

Update on COVID-19 Responses on Tribal Lands: Navajo Nation

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Presenting to:

State of New Mexico Indian Affairs Committee

State of New Mexico Health and Human Services Committee



Public Health Emergency Response

- CEM-20-03-11, issued on March 11, 2021
- Commission on Emergency Management
- Declaring a Public Health State of Emergency of the Navajo Nation Due to the Confirmation of the COVID-19 in Regional Areas Surround the Navajo Nation
- Navajo Department of Health Command Operations Center has been established to respond to the emergency
- Unified Command Group

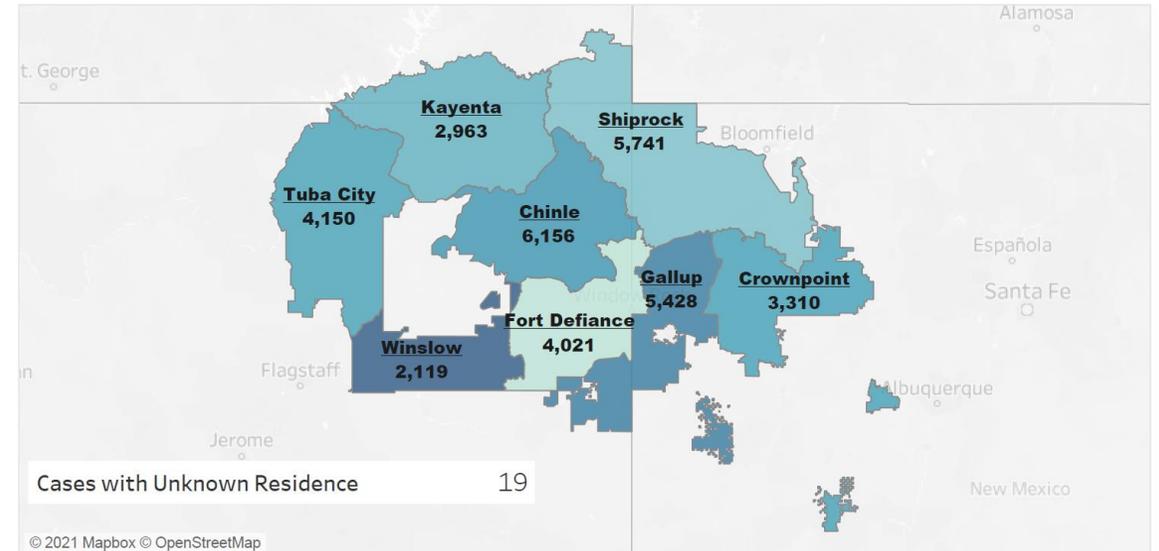


Navajo Healthcare System

- Tribal Health Organizations
 - 4 AZ Self Determination Contractors
 - 3 AZ Self Governance Compactors
 - 3 NM Navajo Chapters
- Federal Health
 - 5 Federal Service Unit
- Urban Indian Health
 - 1 Urban Health Center

Navajo Nation Service Area Rates per 10,000 population

1,724.4  2,627.4



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**Map reflects estimates on the total number of cases by population area since March 2020, NOT the number of cases in the past 7 or 14 days as presented in Gating Criteria



Navajo Nation COVID-19 Cases & Deaths



Situation Report #566

Navajo Department of Health



TO: Navajo Department of Health – Health Command Operations Center
 FROM: Situational Awareness by Navajo Epidemiology Center
 DATE: 9/29/2021
 SUBJECT: Dikos Ntsaaígíí-19 (COVID-19) Cases - Situation Report #566

Navajo Nation Residents

Total Confirmed Cases ¹	Total Tests Completed ²	Total Recovered ³	Total Confirmed Deaths ⁴	Total Negative Tests
33,907	337,351	32,116	1,447	277,271
New Cases: 67			New Death(s) Reported: 5	
Cases due to delayed reporting or reconciliation: 0			Delayed Death(s) Reported: 0	

