

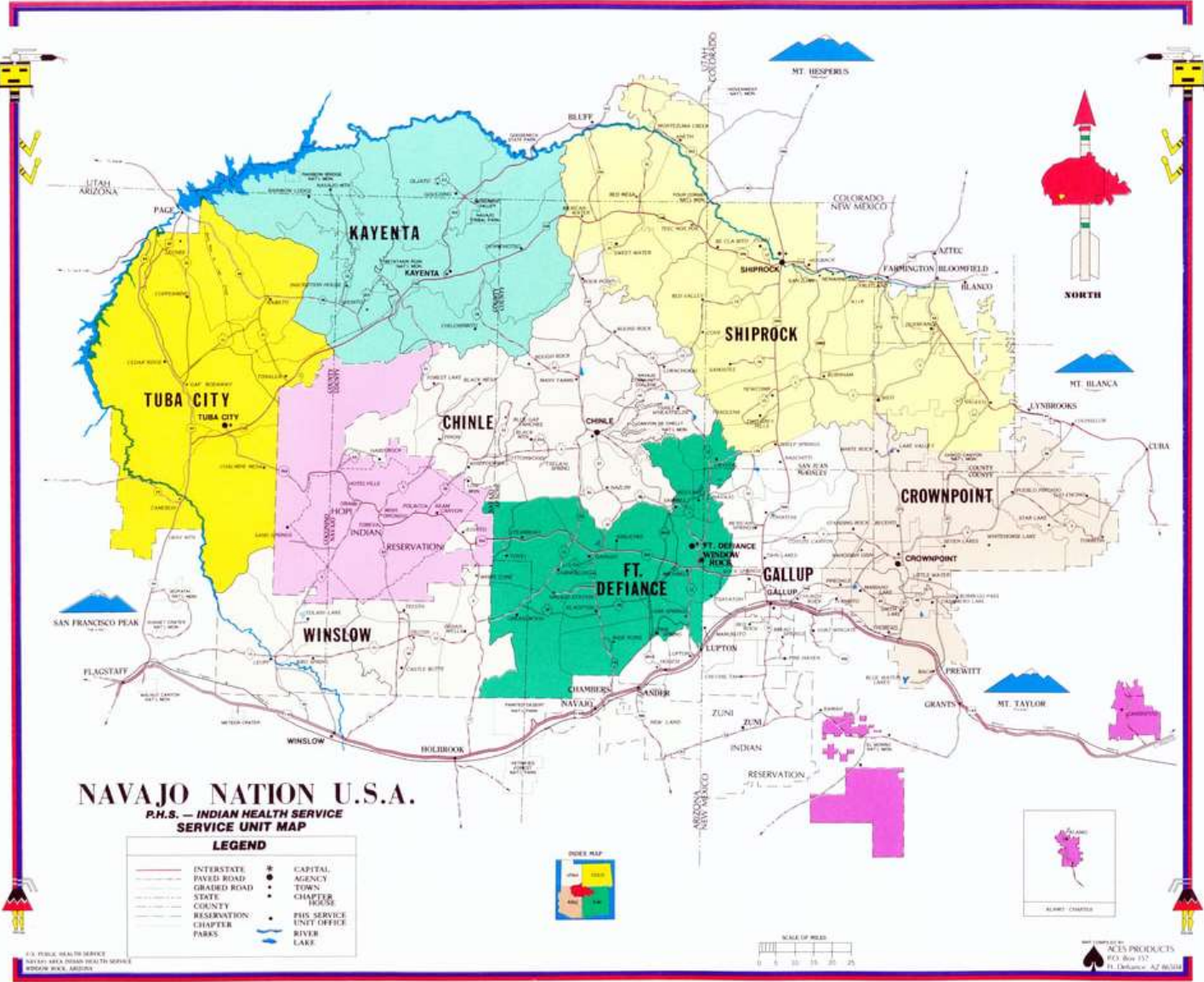
The Navajo Nation Department of Health Public Health Emergency Preparedness

