



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
Public contact, Information Center: (888) 248-6866
Media contact, Tristanna Bickford: (505) 476-8027
tristanna.bickford@state.nm.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, MARCH 17, 2020:

Hunters urged to complete draw applications online or by phone to protect public health

SANTA FE – Following the New Mexico Department of Health's [public health order](#) regarding mass gatherings and in an effort to prevent transmission of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish requests draw applications be completed online or over the telephone whenever possible.

As the 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, deadline approaches, there are long lines forming at many of our office locations throughout the state to apply for the draw; an unnecessary health risk when there are several remote application options available.

Applications can be completed online at <https://onlinesales.wildlife.state.nm.us/> or by calling either the Information Center (1-888-248-6866) or one of our [Area Offices](#).

The Information Center will also be working extended hours to assist callers with draw applications. Information Center hours are as follows:

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 17
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 18

Department staff will also be answering draw-related questions submitted by email to ispa@state.nm.us or by private message to one of our social media accounts.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish strongly encourages the utilization of these remote application and assistance services provided for our customers during this time of heightened public health concern.

###