

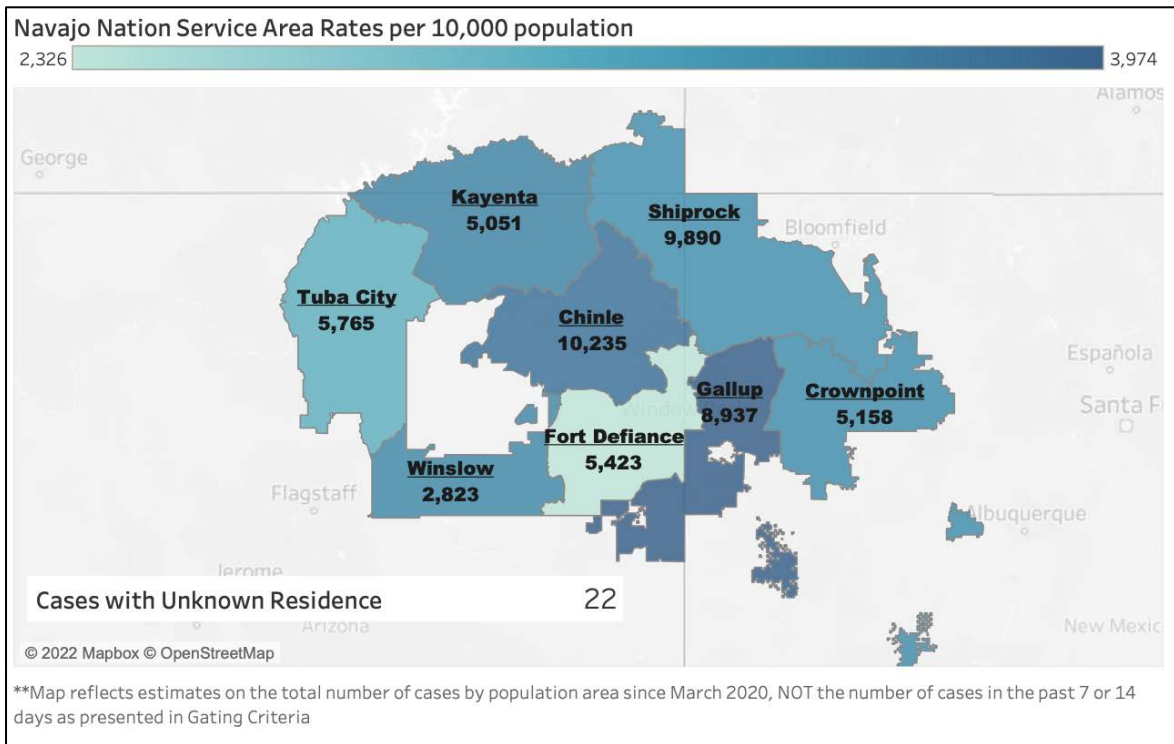


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**20 new cases, 51,436 recoveries, and 15 deaths related to
COVID-19 reported due to delayed reporting from outside entities**



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Friday, 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 15 deaths, including deaths that were reported late due to delays within agencies outside of the Navajo Nation. The time period for the deaths reported is from November 2021 to April 2022. The total number of deaths is now 1,758.

The report indicates that 51,436 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 516,751 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 53,304, including eight delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 10,235
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,158
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,423
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,937
- Kayenta Service Unit: 5,051
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,890
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,765
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,823

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

“Today’s reported deaths are due to delays in reporting from facilities off of the Navajo Nation. The Navajo Department of Health is doing a great job reconciling case numbers and reporting them daily. Our prayers are with those who are battling the COVID-19 illness and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one due to this virus. As many surrounding states have lifted their mask mandates, we encourage our citizens to adhere to our medical and health professionals’ advice and recommendations including getting vaccinated. Keep your guard up and keep each other safe during the weekend. We have to work together to avoid any surges of cases,” 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.

“Keep taking safety measures during the weekend and travels. Our health care workers have never stopped fighting for us, so let’s keep fighting for them by keeping ourselves safe and healthy throughout the weekend,” 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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