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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 680 new cases, totaling 511,434

Seventeen additional COVID-19 deaths, 7-Day positivity rate 7.8% for Saturday, February 26, Sunday, February 27, and Monday, February 28

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Monday announced 680 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 261 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 1 new case in Catron County
- 2 new cases in Chaves County
- 13 new cases in Cibola County
- 2 new cases in Colfax County
- 6 new cases in Curry County
- 61 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 12 new cases in Eddy County
- 12 new cases in Grant County
- 3 new cases in Hidalgo County
- 3 new cases in Lea County
- 7 new cases in Lincoln County
- 6 new cases in Los Alamos County
- 10 new cases in Luna County
- 31 new cases in McKinley County
- 1 new case in Mora County
- 18 new cases in Otero County
- 8 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 1 new case in Roosevelt County
- 44 new cases in Sandoval County
- 69 new cases in San Juan County
- 9 new cases in San Miguel County
- 62 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 4 new cases in Sierra County
- 7 new cases in Socorro County

- 6 new cases in Taos County
- 4 new cases in Torrance County
- 17 new cases in Valencia County

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

Eleven recent deaths:

- A male in his 50s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A second male in his 50s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 90s from Curry County.
- A male in his 80s from Doña Ana County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 50s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 70s from Otero County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 70s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 70s from Taos County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 50s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized.

Six* deaths > 30 days:

- A female in her 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 30s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 50s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 30s from Lincoln County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 50s from Rio Arriba County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 30s from Sandoval County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 6,919.
Upon further investigation, 1 death reported on 02/14 in Chavez County was not due to COVID.

- 1 male in 70s, underlying conditions

*COVID related deaths are reported when a death certificate has been issued and some death certificates are delayed due to insufficient information.
The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Monday, Feb. 28 are:

- 87120 - 36
- 87114 - 33
- 87121 - 31

- 87111 - 26
- 87401 - 26
- 87109 - 22
- 87505 - 22
- 87105 - 18
- 87123 - 16
- 87144 - 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 511,434 COVID-19 cases:

- Bernalillo County: 144,684
- Catron County: 403
- Chaves County: 21,233
- Cibola County: 6,813
- Colfax County: 2,377
- Curry County: 12,462
- De Baca County: 566
- Doña Ana County: 62,181
- Eddy County: 16,930
- Grant County: 6,510
- Guadalupe County: 1,086
- Harding County: 75
- Hidalgo County: 1,071
- Lea County: 19,068
- Lincoln County: 5,136
- Los Alamos County: 2,641
- Luna County: 6,653
- McKinley County: 25,426
- Mora County: 744
- Otero County: 13,185
- Quay County: 1,969
- Rio Arriba County: 9,626
- Roosevelt County: 4,951
- Sandoval County: 32,898
- San Juan County: 40,139
- San Miguel County: 5,658
- Santa Fe County: 27,652
- Sierra County: 2,010
- Socorro County: 3,764
- Taos County: 5,238
- Torrance County: 2,656
- Union County: 773
- Valencia County: 18,284

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: 539

- Otero County Federal Prison Facility: 614
- Otero County Processing Center: 917
- Torrance County Detention Facility: 417

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: 486
- Guadalupe County Correctional Facility: 328
- Lea County Correctional Facility: 933
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 221
- Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center in Cibola County: 187
- Otero County Prison Facility: 589
- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 275
- Roswell Correctional Center: 369
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County: 313
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 271
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 113

As of today, there are 228 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 463,188 COVID-19 cases designated as having recovered by the New Mexico Department of Health.

The Department of Health will no longer include data from the Long-Term Care Facilities, effective immediately. This data continues to be tracked by the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department and can be accessed here: COVID-19 LTC Resources | NM Aging & Long-Term Services (state.nm.us)

This reported data is a total of Saturday 2/26, Sunday 2/27, & Monday 2/28

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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