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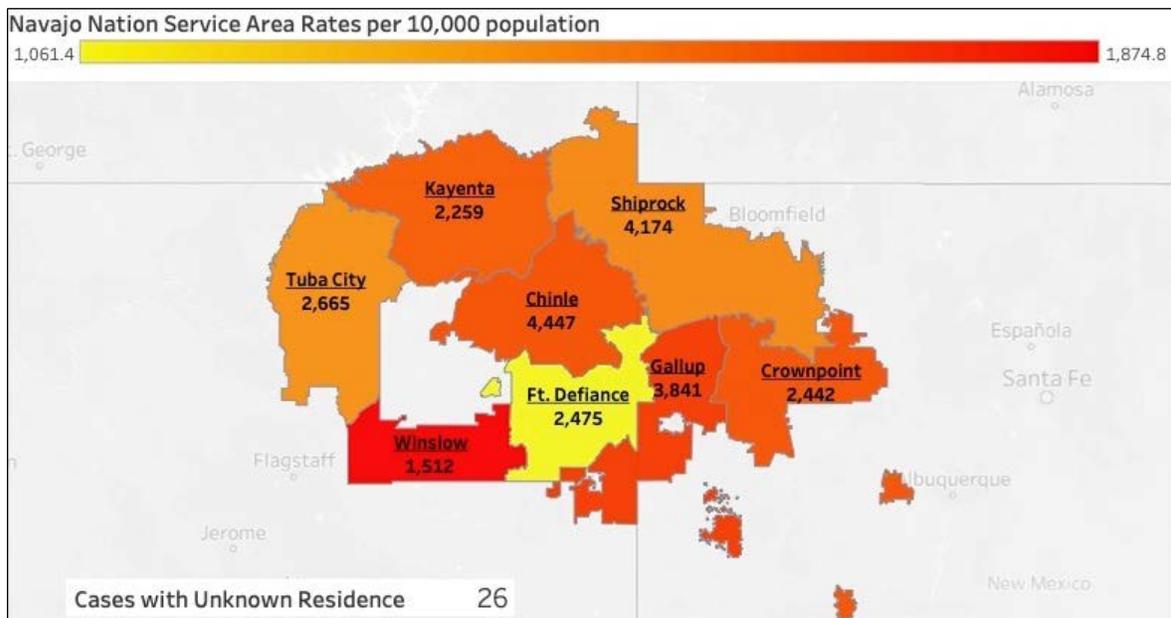
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110 new cases, 12,211 recoveries, and three more deaths related to COVID-19



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 110 new COVID-19 positive cases for the Navajo Nation and three more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 822 as of Monday. Reports indicate that 12,211 individuals have recovered from COVID-19, and 207,074 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 23,841, including three delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

- Chinle Service Unit: 4,447
- Crownpoint Service Unit: 2,442
- Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 2,475
- Gallup Service Unit: 3,841
- Kayenta Service Unit: 2,259
- Shiprock Service Unit: 4,174
- Tuba City Service Unit: 2,665
- Winslow Service Unit: 1,512

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

On Monday, the state of Arizona reported 5,158 new cases, Utah reported 2,160, and New Mexico reported 936 new cases.

“The safest place to be is at home here on the Navajo Nation. We continue to see a surge in new cases in areas near and around the Navajo Nation, so please take notice and stay home as much as possible to help reduce the risk of contracting the coronavirus. The holidays are behind us and I am hopeful that the daily number of new cases will not increase drastically, but we will have to see the data in the days to come. Please stay home as much as possible, wear a mask if you have to go into public, practice social distancing, avoid in-person gatherings, and wash your hands often with soap and warm water,” said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 10:00 a.m. (MST), the Nez-Lizer Administration will host an online town hall on the Nez-Lizer Facebook page and YouTube channel to provide additional information and updates regarding COVID-19. The updates will later be broadcasted on local radio stations.

“We have to remain steadfast in our approach to preventing COVID-19 from spreading further. A new strand of COVID-19 that is more transmissible has been detected in a few states, so we have to step up the precautionary measures that are recommended by the public health experts. Please remain diligent and pray for our Nation and health care workers,” said Vice President Myron Lizer.

COVID-19 testing schedules are available online at the Navajo Health Command Operations Center website: <https://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19/COVID-19-Testing>. 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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