

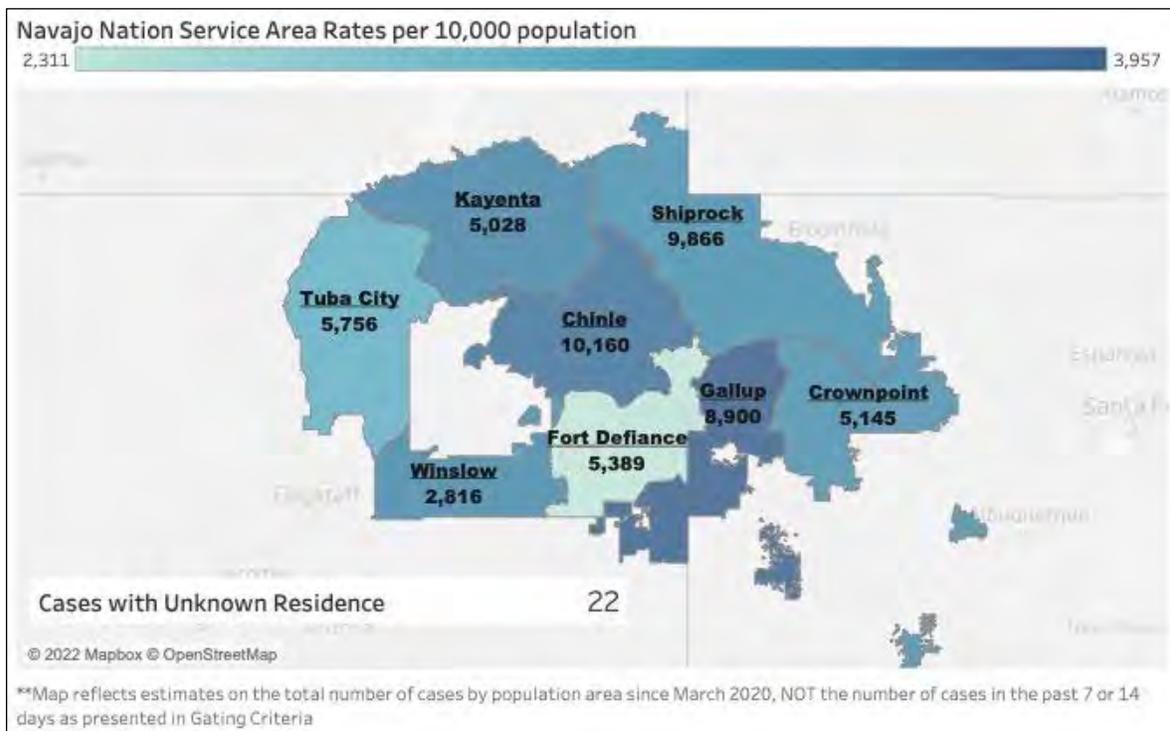


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**10 new cases, 51,275 recoveries, and no deaths related to COVID-19
over three-day period, 4 communities identified with uncontrolled spread**



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 10 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no deaths over the weekend and Monday. Below are case numbers including the past weekend and Monday:

- April 2-3: 6 new cases, 0 deaths
- April 4: 4 new cases, 0 deaths

The total number of deaths remains 1,734. The report indicates that 51,275 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 507,939 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 53,082, including two delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 10,160
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,145
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,389
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,900
- Kayenta Service Unit: 5,028
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,866
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,756
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,816

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

On Monday, the state of New Mexico reported 535 new cases, which also includes weekend case numbers. Utah reported 626 new cases for the week ending April 3. The state of Arizona now reports COVID-19 cases on a weekly basis, each Wednesday. Based on cases from March 18 to March 31, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following four communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Baca/Prewitt

Coyote Canyon

Indian Wells

Red Valley

“Our Navajo people are doing a good job keeping our numbers of COVID-19 cases low, but we still have people who are catching the virus so we must keep our guard up, especially in public places. Please continue to wear masks in public, wash your hands often, and be very cautious. We are strong and resilient like our ancestors and we continue to persevere through this pandemic together. Please be safe and continue to push back on COVID-19,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities on 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 frontline warriors continue to put themselves at risk to fight for all of us each day. Please take precautions and do your best to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. We are in this together and we will emerge from this pandemic stronger than before. Keep praying and please be safe at all times,” 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. 72 —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 March 18-31, 2022. 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 Coyote Canyon Indian Wells Red Valley

****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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