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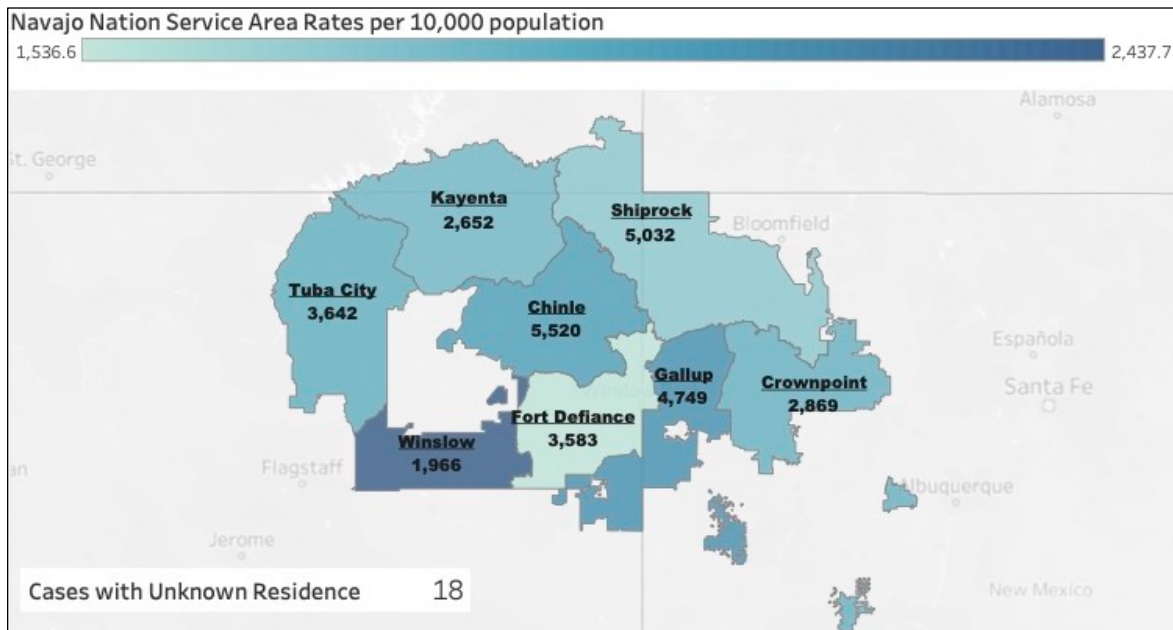
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## 9 new cases, 16,336 recoveries, and eight more deaths related to COVID-19



**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 nine new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and eight more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,243 as of Thursday. Reports indicate that 16,336 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 252,464 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,031, including one delayed reported case.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,520
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,869
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,583
- Gallup Service Unit: 4,749
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,652
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,032
- Tuba City Service Unit: 3,642

- Winslow Service Unit: 1,966
- \* 18 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 138 new cases, Utah reported 527, and New Mexico reported 235 new cases.

“I offer my condolences and prayers for the families who have lost loved ones to COVID-19. Unfortunately, the Governor of Arizona announced that the state of Arizona is relaxing even more COVID-19 restrictions, but here on the Navajo Nation we continue to mandate the wearing of masks and other measures to help reduce the spread of the virus and to save lives. Now is not the time to let up our guard. We have to stay the course and keep pushing back on COVID-19. To all of our residents on the Navajo Nation, please hold yourselves and your loved ones accountable. If someone in your family is being careless and traveling excessively, encourage them to stay strong and to keep taking all precautions. We cannot let the fatigue caused by the pandemic undo the progress we’ve made in terms of lower numbers of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. 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.

“The more people who receive the COVID-19 vaccines, the closer we are to reaching herd immunity here on the Navajo Nation. We encourage everyone to learn more about the benefits and effectiveness of the vaccines and to inform your elders as well. Our health care workers are doing great work and helping many people. Please continue to support them by taking all precautions to stay safe and protect yourselves from the virus,” 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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