

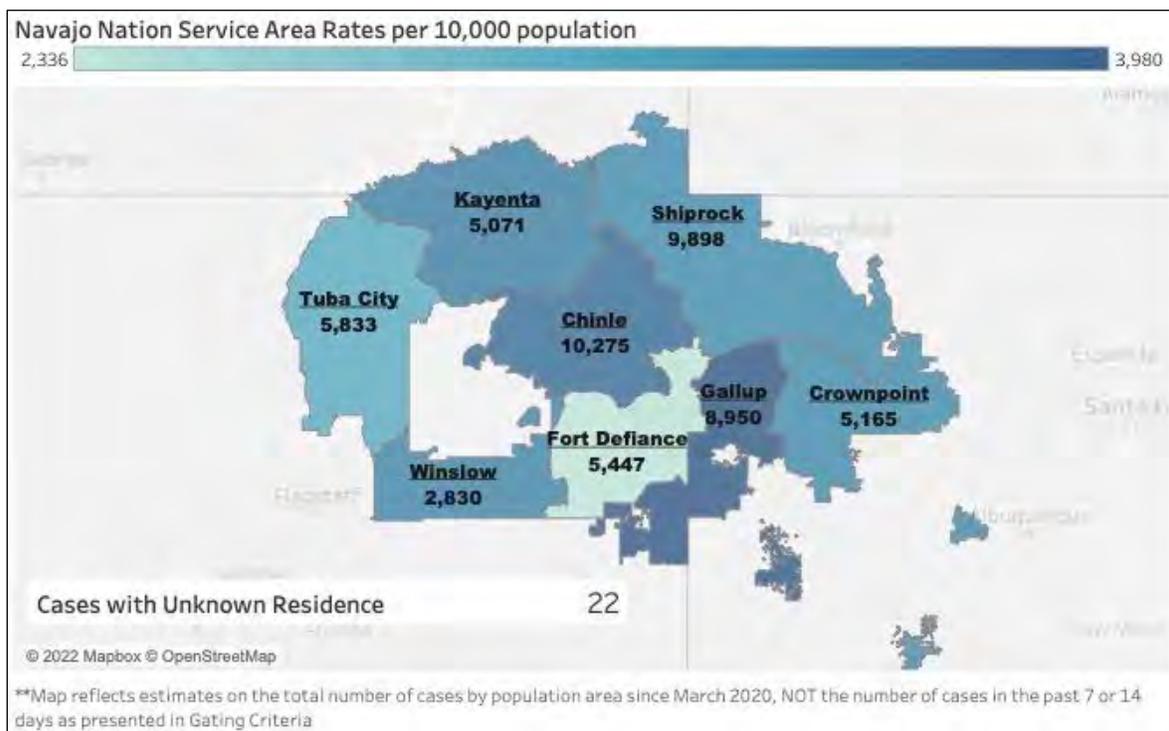


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**34 new cases, 51,586 recoveries, and no deaths related to COVID-19
over three-day period, 10 communities identified with uncontrolled spread**



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 34 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 30-May 1: 31 new cases, 0 deaths
- May 2: 3 new cases, 0 deaths

The total number of deaths remains 1,763. The report indicates that 51,586 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 520,377 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 53,491, including 30 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 10,275

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,165
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,447
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,950
- Kayenta Service Unit: 5,071
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,898
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,833
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,830

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

The Navajo Nation remains in “yellow status,” in accordance with Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-004 available online at: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. Based on cases from April 15 to April 28, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 10 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Chinle	Kayenta	Low Mountain	Shonto	Tonalea
Crownpoint	Leupp	Pinon	Teesto	Tuba City

“This week, we see a slight increase in the number of communities identified with uncontrolled spread of COVID-19. While it is concerning, we also know that our people know what they have to do to contain the virus by taking precautions. If you begin to experience symptoms related to COVID-19, it’s critical that you isolate yourself from others and get tested as quickly as possible. Please continue to wear a mask in public places and push back on the virus together,” 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.

“As leaders, we come together on a weekly basis to hold a prayer service for our people and that includes everyone who is dealing with the virus and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Together, we are stronger and we are able to get through the tough times. Please continue to take precautions and keep praying 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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Navajo Department of Health Health Advisory Notice (HAN) COVID-19 Community Advisory No. 76 —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 April 15–28, 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:

Chinle	Kayenta	Low Mountain	Shonto	Tonalea
Crownpoint	Leupp	Pinon	Teesto	Tuba City

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.

People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness <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	Might be at Increased Risk for Severe Illness <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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