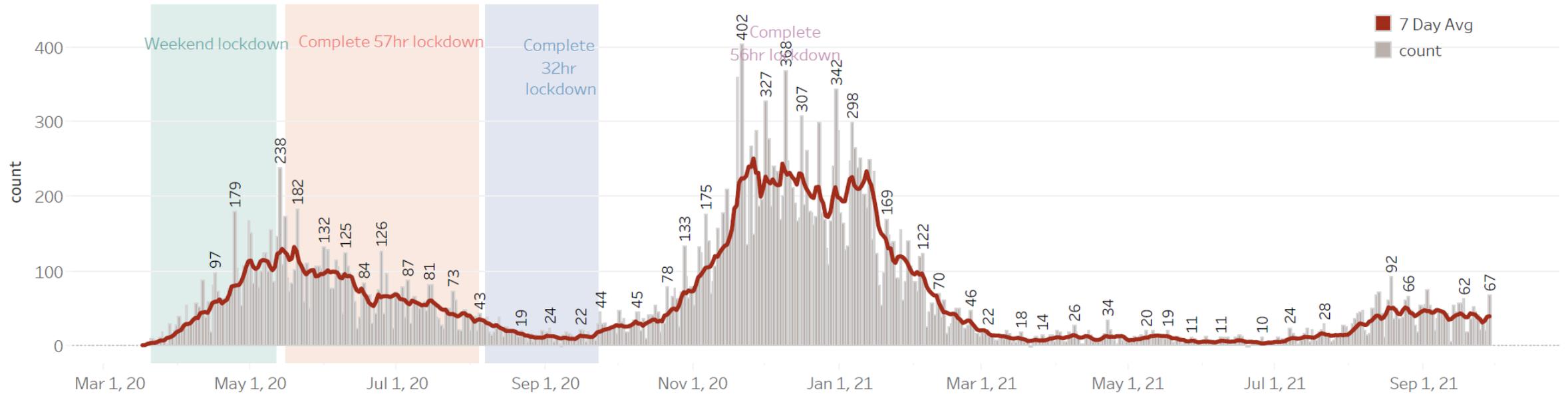
Service Area Confirmed Cases

Bordertown	Chinle	Crownpoint	Fort Defiance	Gallup	Kayenta	Shiprock	Tuba City	Winslow
10,364	6,156	3,310	4,021	5,428	2,963	5,741	4,150	2,119



