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## **Update on New Mexico COVID-19 cases: Now at 28**

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Wednesday announced additional [positive tests for COVID-19](#).

Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- A woman in Bernalillo County in her 80s
- A woman in Bernalillo County in her 40s; the state Department of Health is investigating community spread in this case as this individual had no known exposure
- A woman in Santa Fe County in her 30s
- A woman in Sandoval County in her teens
- A woman in Sandoval County in her 50s

Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 28 positive tests for COVID-19:

- Bernalillo County: 16
- Sandoval County: 4
- Santa Fe County: 5
- Socorro County: 2
- Taos County: 1

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

State officials have vigorously encouraged all New Mexicans to practice social distancing procedures: **stay home**, *particularly* if you are sick.

Every New Mexican must work together to stem the spread of COVID-19.

New Mexicans who report symptoms of COVID-19 infection, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, should call their health care provider or the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline immediately (**1-855-600-3453**).

People without those symptoms should not be tested for COVID-19. This is allergy season, and allergy symptoms such as sneezing or itchy eyes, nose or throat do not indicate a need for testing. While the state is gratified that COVID-19 testing is increasingly available, we need to prioritize testing for persons with symptoms of COVID-19 infection – fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

New Mexicans who have non-health-related questions or concerns can also call **833-551-0518** or visit [newmexico.gov](https://www.newmexico.gov), which is being updated and finalized as a one-stop source for information.

The state Department of Health will update its [dedicated COVID-19 webpage](#) with additional tests as the state lab provides results.

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