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**New Mexico COVID-19 update: *1,281 new cases, totaling
217,773**
Four additional COVID-19 deaths

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Thursday announced 1,281 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 136 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 94 new cases in Chaves County
- 5 new cases in Cibola County
- 2 new cases in Colfax County
- 21 new cases in Curry County
- 85 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 81 new cases in Eddy County
- 7 new cases in Grant County
- 2 new cases in Guadalupe County
- 3 new cases in Hidalgo County
- 612 new cases in Lea County
- 26 new cases in Lincoln County
- 5 new cases in Los Alamos County
- 2 new cases in Luna County
- 28 new cases in McKinley County
- 2 new cases in Mora County
- 21 new cases in Otero County
- 3 new cases in Quay County
- 5 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 1 new case in Roosevelt County
- 32 new cases in Sandoval County
- 24 new cases in San Juan County
- 14 new cases in San Miguel County
- 33 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 3 new cases in Sierra County
- 2 new cases in Socorro County
- 4 new cases in Taos County
- 5 new cases in Torrance County

- 22 new cases in Valencia County
- 1 new case among individuals held by federal agencies at the Otero County Federal Prison Facility

*Out of the 612 cases reported today in Lea County, 331 are considered historical (meaning more than 14 days have passed since the specimen was collected) and should not be considered as reflecting the current levels of community transmission. Those late-arriving cases are the result of one late-reporting facility and date back over the course of at least 6 months. Out of the 612 cases reported today, 281 are within 14 days of the date of specimen collection and are considered recent (acute) cases.

The Department of Health on Thursday reported four additional deaths in New Mexico related to COVID-19:

Three recent deaths:

- A male in his 70s from Eddy County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Eddy County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

One* death >30 days:

- A male in his 70s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized.

*COVID related deaths are reported when a death certificate has been issued and some death certificates are delayed due to insufficient information.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 4,441.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Thursday, Aug. 12 are:

88260 - 312
 88240 - 211
 88220 - 61
 88203 - 49
 88242 - 49
 88201 - 29
 88012 - 20
 88101 - 19
 87031 - 16
 87121 - 16

Daily case counts and test numbers are raw data based on information the state receives today – meaning data that has not yet been scrutinized to identify potential duplicates or late-arriving positives or negatives.

Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 217,773 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 62,485
Catron County: 109
Chaves County: 9,612
Cibola County: 2,970
Colfax County: 839
Curry County: 5,694
De Baca County: 199
Doña Ana County: 25,954
Eddy County: 7,977
Grant County: 1,828
Guadalupe County: 489
Harding County: 13
Hidalgo County: 477
Lea County: 9,713
Lincoln County: 1,998
Los Alamos County: 580
Luna County: 3,497
McKinley County: 12,775
Mora County: 186
Otero County: 4,392
Quay County: 623
Rio Arriba County: 3,986
Roosevelt County: 2,178
Sandoval County: 12,962
San Juan County: 16,323
San Miguel County: 1,550
Santa Fe County: 11,135
Sierra County: 810
Socorro County: 1,375
Taos County: 1,835
Torrance County: 940
Union County: 267
Valencia County: 7,330

County totals are subject to change upon further investigation and determination of residency of individuals positive for COVID-19.

The Department of Health currently reports the following numbers of COVID-19 cases among individuals held by federal agencies at the following facilities:

- Cibola County Correctional Center: 451
- Otero County Federal Prison Facility: 454
- Otero County Processing Center: 436
- Torrance County Detention Facility: 335

The Department of Health currently reports the following numbers of COVID-19 cases among individuals held by the New Mexico Corrections Department at the following facilities:

- Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Valencia County: 302
- Guadalupe County Correctional Facility: 255
- Lea County Correctional Facility: 762
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 169
- Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center in Cibola County: 130
- Otero County Prison Facility: 473
- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 219
- Roswell Correctional Center: 229
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County: 231
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 151
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 75

As of today, there are 293 individuals hospitalized in New Mexico for COVID-19. This number may include individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 out of state but are currently hospitalized in New Mexico. This number does not include New Mexicans who tested positive for COVID-19 and may have been transferred to a hospital out of state.

As of today, there are 198,143 COVID-19 cases designated as having recovered by the New Mexico Department of Health.

The Department of Health has identified at least one positive COVID-19 case in residents and/or staff in the past 28 days at the following long-term care facilities:

- Advanced Health Care in Albuquerque
- Bloomfield Nursing and Rehabilitation in Bloomfield
- The Bridge of Farmington in Farmington
- Casa de Oro in Las Cruces
- Desert Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hobbs
- Fairwinds Assisted Living in Rio Rancho
- Elmcroft of Quintessence in Albuquerque
- Good Life Senior Living and Memory Care in Los Lunas
- Good Life Senior Living and Memory Care in Artesia
- Good Life Senior Living in Portales
- Good Life Senior Living in Ruidoso
- Laguna Rainbow Care Center in Casa Blanca

- Las Palomas Center in Albuquerque
- Miners Colfax Medical Center in Raton
- MorningStar Assisted Living and Memory Care of Albuquerque
- MorningStar Assisted Living and Memory Care of facility of Rio Rancho
- Odelia Healthcare in Albuquerque
- Silver Wings Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Skies Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Sunset Vila Nursing Home in Roswell
- The Rehabilitation Center of Albuquerque
- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque
- The Watermark at Cherry Hills in Albuquerque
- Vida Encantada Nursing & Rehabilitation in Las Vegas

The New Mexico Department of Health has active investigations into the positive patients, which includes contact tracing and swabs of symptomatic individuals who have had contact with the positive cases.

Every New Mexican must work together to stem the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask when in public and around others. **If you are sick, stay home as much as possible.**

New Mexicans who report symptoms of COVID-19 infection, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and/or loss of taste or smell should call their health care provider or the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline immediately (1-855-600-3453).

The Department of Health strongly encourages the following groups to get tested:

- Symptomatic people displaying the COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and/or loss of taste or smell;
- Asymptomatic people who are close contacts or household members of people in their infectious period who have already tested positive for the coronavirus;
- Asymptomatic people who live or work in congregate settings such as long-term care facilities and group homes;
- Patients who are scheduled for surgery and whose provider has advised them to get tested before the procedure.

New Mexicans who have non-health-related questions or concerns can also call 833-551-0518 or visit newmexico.gov, which is being updated regularly as a one-stop source for information for families, workers, and others affected by and seeking more information about COVID-19.

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