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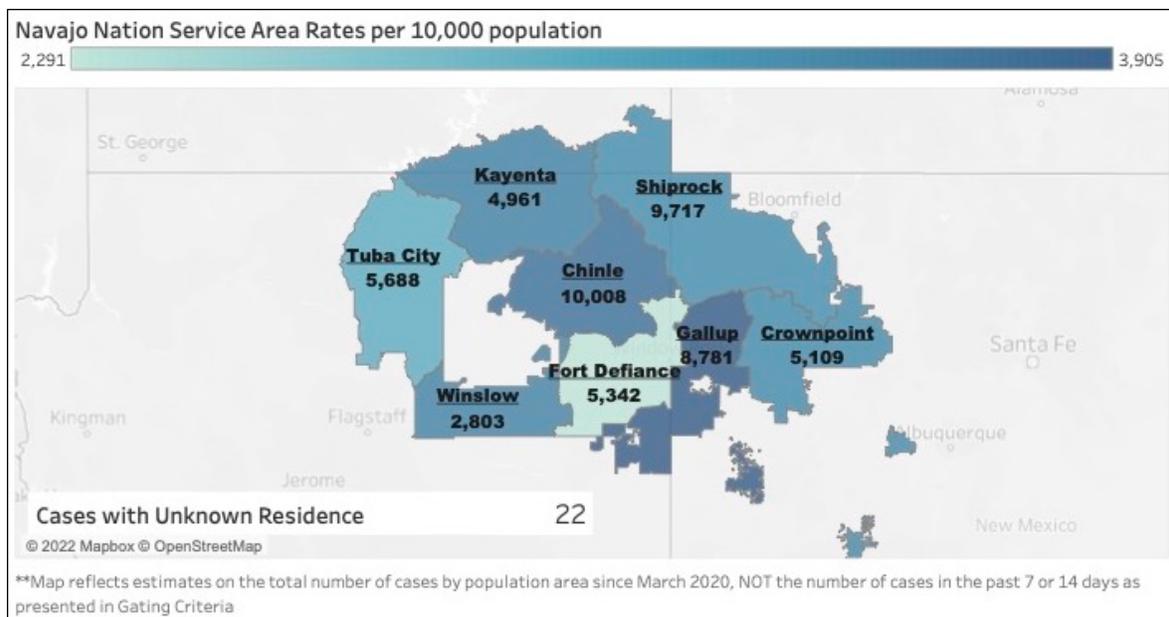
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**64 new cases, 50,502 recoveries, and one death related to COVID-19
over three-day period, 31 communities identified with uncontrolled spread**



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 64 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one death over the weekend and Monday. Below are case numbers including the past weekend and Monday:

- Feb. 26: 35 new cases
- Feb. 27-28: 29 new cases

The total number of deaths is now 1,648. The report indicates that 50,502 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 495,129 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 52,431, including 70 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 10,008
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,109
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,342
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,781

- Kayenta Service Unit: 4,961
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,717
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,688
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,803

* 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 680 new cases and Utah reported 896 new cases, which also include weekend case numbers. The state of Arizona now reports COVID-19 cases on a weekly basis, each Wednesday. Based on cases from Feb. 11, 2022 to Feb. 24, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following 31 communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Aneth	Coyote Canyon	Naschitti	Rough Rock	Thoreau
Baca/Prewitt	Crownpoint	Newcomb	Sheepsprings	Tohatchi
Bread Springs	Ganado	Pinon	Shiprock	Tsaile/Wheatfields
Casamero Lake	Kayenta	Pueblo Pintado	Smith Lake	Twin Lakes
Chilchinbeto	Low Mountain	Rock Point	Tachee/Blue Gap	Two Grey Hills
Chinle	Many Farms	Rock Springs	Teecnospos	Whippoorwill
Churchrock				

“The health and well-being of our Navajo people and frontline warriors remain our top priority. We are not out of this COVID-19 pandemic. We must remain diligent and continue to push back on this modern-day monster by getting more of our people fully vaccinated, continuing to wear masks in public places, and adhering to the guidance of our public health experts. We are in this together and we will get through this pandemic by supporting one another and uplifting our loved ones. Continue to pray for our people and all of our frontline warriors across the Navajo Nation,” 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 prayers continue to carry us forward through the adversity created by this pandemic. We appreciate all of the hard work of our frontline workers and first responders as they continue to save lives and protect our communities. Please continue to be safe and pray for our people and those putting themselves at risk on the frontlines each day,” 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. 67 —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 11-24, 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	Coyote Canyon	Naschitti	Rough Rock	Thoreau
Baca/Prewitt	Crownpoint	Newcomb	Sheepsprings	Tohatchi
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****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.

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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