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## In numbers: Tracking COVID-19 Across the Navajo Nation

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On Friday, Navajo Nation health officials reported 55 new COVID-19 cases for a total of 29,710.

Cases are beginning to plateau at a level seen at the start of the fall/winter surge in late October.

Four new deaths were announced Friday, raising the total to 1,165 lives lost to the virus. At least 16,057 people on the Navajo Nation have recovered.

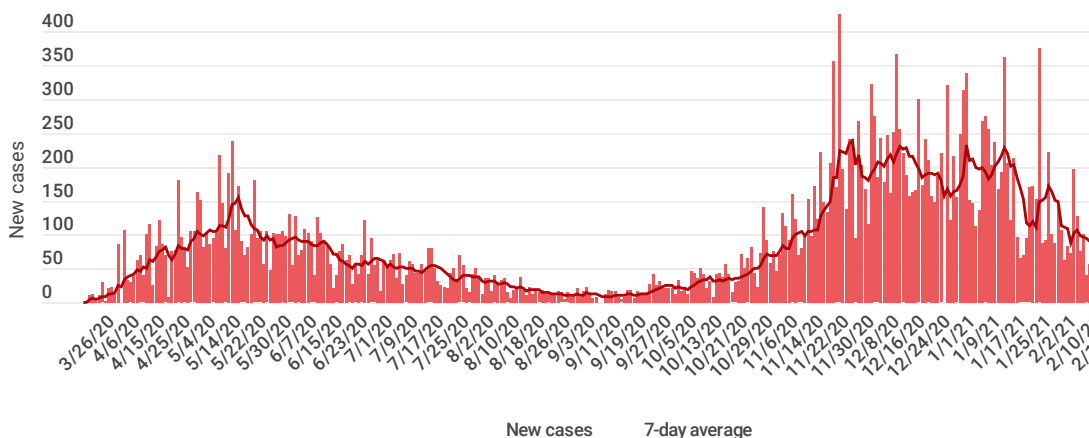
More than two-thirds of the people on the Navajo Nation has received at least one dose of the vaccine, or 69.6 percent of the population as of Feb. 23. Another 23.0 percent are fully vaccinated, according to the Navajo Nation Department of Health. So, far, at least 120,835 people have received at least one dose, exceeding Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez's goal of 100,000 vaccinations by the end of February.

Caution is still warranted: Highly contagious variants of the virus continue to spread, and their impact on the fight against COVID-19 remains uncertain. Health experts recommend continued vigilance in wearing masks, social distancing, and hand-washing. Double-masking also is recommended, as worries over new variants of the virus emerge.

A nightly curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. is in effect indefinitely. The Navajo Nation is closed to visitors.



## New reported cases by day on Navajo Nation



New cases of coronavirus each day on the Navajo, Hopi and Zuni reservations. Data gathered from Indian Health Service facilities.

\* Dec. 25 data not reported.

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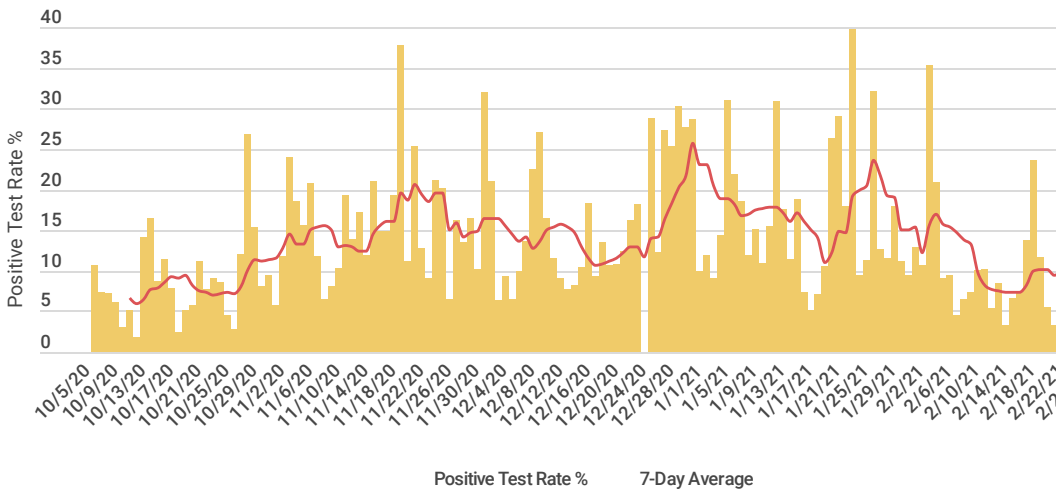
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The estimated percentage of people who tested positive was 18.5 percent on Friday. But that number may be unreliable, as the Navajo Nation President's Office did not report any tests on Sunday, even though testing sites were open. The office has not responded to an e-mailed request for clarification. The 7-day average positive test rate was estimated at 11.8 percent. Testing on the Nation has decreased to one-third its level in mid-December, according to an analysis of daily test data. This means that more cases of the virus may be undetected.

