

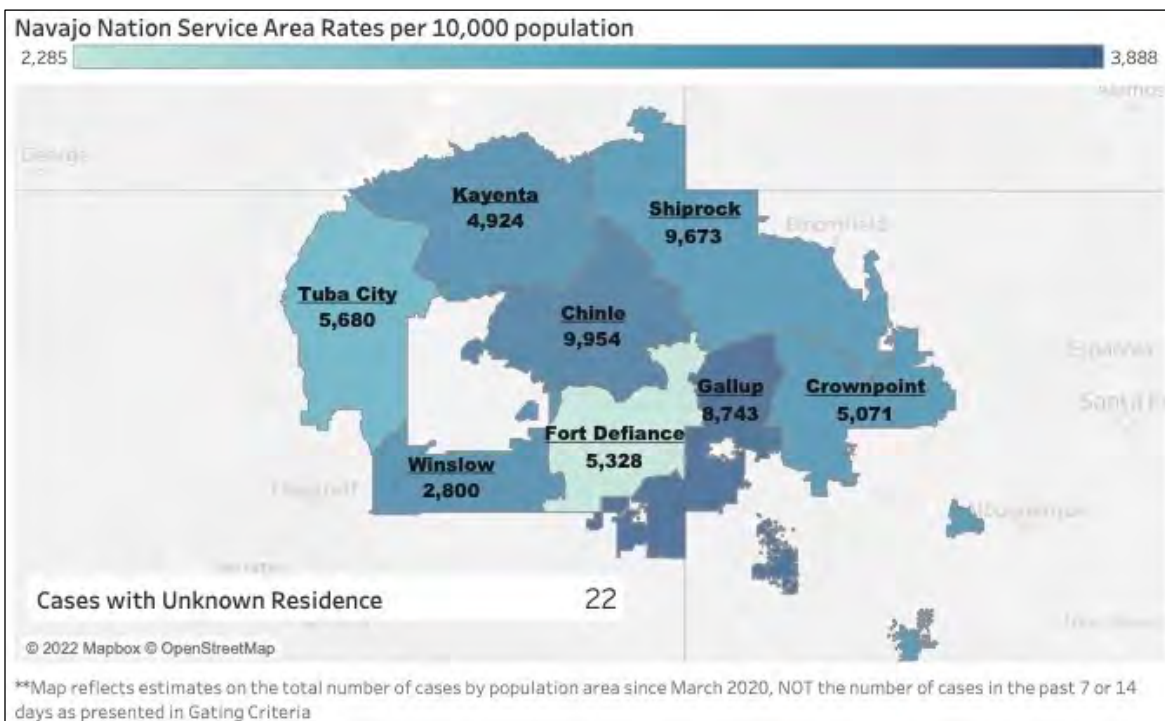


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**158 new cases, 50,098 recoveries, and three deaths related to COVID-19 over four-day period, 52 communities identified with uncontrolled spread**



**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 158 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and three deaths over the last four days. The Navajo Department of Health will now provide COVID-19 reports Monday through Friday only. Below are case numbers including the past weekend and Presidents’ Day.

- Feb. 19 to 21: 137 new cases
- Feb. 22: 21 new cases

The total number of deaths is now 1,644. The report indicates that 50,098 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 491,537 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 52,195, including 14 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 9,954

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,071
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,328
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,743
- Kayenta Service Unit: 4,924
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,673
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,680
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,800

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

On Tuesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,738 new cases and New Mexico reported 398 new cases. The state of Utah reported 2,068 new cases, which also include weekend case numbers. Based on cases from Feb. 4, 2022 to Feb. 17, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 52 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Aneth	Crystal	Nazlini	Round Rock	Tohatchi
Baca/Prewitt	Dennehotso	Newcomb	Sheepsprings	Torreón
Beclabito	Ganado	Pinedale	Shiprock	Tsaile/Wheatfields
Bread Springs	Kayenta	Pinon	Shonto	Tsayatoh
Casamero Lake	Low Mountain	Pueblo Pintado	Smith Lake	Tselani/Cottonwood
Chichiltah	Lukachukai	Ramah	Sweetwater	Tuba City
Chilchinbeto	Manuelito	Red Valley	Tachee/Blue Gap	Twin Lakes
Chinle	Many Farms	Rock Point	Teecnospos	Two Grey Hills
Churchrock	Nageezi	Rock Springs	Teesto	Upper Fruitland
Coyote Canyon	Nahodishgish	Rough Rock	Thoreau	Whippoorwill
Crownpoint	Naschitti			

“The mask mandate remains in effect in all public places for the Navajo Nation, and it does apply to all visitors as well. While some states are removing protocols that help to protect people from the spread of COVID-19, we are remaining diligent here on the Navajo Nation because we are still in the midst of a pandemic. The health and well-being of our people remains the top priority. Continue to wear masks, get vaccinated, and continue to adhere to the guidance of our public health experts,” 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.

“Through our prayers and practice of safety measures, we will emerge from this pandemic stronger than before. We are in this together and our frontline workers continue to fight for us each and every day. Please continue to pray, stay safe, and take precautions to keep yourselves and others safe and healthy,” 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. 66 —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 February 4-17, 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:

Aneth	Crystal	Nazlini	Round Rock	Tohatchi
Baca/Prewitt	Dennehotso	Newcomb	Sheepsprings	Torreon
Beclabito	Ganado	Pinedale	Shiprock	Tsaile/Wheatfields
Bread Springs	Kayenta	Pinon	Shonto	Tsayatoh
Casamero Lake	Low Mountain	Pueblo Pintado	Smith Lake	Tselani/Cottonwood
Chichiltah	Lukachukai	Ramah	Sweetwater	Tuba City
Chilchinbeto	Manuelito	Red Valley	Tachee/Blue Gap	Twin Lakes
Chinle	Many Farms	Rock Point	Teecnospos	Two Grey Hills
Churchrock	Nageezi	Rock Springs	Teesto	Upper Fruitland
Coyote Canyon	Nahodishgish	Rough Rock	Thoreau	Whippoorwill
Crownpoint	Naschitti			

***\*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.

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