First Case March 2020

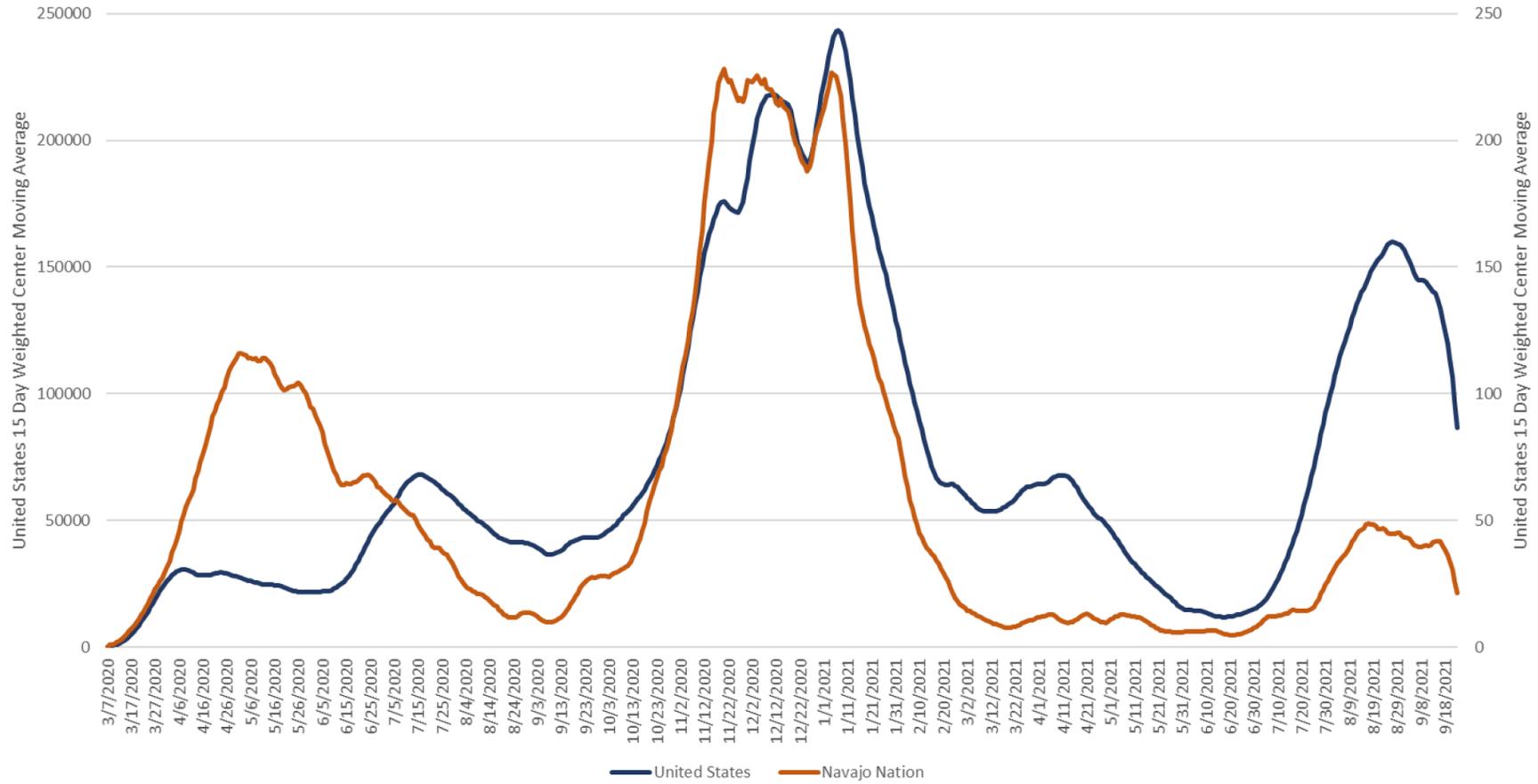
Daily Confirmed Cases on Navajo Nation in All

