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Updated New Mexico COVID-19 cases: Now at 6,472

Update includes eleven additional deaths related to COVID-19

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Thursday announced 163 additional positive tests for COVID-19. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 22 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 2 new cases in Chaves County
- 1 new case in Cibola County
- 40 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 3 new cases in Lea County
- 39 new cases in McKinley County
- 3 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 8 new cases in Sandoval County
- 19 new cases in San Juan County
- 1 new case in Santa Fe County
- 1 new case in Valencia County
- 4 new cases new cases among federal detainees at the ICE Otero County Processing Center
- 1 new case among individuals held by federal agencies at the Otero County Prison Facility
- 19 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Otero County Prison Facility

Note: the May 20th COVID-19 case update erroneously reported "1 new case in Torrance County" – there were zero new cases reported in Torrance County by NMDOH on May 20th. We regret the error.

The Department of Health on Thursday also reported eleven additional deaths in New Mexico related to COVID-19. Those cases are:

- A female in her 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of Uptown Genesis in Albuquerque.
- A female in her 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Robin House Assisted Living Center in Albuquerque.
- A male in his 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of The Village at Alameda in Albuquerque.
- A female in her 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of The Village at Alameda in Albuquerque.
- A female in her 40s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 60s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from McKinley County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Red Rocks Care Center in Gallup.
- A female in her 90s from McKinley County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Little Sisters of the Poor facility in Gallup.
- A female in her 70s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 80s from San Juan County. The individual was a resident of the Cedar Ridge Inn facility in Farmington.
- A male in his 80s from San Juan County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Cedar Ridge Inn facility in Farmington.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 294.

Previously reported numbers included nine cases that were identified as duplicates (3 in Bernalillo County, 4 in McKinley County, 1 in Santa Fe County, 1 in Valencia County); and one case in San Juan County that was not lab confirmed. Previously reported numbers did *not* include two cases that were thought to be out-of-state residents that have since been determined to be in-state residents and have been added (1 in San Juan County, 1 in Cibola County). These errors have now been corrected, and including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 6,472 positive tests for COVID-19:

Bernalillo County: 1,273
Catron County: 2
Chaves County: 34
Cibola County: 113
Colfax County: 5
Curry County: 44

Doña Ana County: 362
Eddy County: 17
Grant County: 16
Guadalupe County: 19
Harding County: 1
Hidalgo County: 1
Lea County: 21
Lincoln County: 3
Los Alamos County: 6
Luna County: 8
McKinley County: 2,044
Otero County: 8
Quay County: 5
Rio Arriba County: 36
Roosevelt County: 26
Sandoval County: 528
San Juan County: 1,451
San Miguel County: 10
Santa Fe County: 127
Sierra County: 1
Socorro County: 49
Taos County: 22
Torrance County: 19
Union County: 3
Valencia County: 69

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: 2
- Otero County Prison Facility: 39
- Otero County Processing Center: 66
- Torrance County Detention Facility: 1

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: 1
- Otero County Prison Facility: 40

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

As of today, there are 205 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 2,041 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 at the following congregate living and acute care facilities:

- Advanced Health Care of Albuquerque in Albuquerque
- Albuquerque Heights Healthcare and Rehab in Albuquerque
- Aztec Health Care in Aztec
- Beehive Homes in Farmington
- Bonney Family Home in Gallup
- Brio Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Casa Maria Health Care Center in Roswell
- Cedar Ridge Inn in Farmington
- Central Desert Behavioral Health in Albuquerque
- Clayton Nursing and Rehab in Clayton
- Dungarvin New Mexico, LLC in Gallup
- Haciendas of Grace Village in Las Cruces
- Heartland Continuing Care Center in Portales
- Ladera Center in Albuquerque
- Las Palomas Center in Albuquerque
- La Vida Llena in Albuquerque
- Legacy Santa Fe in Santa Fe
- Life Care Center of Farmington in Farmington
- Little Sisters of the Poor in Gallup
- McKinley Care Center in Gallup
- MorningStar Assisted Living & Memory Care of Santa Fe in Santa Fe
- Namaste House Assisted Living in Farmington
- The Neighborhood in Rio Rancho
- Pacifica Senior Living Center Santa Fe in Santa Fe
- Red Rocks Care Center in Gallup
- Retirement Ranches, Inc. in Clovis
- Robin House Assisted Living Center in Albuquerque
- Sandia Ridge Center in Albuquerque
- San Juan Center in Farmington
- Spanish Trails Rehabilitation Suites in Albuquerque
- Sundance Care Home in Gallup
- Taos Living Center in Taos
- Tohatchi Area Opportunity Services (TAOS) in Tohatchi
- Tungland Corporation in Farmington
- Uptown Genesis in Albuquerque
- The Village at Alameda in Albuquerque
- Wellbrook Transitional Rehabilitation Center in Farmington

The Department of Health has detected community spread in the state of New Mexico 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, **all 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. 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, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or loss of taste or smell should call their health care provider or the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline immediately (1-855-600-3453).

Thanks to increased statewide testing capacity, the following people may now be considered for COVID-19 testing:

- Asymptomatic people who are close contacts or household members of New Mexico residents who have already tested positive for the coronavirus;
- Asymptomatic residents in nursing homes;
- Asymptomatic people in congregate settings such as homeless shelters, group homes, detention centers;
- Asymptomatic people who are currently working;
- Symptomatic people displaying the COVID-19 symptoms of cough, fever, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or loss of taste or smell.

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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