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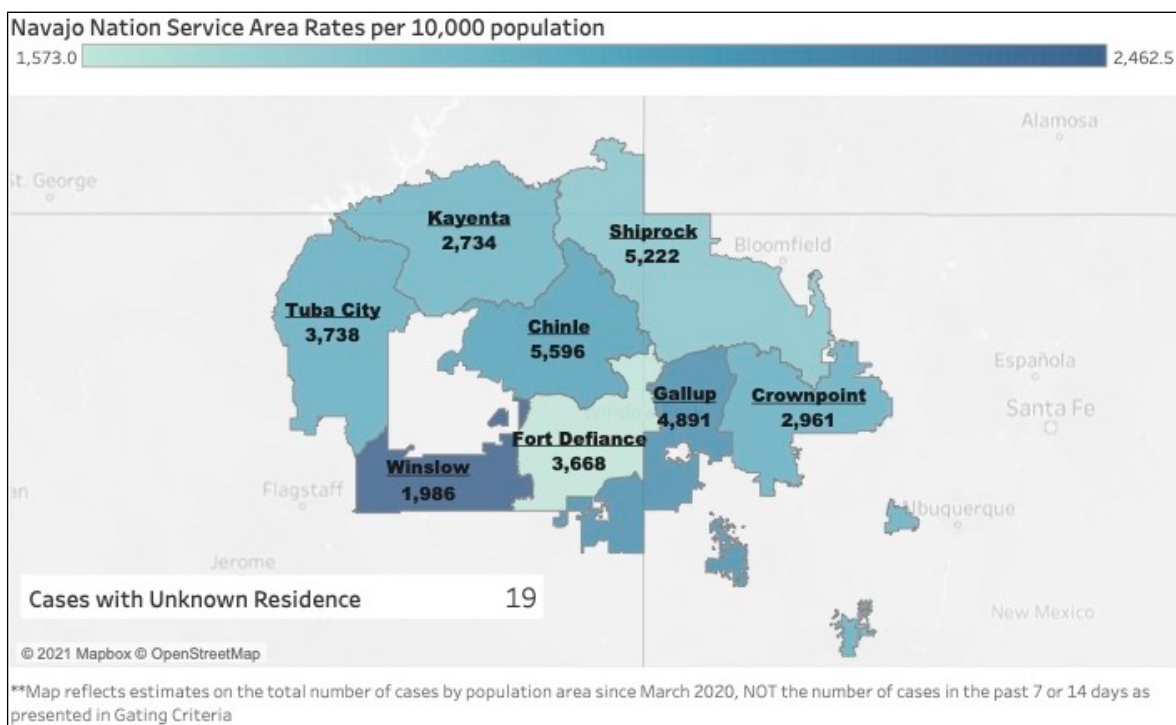
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## 3 new cases, 29,436 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



**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 three new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,318, including an additional 12 deaths that were reported late due to delays in confirming the cause of the deaths. Reports indicate that 29,436 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 273,370 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 30,815, including 19 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 5,596
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,961
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 3,668

- Gallup Service Unit: 4,891
  - Kayenta Service Unit: 2,734
  - Shiprock Service Unit: 5,222
  - Tuba City Service Unit: 3,738
  - Winslow Service Unit: 1,986
- \* 19 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 764 new cases, Utah reported 309, and New Mexico reported 131 cases.

“As we approach Memorial Day weekend, I want all of our Navajo people to take time to remember our fallen warriors and their families and to safely enjoy time with your loved ones. I must also remind our people that following the Memorial Day weekend last year, we experienced an increase in new COVID-19 infections here on the Navajo Nation. So, please do everything you can to stay safe and prevent any further spread of the virus. Wear a mask at all times in public and do not be careless if you must travel. There are variants in every part of the country and here on the Navajo Nation that continue to pose risks for us all. Please be safe and continue to take precautions,” 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.

“As President Nez often states, the strength and resilience of our ancestors remains within each of us to this day. Since the start of the pandemic, our people have been challenged each and every day, but we continue to persevere and overcome the pandemic day by day. Memorial Day is a time of reflection to honor our loved ones who have passed on and to give thanks for all of the blessings bestowed upon us. 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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