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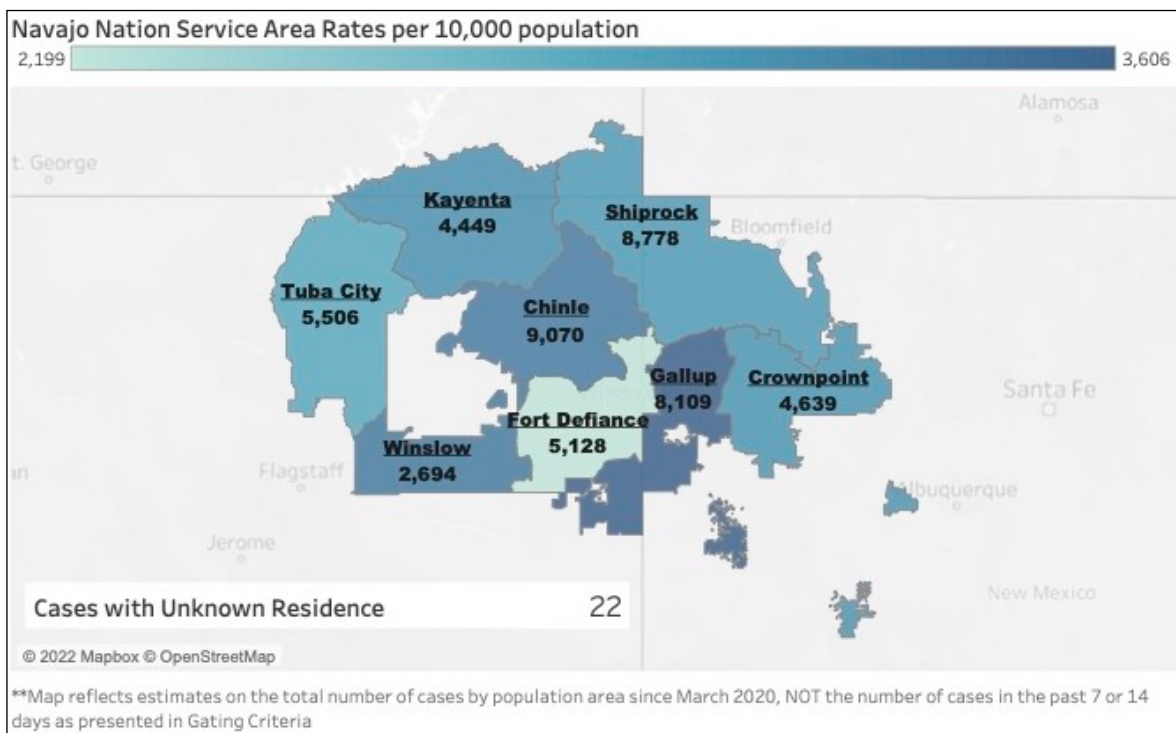
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88 new cases, 44,436 recoveries, and one death related to COVID-19



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 88 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and one death. The total number of deaths is now 1,608. The report indicates that 44,436 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 465,671 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 48,395, including 122 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 9,070
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 4,639
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,128
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,109

- Kayenta Service Unit: 4,449
- Shiprock Service Unit: 8,778
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,506
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,694

* 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 13,972 new cases, Utah reported 6,600 cases, and New Mexico reported 3,354 new cases. The Navajo Department of Health also reported that the Navajo Nation now has 318 identified cases of the Omicron variant based on sample sequencing.

“The Omicron variant has caused this large surge on the Navajo Nation, but the data tells us that the symptoms are less severe for those who are vaccinated and have a booster shot. We have a high percentage of our Navajo Nation residents who are vaccinated and that is helping to push back on the severity of COVID-19 infections. We have to stay the course, keep our guard up, and keep taking extra precautions in public and if we are near others. If you have symptoms such as a fever, sore throat, coughing, body aches, and others, please quarantine and make a plan to get tested for COVID-19. The safest place to be is at home during this surge, but if you have to go into public, please wear two masks,” 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.

“With 318 confirmed Omicron cases, we have to step up our efforts and be very cautious due to the variant’s high level of contagiousness. Our health care workers are fighting for all of us around the clock, so let’s fight for them by protecting ourselves and others to lessen the burden on our doctors, nurses, and all of our frontline workers. Be safe, keep praying, and be very cautious in public places,” 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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