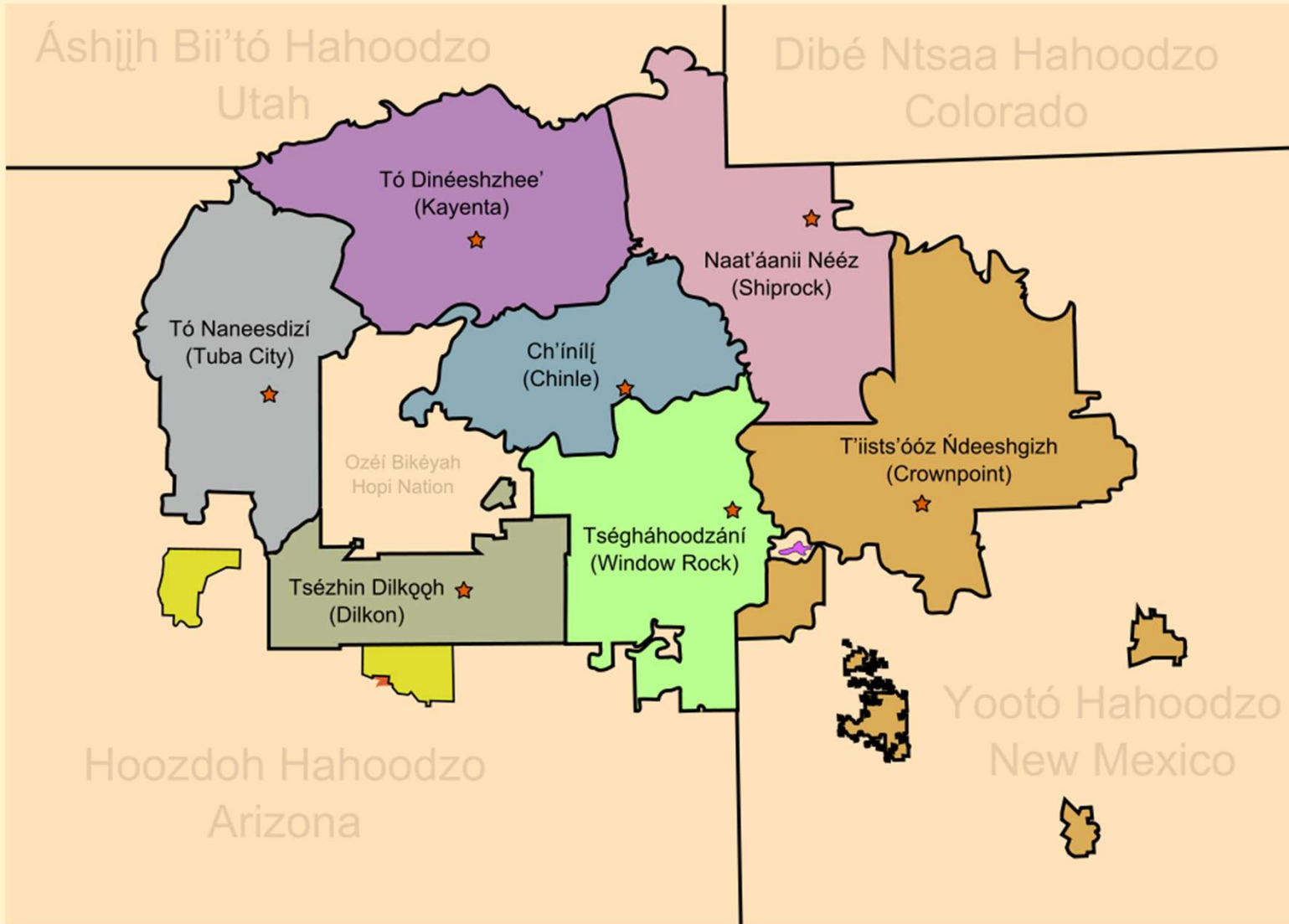
Our mission: To support and strengthen the Navajo Nation's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from public health threats and emergencies to save lives.



Who we are

- The Navajo Nation is the largest federally recognized tribe in the US and according 2010 census count, the number is well over 300,000 residing on 27,000 square miles of land extended into Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.
- The tribal land spans across three (3) states and thirteen (13) counties.
- The Navajo Nation is sectioned into five (5) agency grids established by federal agencies in the early 1900s. Today, it is also sub-divided into 110 chapter communities.





Our Culture

The Navajo tribe is the second largest Native American population in the United States.

We are widely known as the Navajo people but we refer to ourselves as Diné (the people).

Diné language is still spoken fluently, largely by the older generation.

There is a system of clans which defines relationships between individuals and families.

Diné spiritual practice is about restoring balance and harmony to a person's life to produce health and is based on the ideas of Hózhóójí.

Based on our oral culture and beliefs, Holy People put four sacred mountains in four different directions protecting their homeland. Our culture acknowledges four directions, four seasons, four clans and four colors that are associated with the four sacred mountains.



MAKE A PLAN

CHOOSE 1-2 FAMILY MEMBERS
TO CARE FOR MASANÍ & CHEÍ

KEEP THEIR FOOD AND MEDICATION
STOCKED FOR TWO WEEKS

ENCOURAGE FAMILY TO
KEEP IN TOUCH VIA PHONE
OR VIDEO CHAT

LIMIT THE NUMBER OF
VISITORS

**#PROTECT
OUR
ELDERS**

HELP MASANÍ AND
CHEÍ STAY HOME
AND STAY SAFE.



