



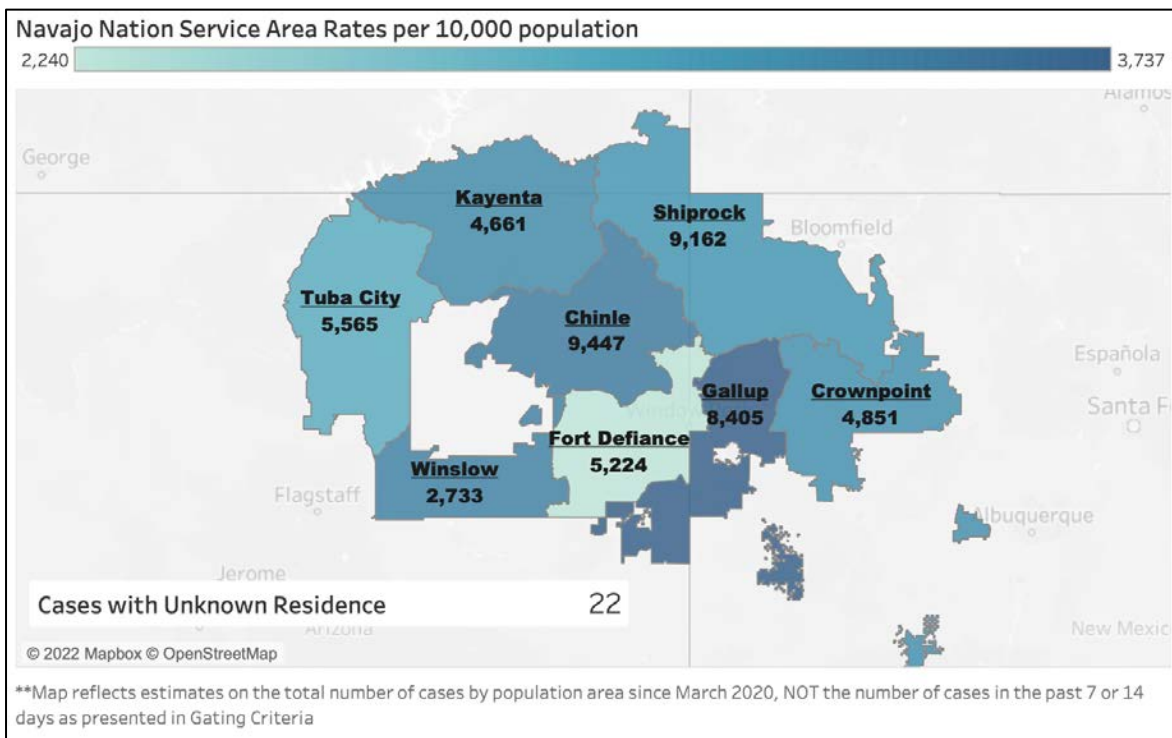
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118 new cases, 46,621 recoveries, and two deaths related to COVID-19



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 118 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two recent deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,618. The report indicates that 46,621 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 475,918 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 50,070, including 186 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 9,447
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 4,851
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,224
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,405

- Kayenta Service Unit: 4,661
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,162
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,565
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,733

* 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 7,567 new cases, the state of Utah reported 2,845 cases, and New Mexico reported 1,809 cases.

"Pfizer-BioTech will soon seek approval from the Food and Drug Administration of its COVID-19 vaccine for children six months to five years of age. If approval is granted, this will expand vaccine opportunities for more of our children to help keep them safe and healthy from this invisible monster that we call COVID-19. We are optimistic that the Omicron surge is beginning to plateau, but we have to remain diligent and keep taking extra precautions to reduce the spread of the virus. If you are feeling sick, please remain home and do not go into public places, but make a plan to get tested for COVID-19 as soon as you can. We all have to do our part to overcome this pandemic," 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.

"It is the first of the month and many elders are also receiving the CARES Act Hardship Assistance checks in the mail. We strongly encourage all of our people to speak with your elders and encourage them to stay local and buy local, but also to take extra precautions if they go into public places. Our health care experts encourage everyone to wear two masks in public due to the high level of transmissibility of the Omicron variant. Let's do our very best to protect our elders," 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.navajonnsn.gov/COVID-19>. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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