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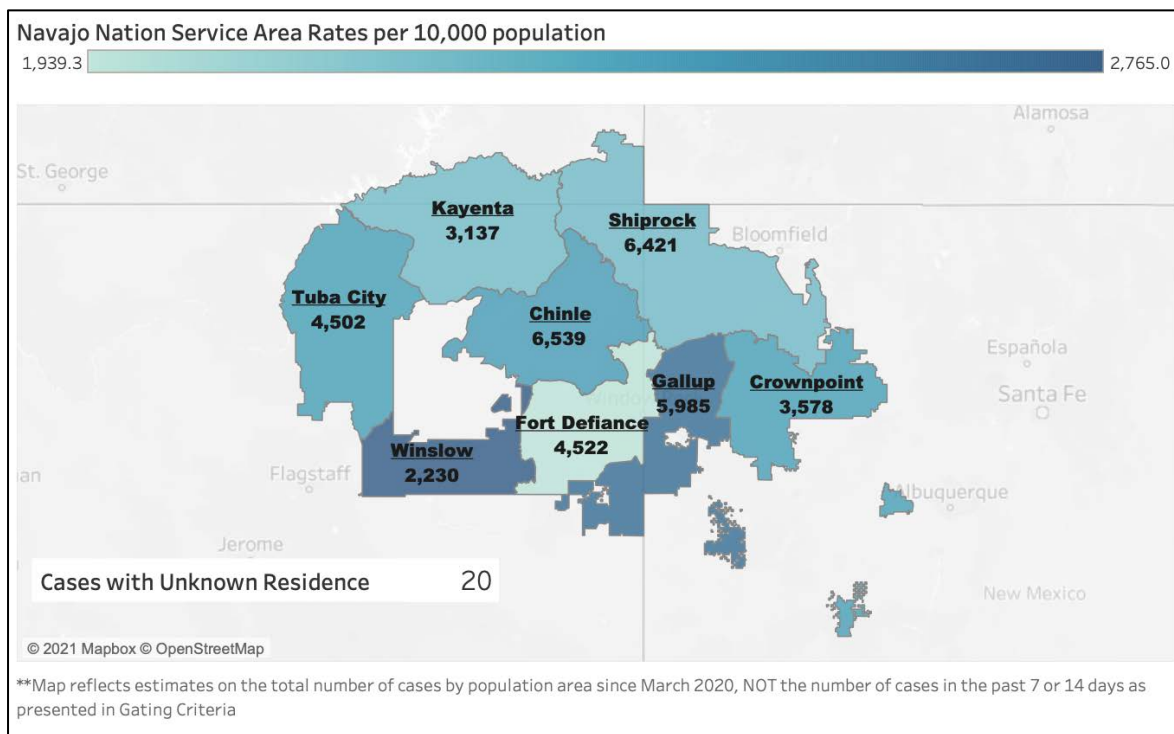
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23 new cases, 34,755 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, vaccination rate is currently 70-percent for eligible population



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 23 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains at 1,487. The report indicates that 34,755 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 364,339 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 36,934, including 44 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,539
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,578

- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,522
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,985
- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,137
- Shiprock Service Unit: 6,421
- Tuba City Service Unit: 4,502
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,230
- 20 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Tuesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,350 new cases, Utah reported 1,250 new cases, and New Mexico reported 675 new cases.

"We need more of our Navajo Nation residents to get fully vaccinated for COVID-19. 70-percent of eligible residents 12 years and older are fully vaccinated on the Navajo Nation. Now that the FDA has approved COVID-19 vaccines have received approval for five-to 11-year-old individuals, that percentage will decrease. Health care facilities on the Navajo Nation have also administered over 16,200 booster shots in the last few months. For the Navajo Nation Executive Branch, 97-percent of employees have received the vaccine. We're doing much better than the rest of the country and states, but we need to do better. If you haven't already received the COVID-19 vaccine, we strongly urge you to do so to help protect yourself, your loved ones, and others. We are in this together," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"With the winter season and holidays approaching, the risks of spreading COVID-19 are going to increase with more people staying indoors and more family gatherings. Our health care providers continue to offer the vaccines at all health care facilities on the Navajo Nation. Please be safe, take precautions, 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.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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