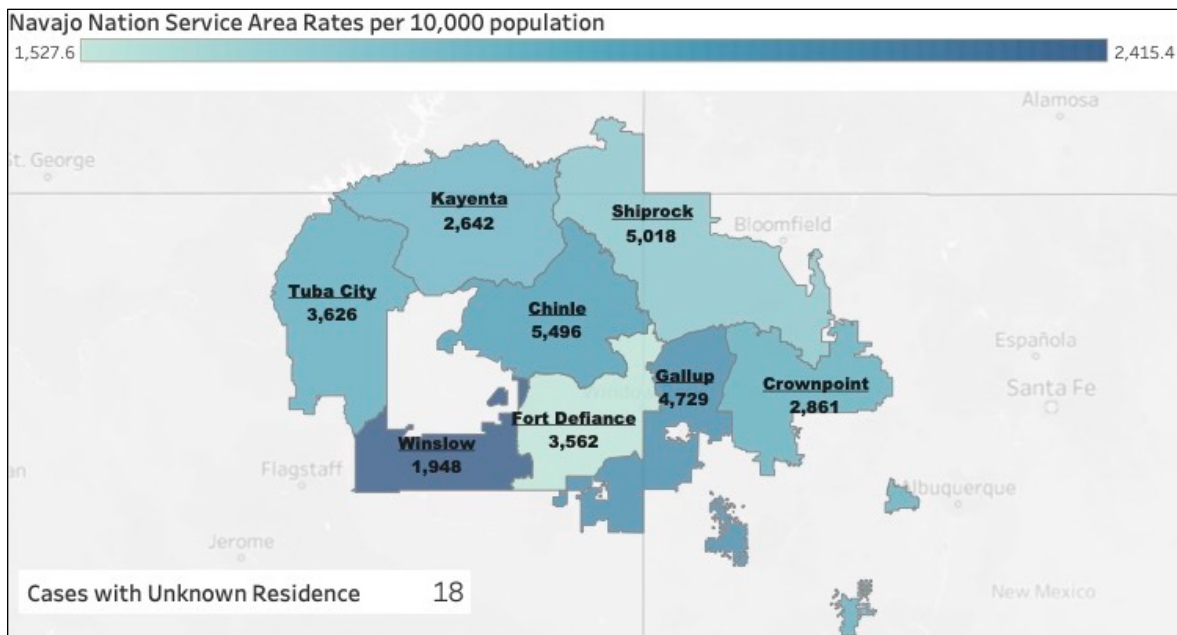
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13 new cases, 16,212 recoveries, and one more death related to COVID-19 as Navajo Nation continues downward trend in new infections and hospitalizations



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, 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 one more death. The total number of deaths is now 1,205 as of Wednesday. Reports indicate that 16,212 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 248,120 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 29,900.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,496
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,861
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,562
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,729
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,642
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,018

- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,626
 - Winslow Service Unit: 1,948
- * 18 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 830 new cases, Utah reported 658, and New Mexico reported 257 new cases. As of March 9, the Navajo Area Indian Health Service reported that 195,5540 total vaccine doses have been received, 141,797 administered, which represents nearly 73-percent so far. 52,433 individuals have received a first and second dose of the vaccines.

“Everyone has to keep their guard up to keep our numbers of new cases of COVID-19 low along with hospitalizations. COVID-19 variants are still spreading in regions of the country, so please continue to take all precautions. Stay strong and keep praying. Although we are seeing good progress, we cannot let up and we cannot become complacent. Keep taking all precautions by staying home as much as possible, wearing a mask, avoiding crowds, practicing social distancing, and washing 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.

“Keep taking all precautions to keep yourself and your loved ones safe and healthy. We’ve seen how quickly the virus can spread when we let our guard down, so please keep fighting and don’t let up. Thank you to all of the health care workers and everyone fighting around the clock,” 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.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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