



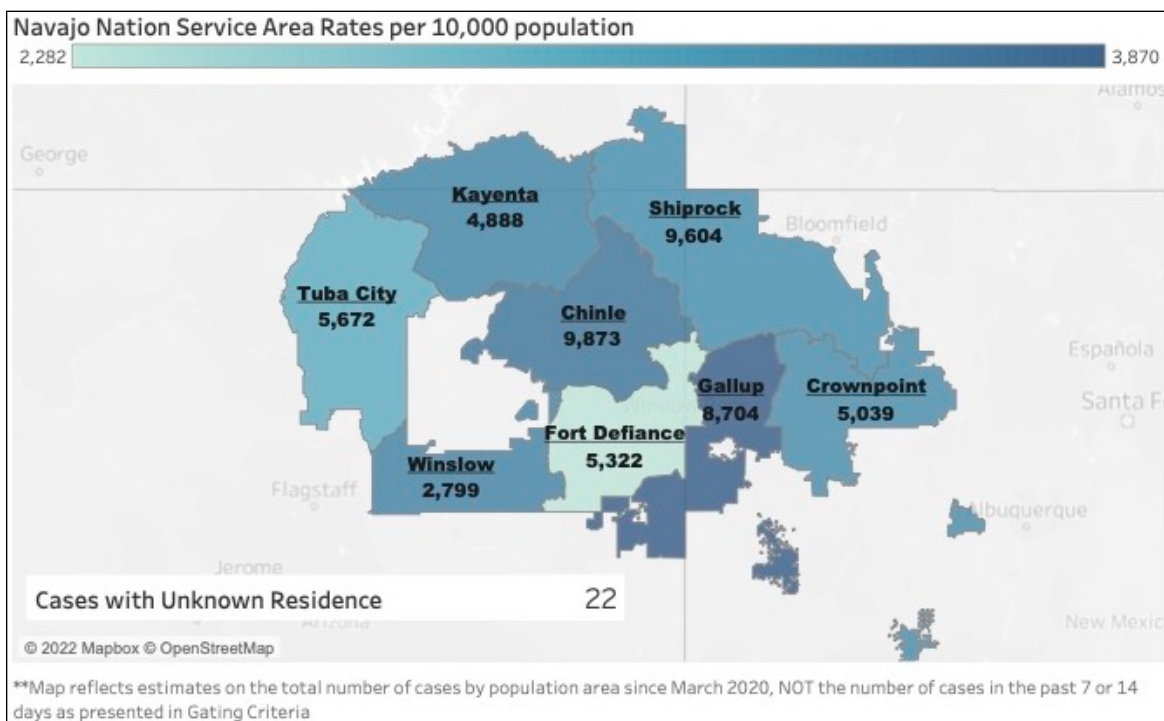
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70 new cases, 49,644 recoveries, and one death related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 70 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one death. The total number of deaths is now 1,637. The report indicates that 49,644 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 488,617 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 51,923, including eight delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 9,873
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,039
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,322
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,704
- Kayenta Service Unit: 4,888

- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,604
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,672
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,799

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

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,177 new cases, the state of Utah reported 1,392 new cases, and New Mexico reported 1,083 cases.

“The Navajo Department of Health is coordinating the distribution of KN95 masks with the Navajo Nation’s 110 chapters. Our administration worked with FEMA and the White House to secure additional masks for our people to help keep all of us safe through this pandemic. Masks are effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19, but we also urge our people to get fully vaccinated and that includes getting a booster shot. Please be very cautious in public places and please do not hold large family gatherings where people tend to let their guard down. We have to continue to push back on COVID-19 and continue reducing our numbers of new infections,” 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.

“Please take extra precautions in public places and continue to encourage your elders to protect themselves at all times. We are in this together and we will emerge from this pandemic stronger than before. Keep praying and keep taking the proper safety measures,” 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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