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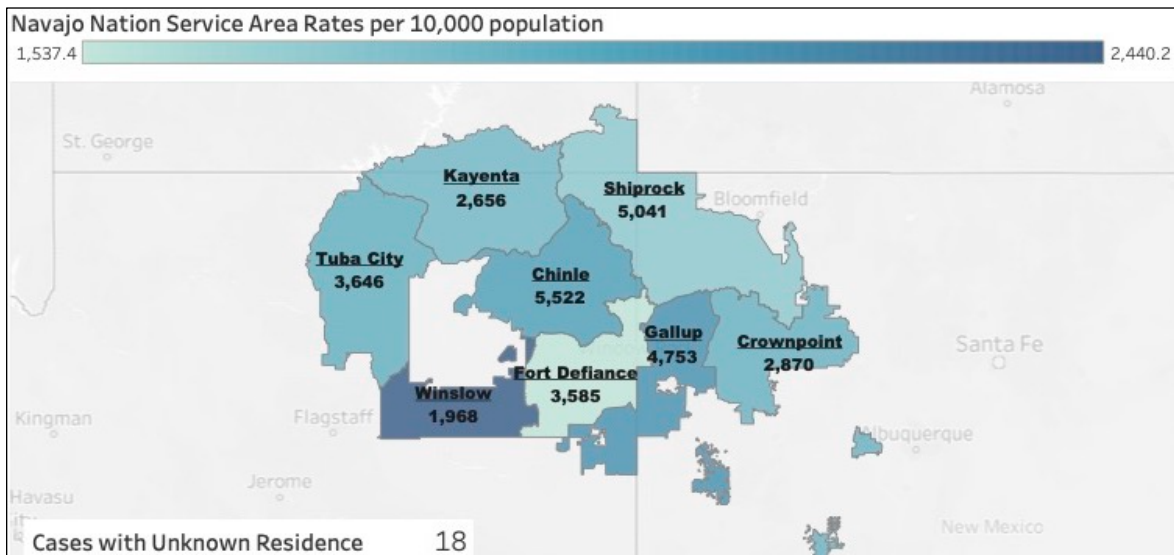
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7 new cases, 16,348 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Sunday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported seven new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,246 as previously reported on Saturday. Reports indicate that 16,348 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 253,357 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,059.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,522
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,870
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,585
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,753
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,656
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,041
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,646
- Winslow Service Unit: 1,968

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

On Sunday, the state of Arizona reported 554 new cases, Utah reported 389, and New Mexico reported 167 new cases. On March 26, the Navajo Department of Health issued Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-007, extending the “Safer at Home” order, revising the daily curfew hours from 10:00 p.m. (MDT) to 5:00 a.m. (MDT), and allowing businesses to remain open one extra hour until 9:00 p.m. (MDT) each day of the week.

The latest public health emergency order also creates the following provisions to allow outdoor “drive-in” gatherings during non-curfew hours:

1. Outdoor “drive-in” gatherings only, in which people from the same vehicle remain in their vehicles.
2. Vehicles are parked at least six (6) feet from other vehicles, in all four directions.
3. Organizers and participants wear masks.
4. Gathering is conducted in a no-contact manner and maintaining social distancing standards.
5. Event organizers are also required to:
 - a. Limit the number of people in a restroom to no more than five (5) people.
 - b. Ensure that people have access to a handwashing station, sanitizer, or gloves.
 - c. Ensure that high-touch surfaces are regularly disinfected.

“We cannot let pandemic fatigue undo the progress we have made. Public health experts across the country continue to urge everyone to take precautions to continue the reduction in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Our Navajo people have done a great job in reducing the spread of the virus, but we know how quickly the virus can re-emerge in our communities. So please stay vigilant and keep pushing back on the virus together. Stay home as much as possible, wear one or two masks, 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.

“Keep praying for all of our people and keep taking all measures to keep yourselves and others safe from COVID-19 and the variants. Be safe and continue to inform your elders about the virus and variants. We are in this fight together,” 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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