álehíni hózhóóji bá nahat'á

Medical and Public Health Overview

- 22 Navajo Nation Clinics
- 638 Facilities – 3 hospitals with associated clinics
- IHS Facilities – 5 hospitals with associated IHS clinics
- VA Community Based - 4 Community Based Outpatient Clinics

Hospitals and Clinics on the Navajo Nation

Navajo Area Indian Health Service (IHS)

Hospitals

- The Navajo Area Indian Health Service (IHS) maintains 5 hospitals in "service units": Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Crownpoint Health Care Facility, Gallup Indian Medical Center, and Northern Navajo Medical Center (Shiprock, NM), totaling 222 hospital beds; and the Kayenta Health Center in Kayenta, AZ, an Alternative Rural Hospital with 10 short stay nursing beds and ambulatory surgery.

Clinics

- IHS has 7 full-time health centers and 5 part-time health stations providing outpatient, community health, preventive health, and other services.

Nearby Off-Reservation

- IHS maintains an urban health program and facility in Flagstaff, Arizona near the Tuba City (Western Navajo) Agency.

Chinle

IHS Facility

- ED Nurse – 4
- Critical Care Nurse – 6

Alternate Care Site (per ten patients)

- RN – 2
- LPN – 6
- Midlevel provider (NP/PA) – 2 (one on call for night shift)
- Paramedic – 1
- Social Worker – 2
- Therapist (PT/OT) – 2
- Pharmacist – 2 (one on call for night shift)
- Safety Officer – 2
- Medical Operations – 2
- ICS Logistics Chief - 2

Kayenta

IHS Facility

- Physician Internal Medicine - 2
- Physician Family Medicine - 2
- Physician Critical Care - 2
- Midelevel PA - 2
- MedSurge Nurse - 2
- Lab technician - 3
- Case Managers - 2
- CT technician - 2
- MSA - 1

Gallup

IHS Facility

- Physician ED - 3
- ED Nurse - 7
- Med Surge Nurse - 14
- Emergency Room Nurse - 5
- ICU Nurse - 3
- L&D Nurse - 3
- Psychiatrist (telework) - 2
- Respiratory Therapist - 2
- Paramedic - 8
- Palliative Care - 1
- Security - 15
- EVS - 15
- Food Services - 5
- ICS Planning Chief - 2
- ICS Operations Chief - 2
- ICS Logistics Chief – 2

Shiprock

IHS Facility

- ED Nurse – 4
- Critical Care Nurse – 6

Alternate Care Site (per ten patients)

- RN – 2
- LPN – 6
- Midlevel provider (NP/PA) – 2 (one on call for night shift)
- Paramedic – 1
- Social Worker – 2
- Therapist (PT/OT) – 2
- Pharmacist – 2 (one on call for night shift)
- Safety Officer – 2
- Medical Operations – 2
- ICS Logistics Chief - 2

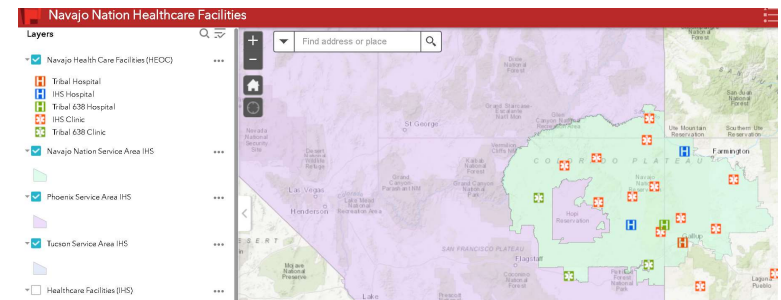
Tuba City

IHS Facility

- ED Nurse - 5
- Critical Care Nurse - 4
- Med Surge Nurse - 6
- Lab technician - 5
- Case Managers - 4
- CT technician - 6

Support provided for medical volunteers

- Orientation to Navajo Culture and Native Medicine
- Navajo Nation Liaison while assigned
- Access to planning and operations documents
- Volunteers supporting and registered through and for IHS facilities have Federal Tort Protection
- GIS system in development to provide awareness and patient census for decision making



How to have a good volunteer experience

- Flexibility
- Stay focused on the mission
- Compassion and a heart of service
- Cultural humility
- Comfortable in PPE
- Able to stand and work 12 hour shifts
- Global Health Experience/Awareness

Support needed for medical volunteers

- Fiscal and Coordination Support
- Lodging
- Rental car (SUV)
- Food/Per Diem
- Scrubs
- Volunteer Insurance
- PPE
 - Face Shields, N95, Gowns, Gloves, Tyvex Suits

Questions?

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Summary of the Needs for Medical Staffing

Chinle	ACS	Kayenta	Gallup	ACS	Shiprock	ACS	TC
10	22	18	89	0	8	22	30