The World Health Organization recommends a 7-day average positive test rate of less than 10 percent for two weeks in a row. Localities that have a test rate of 3 percent or less are most successful in containing COVID-19, according to the WHO.

Positive test rate by day on Navajo Nation



Positive Test Rate %      7-Day Average

\* No data for Dec. 25 and limited data for New Year's holidays. Officials say Dec. 26 reflects Dec. 25 and 26. Backlogged data from holidays and lack of reporting may blur data over Christmas and New Year's.

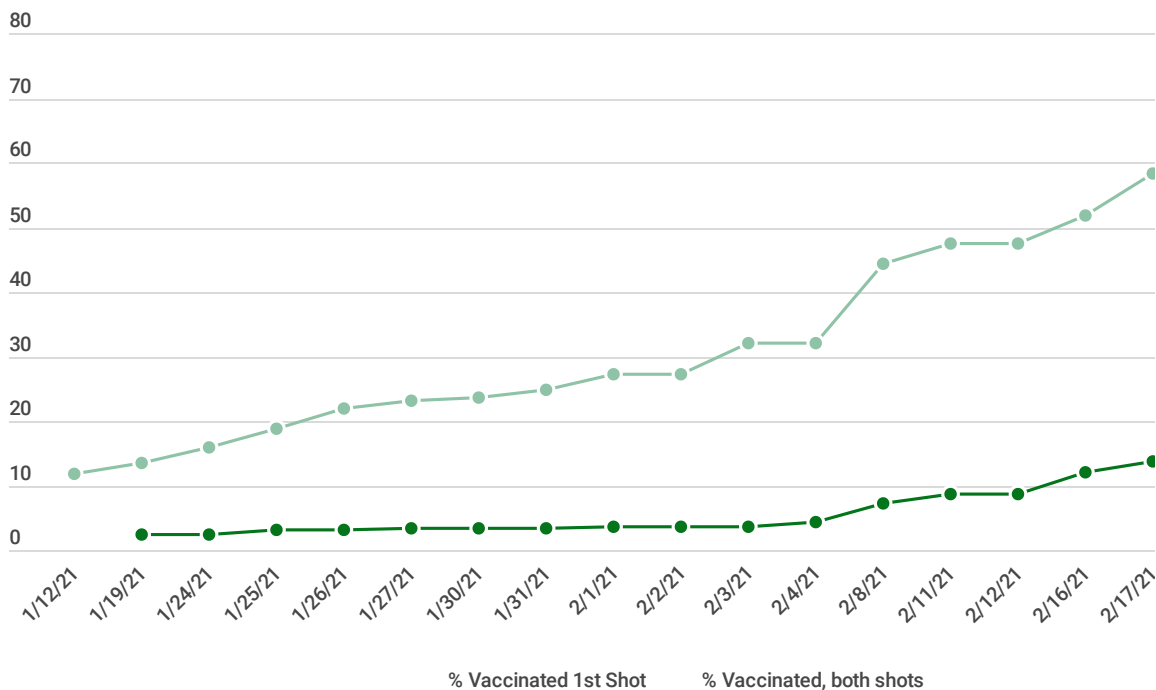
\* Reporting anomaly: The Navajo Nation President's Office reported no new tests on Feb. 21, and has not responded to requests for more data.

