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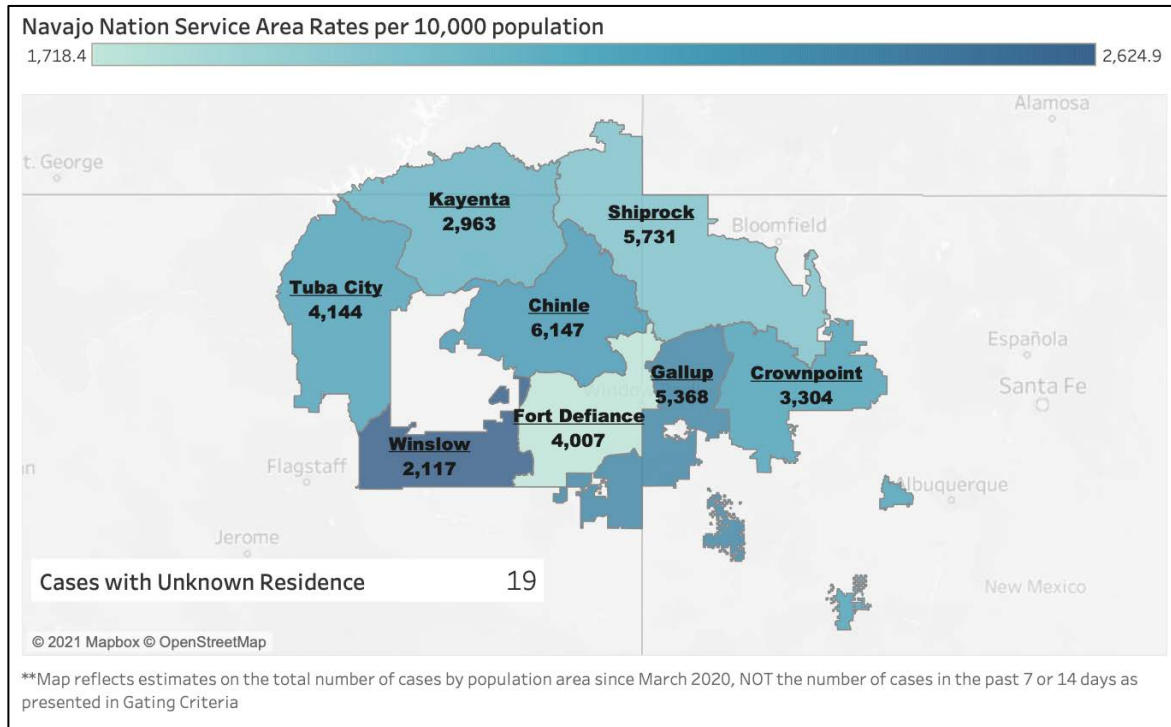
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20 new cases, 32,067 recoveries, and no recent deaths related to COVID-19, 40 communities identified with uncontrolled spread



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Monday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 20 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,442. The report indicates that 32,067 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 335,812 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 33,800.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 6,147
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,304
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,007
- Gallup Service Unit: 5,368

- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,963
 - Shiprock Service Unit: 5,731
 - Tuba City Service Unit: 4,144
 - Winslow Service Unit: 2,117
- * 19 residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.

On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 1,959 new cases, Utah reported 3,176 new cases, and New Mexico reported 1,548 new cases. Based on cases from Sept. 10 to Sept. 23, 2021, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 40 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Baca/Prewitt	Chinle	Kaibeto	Pinon	Teesto
Becenti	Churchrock	Kayenta	Pueblo Pintado	Thoreau
Beclabito	Coyote Canyon	Leupp	Ramah	Tohatchi
Black Mesa	Crownpoint	Manuelito	Rock Springs	Tonalea
Bodaway/Gap	Ganado	Many Farms	Sheepsprings	Tsayatoh
Cameron	Hogback	Nageezi	Shiprock	Tuba City
Casamero Lake	Indian Wells	Naschitti	Shonto	Two Grey Hills
Chichiltah	Jeddito	Newcomb	Smith Lake	Upper Fruitland

"The number of communities with an uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 continues to rise on the Navajo Nation. We urge schools, businesses, and families in these communities to take extra precautions to slow the spread. Continue to wear your mask in public, wash or sanitize your hands often, and stay a safe distance from others. Please keep each other safe and limit each other from getting exposed to COVID-19," 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.

"Personal responsibility is key to reducing the spread of COVID-19. Our health care experts have provided us with the guidance and knowledge to protect ourselves and others from the virus, so please remain diligent and think of others. Be safe and keep praying for our frontline workers and all of 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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**Navajo Department of Health
Health Advisory Notice (HAN)
COVID-19 Community Advisory No. 45 —Safety Precautions**

WINDOW ROCK, AZ – The Navajo Health Command Operations Center is issuing uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 advisory for the following communities. The cases reflect dates September 10, 2021 – September 23, 2021. The advisory will be in effect until the risk and cases decline.

The following communities are identified as having uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Baca/Prewitt	Chinle	Kaibeto	Pinon	Teesto
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Beclabito	Coyote Canyon	Leupp	Ramah	Tohatchi
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**Schools serving these communities need to implement layers of mitigation to meet the high level of COVID-19 community transmission.*

All residents should take precautions to protect their health from the spread of COVID-19. Individuals with the following conditions are at higher risk of being affected from COVID-19.

<p>People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Adults • Cancer • Chronic kidney disease • Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease • Heart conditions • Immunocompromised state • Obesity and severe obesity • Pregnancy • Sickle cell disease • Smoking • Type 2 diabetes mellitus 	<p>Might be at Increased Risk for Severe Illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Cerebrovascular disease • Cystic fibrosis • Hypertension or high blood pressure • Immunocompromised state • Neurologic conditions, such as dementia • Liver disease • Overweight • Pulmonary fibrosis • Thalassemia • Type 1 diabetes mellitus
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All residents should practice health and safety measures:

- Get vaccinated.
- Wear a mask in the public.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

- Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect your vehicle, home, workspace and other common areas on a regular basis.
- Social distance - keep 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Limit gatherings with individuals outside your immediate household.

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