



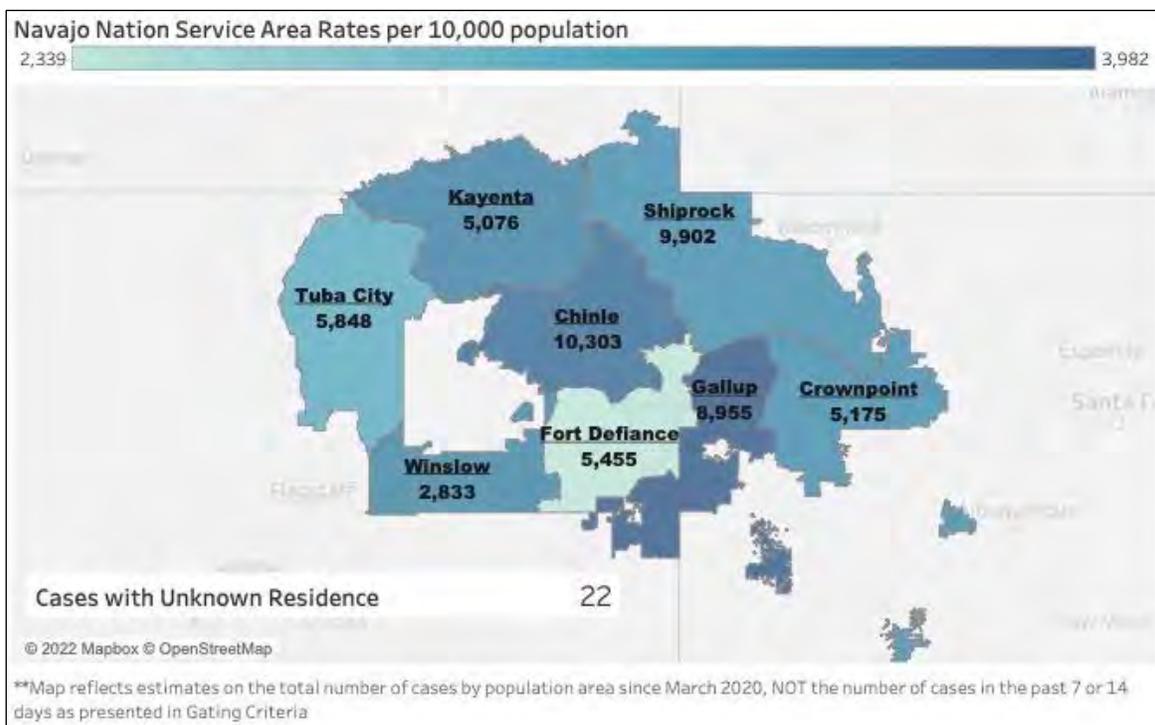
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**13 new cases, 51,719 recoveries, and two deaths related to COVID-19
over three-day period, 5 communities identified with uncontrolled spread**



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 13 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and two deaths over the weekend and Monday. Below are case numbers including the past weekend and Monday:

- May 7-8: 10 new cases, 2 deaths
- May 9: 3 new cases, 0 deaths

The total number of deaths is now 1,769. The report indicates that 51,719 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 523,222 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 53,569.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 10,303

- Crownpoint Service Unit: 5,175
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 5,455
- Gallup Service Unit: 8,955
- Kayenta Service Unit: 5,076
- Shiprock Service Unit: 9,902
- Tuba City Service Unit: 5,848
- Winslow Service Unit: 2,833

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

The Navajo Nation remains in “yellow status,” in accordance with Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-004 available online at: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19>. Based on cases from April 22 to May 5, 2022, the Navajo Department of Health issued a Health Advisory Notice for the following five communities due to uncontrolled spread of COVID-19:

Chinle Kaibeto Leupp Naschitti Pinon

“Stay strong and keep supporting one another. We are in this together and we must continue to encourage our loved ones to take precautions, even if they travel to cities and towns off of the Navajo Nation. We do not want to have another large surge in new COVID-19 cases, so please take precautions and continue to push back on the virus together,” 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.

“Keep praying for our people and frontline workers as we continue on in this pandemic. We are stronger when we work together and support one another. Please be safe and keep praying for our people and our communities,” 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. 77 —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 April 22 – May 5, 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:

Chinle Kaibeto Leupp Naschitti Pinon

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	Might be 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	<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

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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