\* No tests were conducted on Jan. 17, according to the Navajo Nation president's office.

\*\* The World Health Organization recommends a positive test rate less than 10%. Localities most successful in containing COVID-19 have rates of 3% or less.

# Navajo Nation Vaccinations

Percentage of people living on the Navajo Nation who have received vaccinations for COVID-19.



Source: Navajo Nation Department of Health.

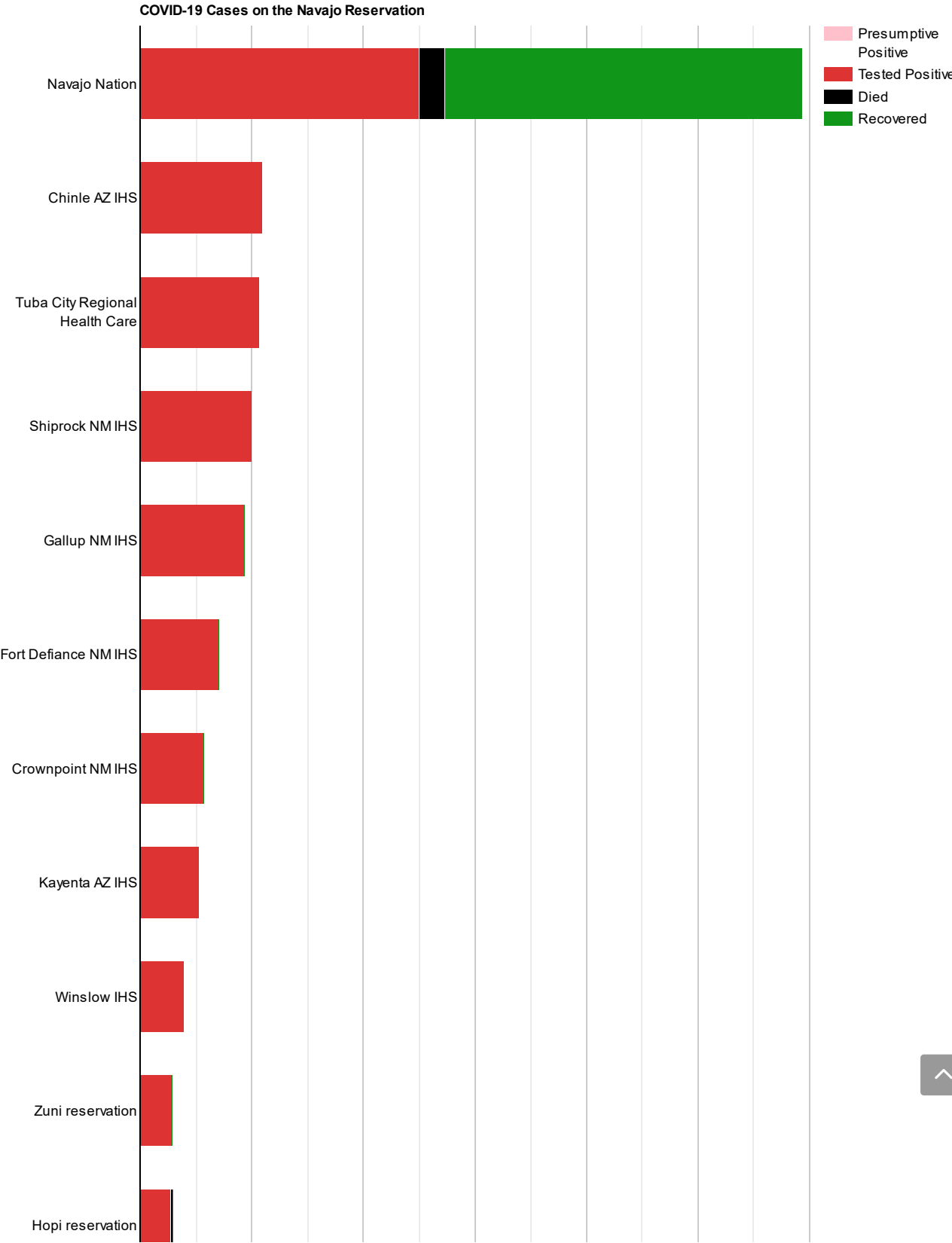
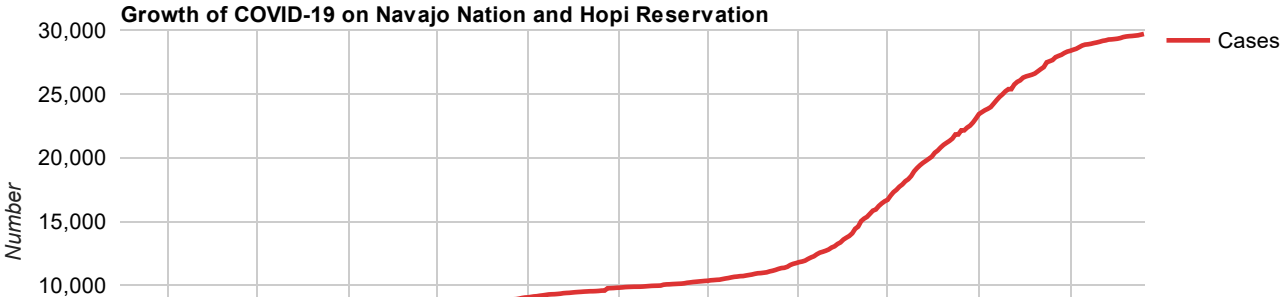