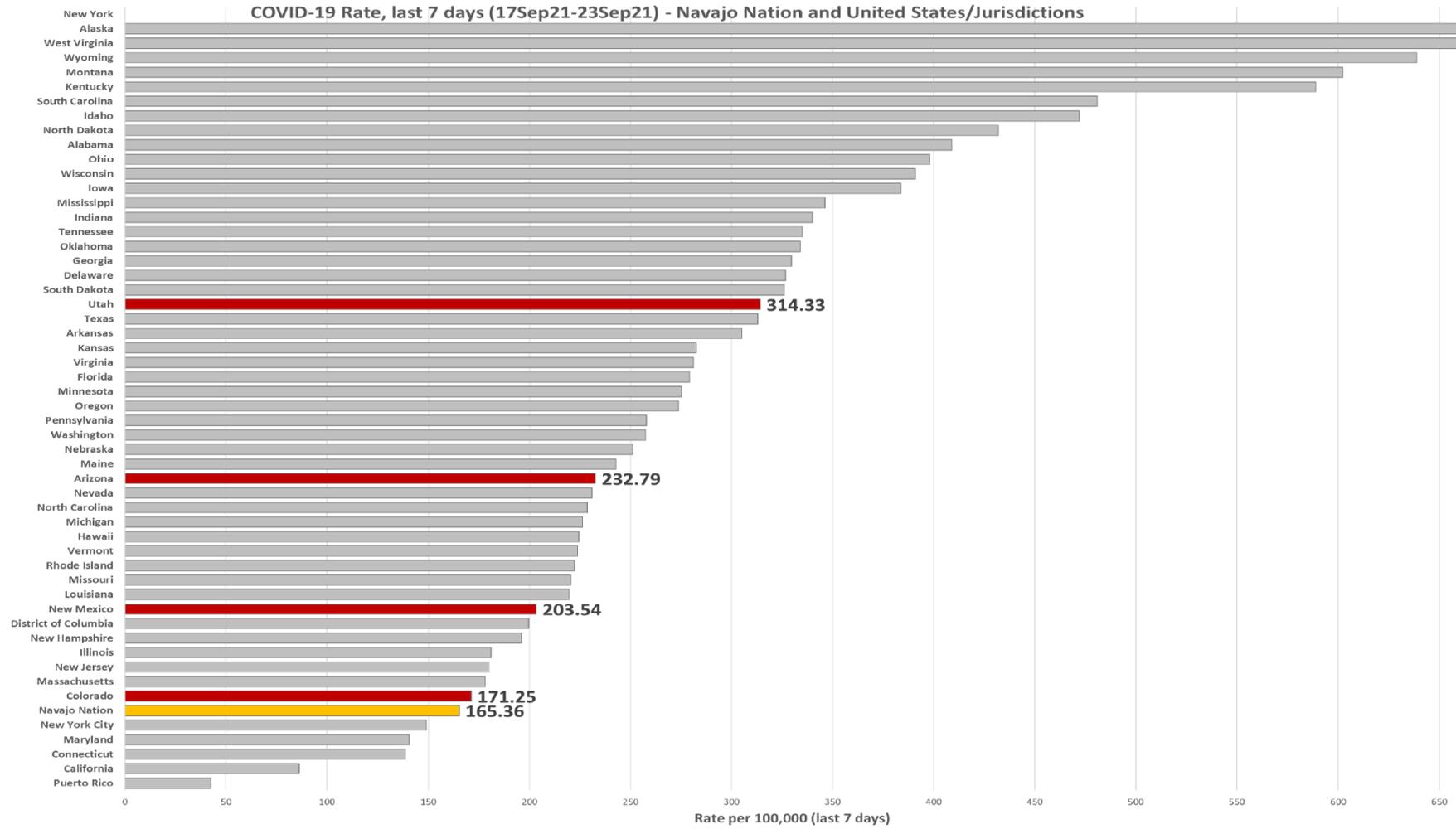


- First case was identified on the Nation – March 2020

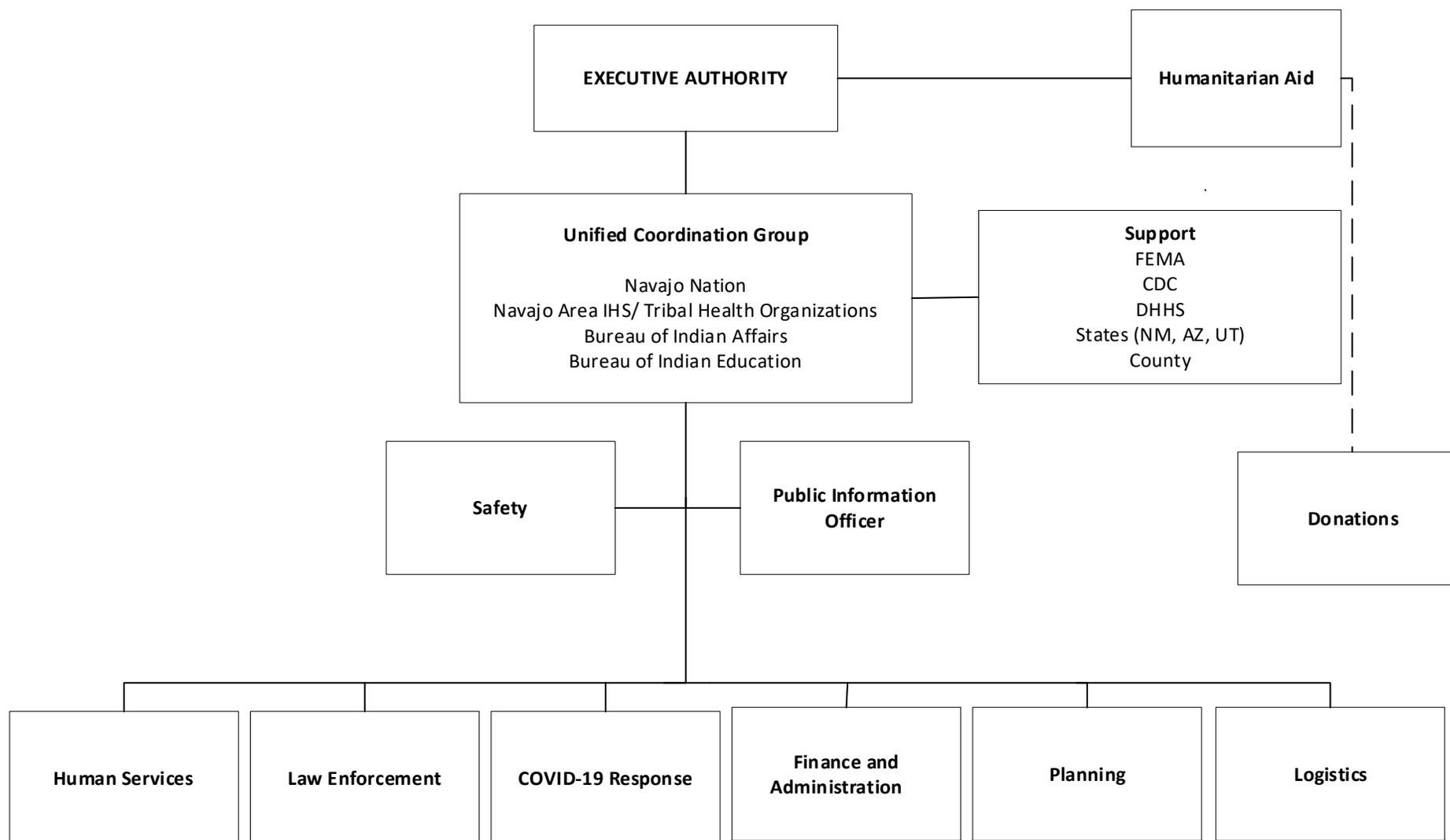


Comparing US COVID-19 Case Trends to NN COVID-19 Case Trends





Public Health Response



COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Orders

2020: 32 issued

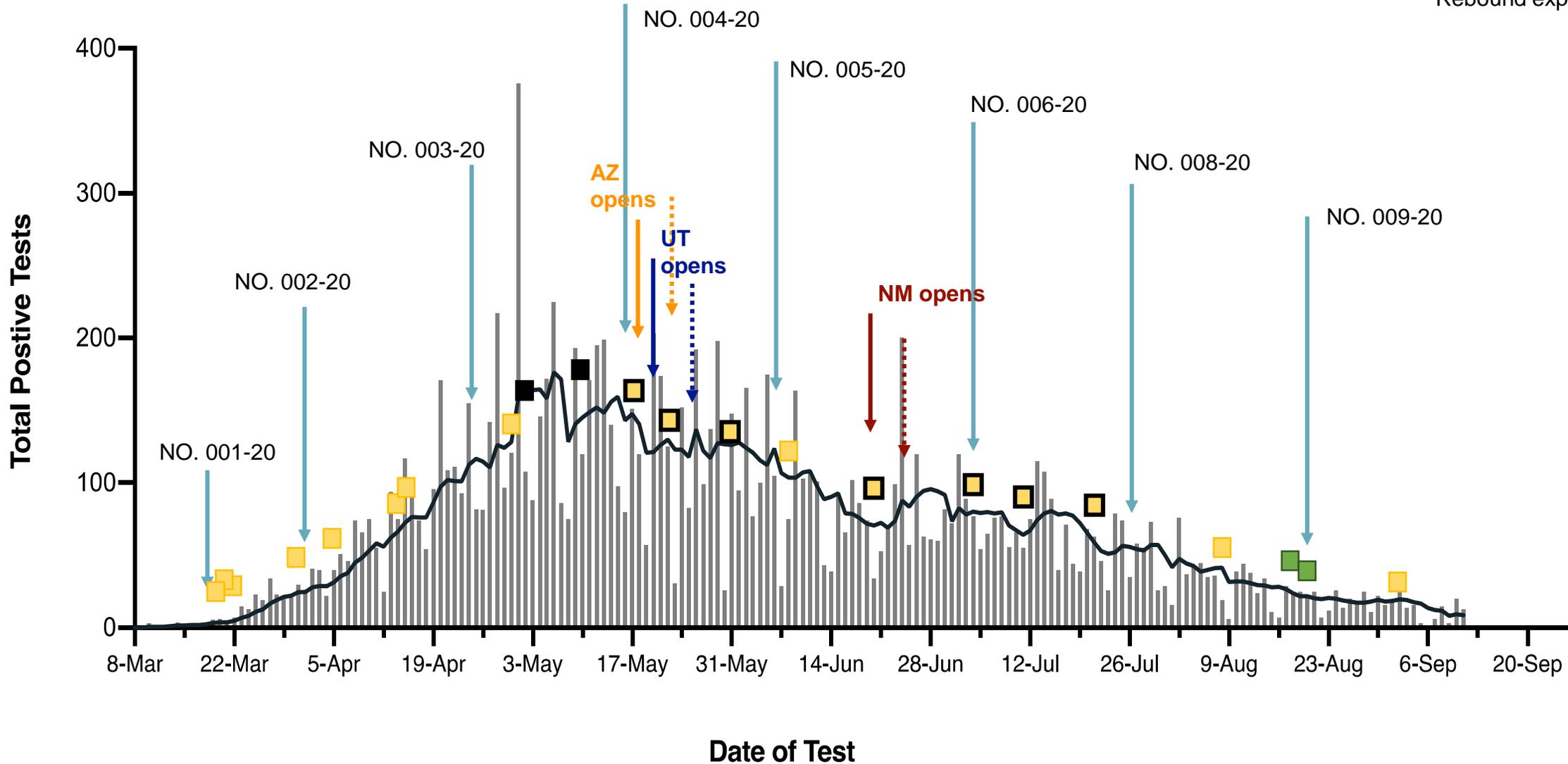
2021: 10 issued



First Wave

- NN Executive Orders
- NN Dept of Health Public Health Orders (PHOs)
- Complete weekend lock-down PHOs
- Gallup full lockdown start and stop
- Executive orders that begin to lift some restrictions

- AZ reopens
- - - → Rebound expected
- NM reopens
- - - → Rebound expected
- UT reopens
- - - → Rebound expected





NAVAJO NATION

COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization

Phase 1A

Health Care
Personnel

Long-Term
