



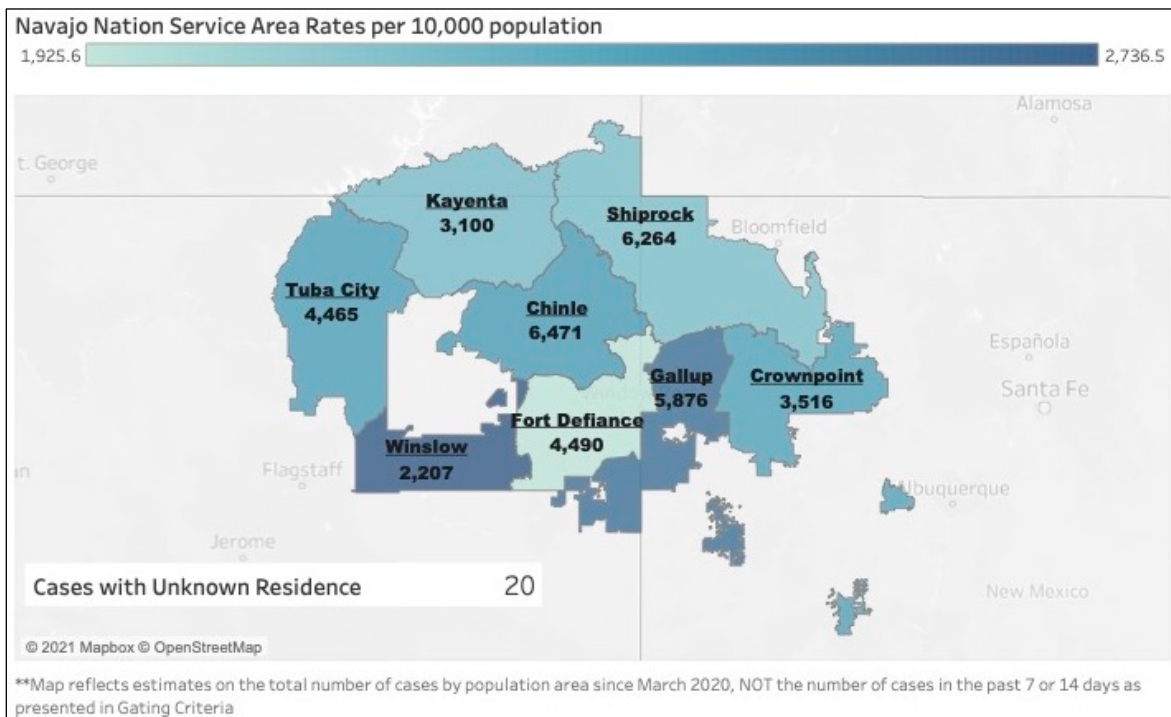
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119 new cases, 34,208 recoveries, and nine more deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 119 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and nine recent deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,484. The report indicates that 34,208 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 359,894 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 36,409, including 35 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,471
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,516
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,490
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,876
- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,100

- Shiprock Service Unit: 6,264
 - Tuba City Service Unit: 4,465
 - Winslow Service Unit: 2,207
- * 20 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 6,299 new cases, Utah reported 2,068 cases, and New Mexico reported 959 new cases.

"With the high number of new cases on the Navajo Nation and over 6,000 new cases reported today for the entire state of Arizona, it's very alarming and cause for great concern. Our Navajo people need to be aware and be extra cautious. Throughout this pandemic, we've been telling our people that the safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. We know that there is pandemic fatigue across the country and here on the Navajo Nation, but we cannot let our guard up. If you choose to travel, please wear a mask in public and be very cautious. Large in-person family gatherings are also leading to new infections and at times the loss of life because people let their guard down at birthday parties, weddings, and other family gatherings. We have to remain strong, do better, and continue to pray that we see a reduction in the spread of COVID-19, but our actions have to meet our prayers half way," 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 Halloween approaching and the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will be more family and social gatherings. We want our people to enjoy time with their loved ones, but we want them to be safe from COVID-19 as well. Please listen to the guidance that our public health experts are providing and take precautions. We are in this together so please support one another 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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