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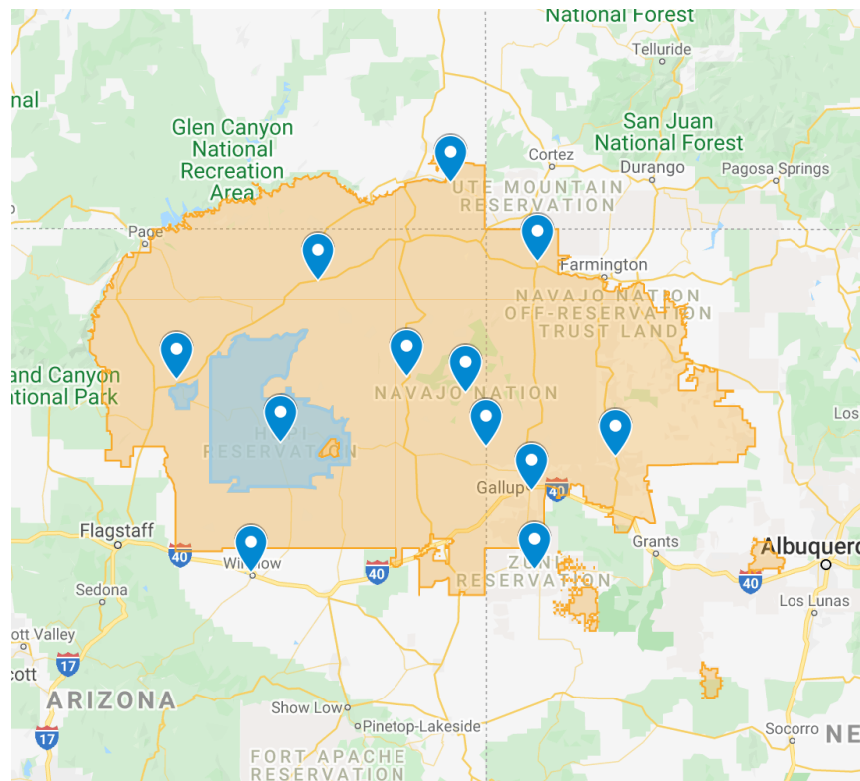
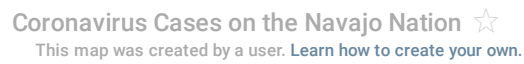
At Hopi, the total is now 1,369. The Hopi radio station reported on its Facebook page that at least 120 people have died since the pandemic began last year. A lockdown on Hopi has been extended to March 1.

























The following charts and maps show the extent and location of the coronavirus on and near the Navajo Nation. Hover over, tap or click the map markers and graph for expanded information.

