



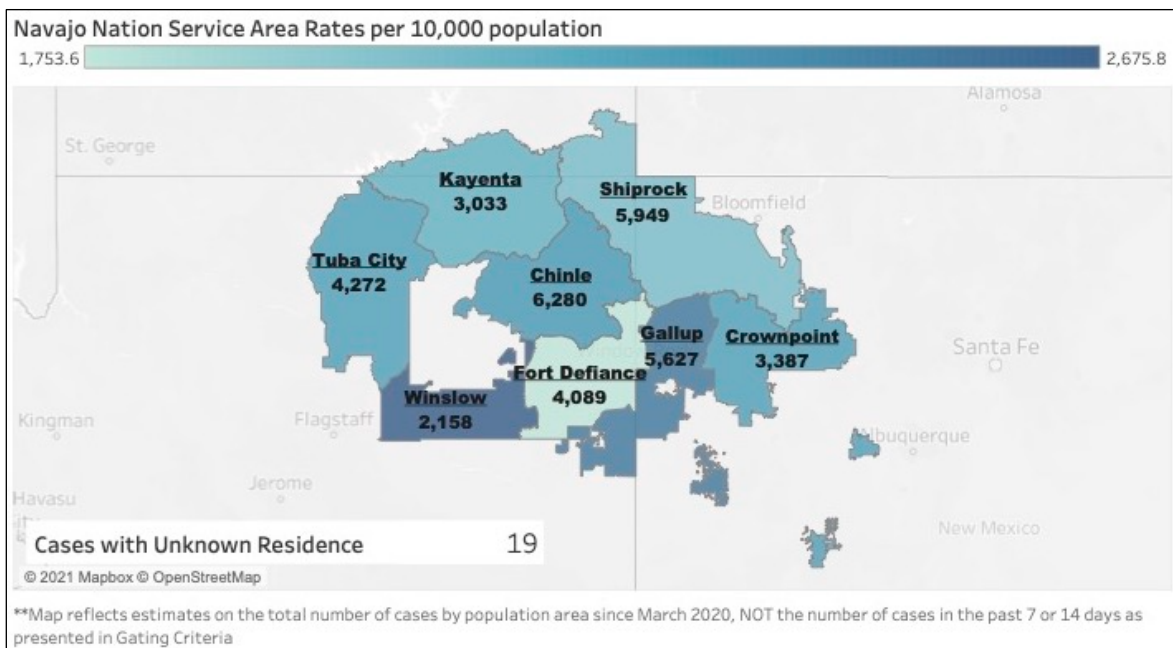
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31 new cases, 32,851 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19



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 31 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,464. The report indicates that 32,851 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 347,909 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 34,814, including two delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,280
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,387
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,089
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,627
- Kayenta Service Unit: 3,033
- Shiprock Service Unit: 5,949

- Tuba City Service Unit: 4,272
 - Winslow Service Unit: 2,158
- * 19 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 2,482 new cases. Utah and New Mexico will report weekend case numbers on Monday.

"If you have symptoms related to COVID-19, such as aching, coughing, fever, and others please isolate and get tested as soon as possible. The spread of COVID-19 is preventable, but it takes all of us doing our part to reduce the spread of the virus. Continue to take precautions and please encourage your loved ones and friends to get fully vaccinated for COVID-19. 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.

"Our health care workers are not going to give up on fighting for us, so please do everything you can to help them by taking precautions to lessen the spread of COVID-19. Be safe and continue to pray for all of our people and frontline workers," 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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