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## **Updated New Mexico COVID-19 cases: Now at 136**

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Thursday announced 24 additional positive tests for COVID-19.

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

Seven new cases in Bernalillo County:

- A female in her 20s
- A female in her 30s
- A male in his 40s
- A male in his 50s
- Three males in their 60s

One new case in Chaves County:

- A female in her 50s

Three new cases in Doña Ana County:

- Three males in their 20s

Two new cases in Sandoval County:

- A female in her 60s
- A male in his 70s

Six new cases in San Juan County:

- A female in her teens

- A female in her 30s
- A male in his 30s
- A female in her 40s
- A female in her 50s
- A male in his 60s

Five new cases in Santa Fe County:

- A male in his 30s
- Two females in their 40s
- A male in his 40s
- A female in her 60s

The Department of Health on Thursday reported no additional deaths in the state related to COVID-19. The number of deaths in the state related to COVID-19 remains at one.

Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 136 positive tests for COVID-19:

Bernalillo County: 55  
 Cibola County: 1  
 Chaves County: 4  
 Curry County: 1  
 Doña Ana County: 16  
 Eddy County: 1  
 Lea County: 1  
 McKinley County: 3  
 Rio Arriba County: 2  
 Sandoval County: 10  
 San Juan County: 14  
 San Miguel County: 1  
 Santa Fe County: 22  
 Socorro County: 2  
 Taos County: 3

As of today, there are 13 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.

The Department of Health has detected community spread and is investigating cases with no known exposure. The agency reports that given the infectious nature of the virus it is likely other residents are infected but yet to be tested or confirmed positive. To that end, **New Mexicans have been instructed to stay home except for outings absolutely necessary for health, safety and welfare.** These additional restrictions have been enacted to aggressively minimize person-to-person contact and ensure spread

is mitigated. All businesses except those deemed essential have been ordered to close. New Mexicans are strongly urged to limit travel to only what is necessary for health, safety and welfare.

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. **Stay home.**

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 do not need to 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](http://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.

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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