(Last updated Feb. 27, 2021 at 8:07 a.m. MST.)







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| <b>McKinley County, New Mexico</b><br>OVERALL COVID RISK <b>High</b>   | <b>San Juan County, New Mexico</b><br>OVERALL COVID RISK <b>High</b>   |
| DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K <b>16.6</b>  <b>High</b>   | DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K <b>12.9</b>  <b>High</b>       |
| INFECTION RATE <b>0.72</b>  <b>Low</b>              | INFECTION RATE <b>0.77</b>  <b>Low</b>                  |
| POSITIVE TEST RATE <b>6.1%</b>  <b>Medium</b>       | POSITIVE TEST RATE <b>2.6%</b>  <b>Low</b>              |
| ICU CAPACITY USED  <b>Unknown</b>                   | ICU CAPACITY USED <b>98%</b>  <b>Critical</b>           |
| VACCINATED (1ST SHOT)  | VACCINATED (1ST SHOT)  |
| <b>CovidActNow.org</b> Last Updated 2/27/2021  | <b>CovidActNow.org</b> Last Updated 2/27/2021  |
| <b>San Juan County, Utah</b><br>OVERALL COVID RISK <b>High</b>   | <b>Apache County, Arizona</b><br>OVERALL COVID RISK <b>Critical</b>  |
| DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K <b>19.6</b>  <b>High</b>   | DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K <b>40.7</b>  <b>Critical</b>   |
| INFECTION RATE <b>1.00</b>  <b>Medium</b>           | INFECTION RATE <b>0.92</b>  <b>Medium</b>               |
| POSITIVE TEST RATE <b>4.7%</b>  <b>Medium</b>       | POSITIVE TEST RATE <b>7.2%</b>  <b>Medium</b>           |
| ICU CAPACITY USED  <b>Unknown</b>                 | ICU CAPACITY USED  <b>Unknown</b>                     |
| VACCINATED (1ST SHOT)  | VACCINATED (1ST SHOT)  |
| <b>CovidActNow.org</b> Last Updated 2/27/2021  | <b>CovidActNow.org</b> Last Updated 2/27/2021  |
| <b>Navajo County, Arizona</b><br>OVERALL COVID RISK <b>High</b>  | <b>Coconino County, Arizona</b><br>OVERALL COVID RISK <b>Critical</b>  |
| DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K <b>23.1</b>  <b>High</b> | DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K <b>29.9</b>  <b>Critical</b> |
| INFECTION RATE <b>0.76</b>  <b>Low</b>            | INFECTION RATE <b>0.93</b>  <b>Medium</b>             |
| POSITIVE TEST RATE <b>6.1%</b>  <b>Medium</b>     | POSITIVE TEST RATE <b>5.1%</b>  <b>Medium</b>         |
| ICU CAPACITY USED <b>80%</b>  <b>Medium</b>       | ICU CAPACITY USED <b>91%</b>  <b>Critical</b>         |
| VACCINATED (1ST SHOT)  | VACCINATED (1ST SHOT)  |
| <b>CovidActNow.org</b> Last Updated 2/27/2021  | <b>CovidActNow.org</b> Last Updated 2/27/2021  |

*NOTE: Navajo Nation officials have been reconciling discrepancies for July and August data. At the end of August, in a press release, the president's office added 165 cases that occurred between*

April 6 and Aug. 12. Then, on Sept. 8, they added 2 more cases for July. Health officials also added 16 more deaths to the overall tally at the beginning of September. According to a news release, the deaths occurred between May and August. Officials blamed several states for delayed results. On Sept. 16, officials added 49 previously unreported cases in New Mexico.

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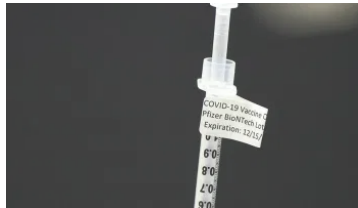
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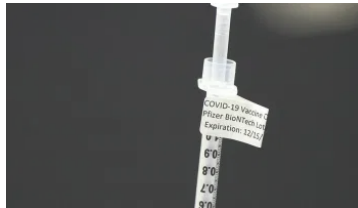


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