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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 659 new cases, totaling 184,736
Fourteen additional COVID-19 deaths

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Friday announced 659 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 209 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 8 new cases in Chaves County
- 1 new case in Cibola County
- 10 new cases in Colfax County
- 3 new cases in Curry County
- 58 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 25 new cases in Eddy County
- 8 new cases in Grant County
- 3 new cases in Guadalupe County
- 1 new case in Hidalgo County
- 13 new cases in Lea County
- 5 new cases in Lincoln County
- 3 new cases in Los Alamos County
- 5 new cases in Luna County
- 14 new cases in McKinley County
- 15 new cases in Otero County
- 1 new case in Quay County
- 9 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 26 new cases in Sandoval County
- 10 new cases in San Juan County
- 2 new cases in San Miguel County
- 16 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 1 new case in Socorro County
- 9 new cases in Taos County
- 2 new cases in Torrance County
- 10 new cases in Valencia County
- 1 new case among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Valencia County

- 191 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Lea County Correctional Facility

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

- A female in her 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A second female in her 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual was a resident of the Life Spire Assisted Living North Albuquerque Acres facility in Albuquerque.
- A male in his 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Ravenna Assisted Living facility in Albuquerque.
- A second female in her 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual was a resident of the Princeton Place facility in Albuquerque.
- A male in his 90s from Bernalillo County.
- A male in his 50s from Doña Ana County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Doña Ana County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 60s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 90s from Otero County.
- A female in her 60s from San Juan County.
- A male in his 90s from Sierra County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Sierra Health Care Center in Truth or Consequences.
- A female in her 70s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 90s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 3,685.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Friday, Feb. 26 are:

88240 - 69
 87109 - 33
 87121 - 30
 87120 - 26
 88244 - 24
 87114 - 23

88220 - 20

87105 - 17

88081 - 13

87110 - 12

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. By contrast, the [Red Yellow Green county-level analysis](#) provides a highly accurate picture for a two-week period of time.

Previously reported numbers included three cases that have been identified as duplicates (two in Colfax County and one in Sierra County)-- these have now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 184,736 COVID-19 cases:

- Bernalillo County: 52,421
- Catron County: 83
- Chaves County: 8,608
- Cibola County: 2,731
- Colfax County: 708
- Curry County: 4,904
- De Baca County: 132
- Doña Ana County: 22,679
- Eddy County: 6,441
- Grant County: 1,482
- Guadalupe County: 355
- Harding County: 8
- Hidalgo County: 347
- Lea County: 8,030
- Lincoln County: 1,536
- Los Alamos County: 480
- Luna County: 3,089
- McKinley County: 12,013
- Mora County: 161
- Otero County: 3,284
- Quay County: 419
- Rio Arriba County: 3,400
- Roosevelt County: 1,836
- Sandoval County: 10,841
- San Juan County: 13,510
- San Miguel County: 1,225
- Santa Fe County: 9,576
- Sierra County: 697
- Socorro County: 1,216
- Taos County: 1,528

- Torrance County: 635
- Union County: 237
- Valencia County: 6,134

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: 444
- Otero County Federal Prison Facility: 443
- Otero County Processing Center: 197
- Torrance County Detention Facility: 47

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: 288
- Guadalupe County Correctional Facility: 251
- Lea County Correctional Facility: 672
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 166
- Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center in Cibola County: 123
- Otero County Prison Facility: 472
- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 215
- Roswell Correctional Center: 229
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County: 218
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 151
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 74

As of today, there are 226 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 141,833 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:

- Adobe Assisted Living in Las Cruces
- Advanced Health Care in Albuquerque
- The Aldea House – Heaven Sent LLC in Albuquerque

- Artesia Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Artesia
- Atria Vista Del Rio in Albuquerque
- Avamere at Rio Rancho
- BeeHive Homes Edgewood
- BeeHive Homes Gallup
- BeeHive Homes Taylor Ranch in Albuquerque
- Bloomfield Nursing and Rehabilitation in Bloomfield
- Brookdale Santa Fe
- Calibre Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Las Cruces
- Care Free Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Carefirst Assisted Living Willow Wood House in Albuquerque
- Casa Arena Blanca Nursing Center in Alamogordo
- Casa de Oro Center in Las Cruces
- Clovis Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Clovis
- Colfax Long-Term Care Center in Springer
- Fort Bayard Medical Center in Santa Clara
- Genesis Silver City Care Center in Silver City
- Golden Hands Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Good Life Senior Living in Carlsbad
- Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare in Alamogordo
- Good Samaritan Society Socorro
- Ladera Center in Albuquerque
- Laguna Rainbow Care Center in Casa Blanca
- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- Landmark at Desert Gardens in Hobbs
- La Posada Assisted Living in Las Cruces
- Las Palomas Center in Albuquerque
- The Legacy at Santa Fe
- Life Spire Assisted Living North Albuquerque Acres in Albuquerque
- McKinley Center in Gallup
- Mimbres Memorial Nursing Home in Deming
- Mission Arch Center in Roswell
- MorningStar Assisted Living and Memory Care of Albuquerque
- The Neighborhood in Rio Rancho Assisted Living in Rio Rancho
- New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences
- Odelia Healthcare (Camino Healthcare) in Albuquerque
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- Ravenna Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Retirement Ranches in Clovis
- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque
- Rio Rancho Center
- Sandia Ridge Center in Albuquerque
- Sandia Senior Suites Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Santa Clara Assisted Living in Santa Clara
- Senior Living Systems in Los Lunas
- Sierra Health Care Center in Truth or Consequences

- Skies Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Sombrillo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Los Alamos
- The Suites at Rio Vista in Rio Rancho
- Tercer Cielo 2 in Albuquerque
- Village Retirement Community in Roswell
- Vida Encantada Nursing & Rehabilitation in Las Vegas
- Vista Sandia Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Welbrook Senior Living in Las Cruces
- White Sands Healthcare in Hobbs

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, especially if you are sick. Wear a mask or face covering when in public and around others.

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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