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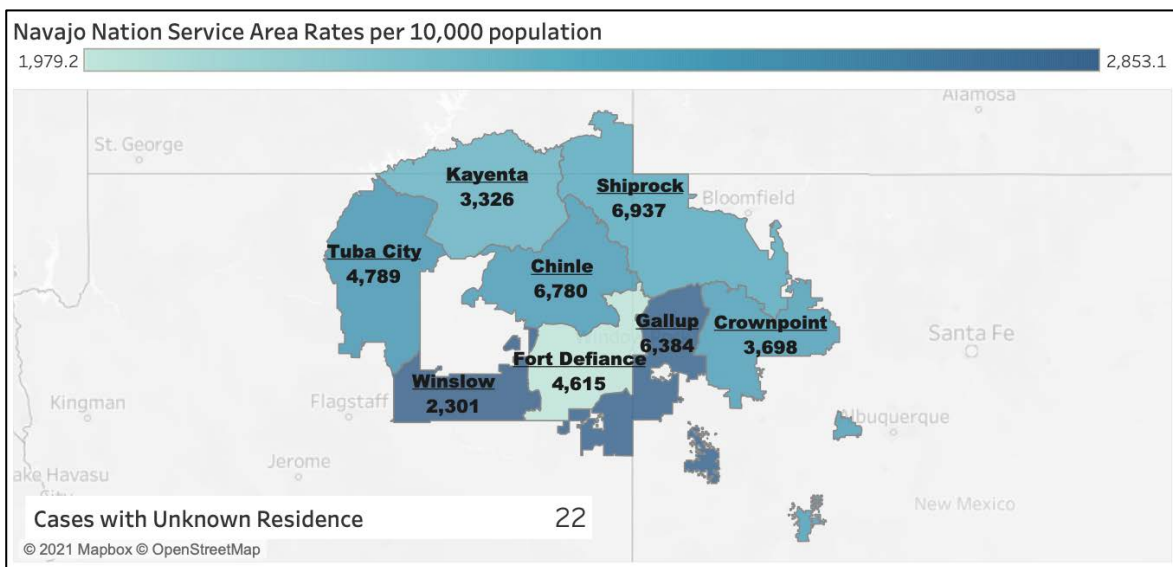
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87 new cases, 36,481 recoveries, and four recent deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Saturday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 87 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and four recent deaths. The total number of deaths is 1,522. The report indicates that 36,481 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 382,386 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 38,852, including 23 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,780
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,698
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,615
- Gallup Service Unit: 6,384
- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,326
- Shiprock Service Unit: 6,937
- Tuba City Service Unit: 4,789

- Winslow Service Unit: 2,301

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

On Saturday, the state of Arizona reported 5,103 new cases. The states of Utah and New Mexico will report their weekend case numbers on Monday.

On Saturday, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez visited the Pinon Health Center vaccination site in Pinon, AZ, to show his support for health care workers and families receiving the vaccines. President Nez and First Lady Phefelia Nez received their booster doses, and their six year old son, Alexander Nez, also received his first vaccine dose at the event.

"Thank you to all of the health care workers and many others who are working through the weekend to administer vaccines and booster shots. We encourage families to get their vaccination before the holidays. The numbers of new cases are high, but areas off the Navajo Nation are even higher and the risks are greater because many cities do not COVID-19 protocols in effect. Our public health experts have given us the guidance and resources to help keep ourselves and others safe, but it is up to us as individuals to practice those measures. Please take precautions and continue to keep yourselves and others safe by wearing masks, minimizing travel, and getting fully vaccinated and a booster shot. The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation," said President 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.

"We extend our appreciation to all of the frontline workers who are saving lives and those who are administering COVID-19 vaccines this weekend. We are in this fight together against COVID-19 and we have to continue to support one another. Please be safe and keep praying 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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