Care Facilities

Phase 1B

High Risk
Patients

Older Patients:
65+ Years Old

Adults in
Congregate Setting

Frontline
Essential Workers

First
Responders

Spiritual
Leaders

Essential Infrastructure

*Public Works, Construction, Water, Gas, Electrical, Roads,
Public Transportation, Solid Waste, Telecommunications*

Essential Businesses

*Healthcare, Government, Schools, Grocery stores, Food
banks, Convenience stores, Hardware Stores*

Phase 1C

Other
Essential Workers

The General
Population



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Mitigation Strategies

Community Mitigation Teams

Unified Command Group



It takes a village!

Who is involved?

- Public health
- Clinical
- Law enforcement
- Community
- Tribal leadership
- Volunteers

What is being done?

- Businesses operations
- Reporting exposures
- Schools
- Gatherings
- Protecting self and others!



STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 DIKOS NTSAAÍGÍÍ-19 NAALNIIH ÁDOOLDIÍŁ



WEAR A FACE MASK

Anii' bik'fsti'í
bee naniná



**MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF
PHYSICAL DISTANCE**

Hastáá adéés'eez
nihita' nahaz'áągo
ádeenósín



**WASH HANDS
WITH SOAP AND
WATER FOR
20 SECONDS**

Ná'oolkií tsi'łgo
yikósígíí naadiin
dah alzhinji' tó dóó
táláwosh bee níhí la'
tánínádaogis



**CLEAN AND
DISINFECT
HIGH-TOUCH
SURFACES**

T'áá' aháąh
bída'dinihgóó bee'
iilgáhi da bee t'áá'
aháąh nídaoht'ó'



@navajodephealth
#DineDabiziił

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The safest place is at home

#StoptheSpread

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Thank You!

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