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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 306 new cases, totaling 186,460
Eighteen additional COVID-19 deaths

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Friday announced 306 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 102 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 8 new cases in Chaves County
- 3 new cases in Cibola County
- 5 new cases in Colfax County
- 2 new cases in Curry County
- 55 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 13 new cases in Eddy County
- 6 new cases in Grant County
- 1 new case in Guadalupe County
- 7 new cases in Lea County
- 2 new cases in Lincoln County
- 4 new cases in Luna County
- 7 new cases in McKinley County
- 18 new cases in Otero County
- 2 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 22 new cases in Sandoval County
- 8 new cases in San Juan County
- 3 new cases in San Miguel County
- 15 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 1 new case in Sierra County
- 3 new cases in Taos County
- 4 new cases in Torrance County
- 12 new cases in Valencia County
- 1 new case among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Lea County Correctional Facility
- 2 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County

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

- A male in his 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Lea County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Lovington Healthcare facility in Lovington.
- A female in her 50s from Luna County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 60s from McKinley County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from McKinley County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 60s from Rio Arriba County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 70s from Rio Arriba County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Sandoval County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A second male in his 70s from Sandoval County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the The Retreat Healthcare facility in Rio Rancho.
- A male in his 40s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from San Juan County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from San Miguel County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Socorro County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s 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 3,787.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Friday, Mar. 5 are:

87121 - 16
87114 - 15
87112 - 11
87031 - 10
87144 - 10
88001 - 10
87109 - 9
88310 - 9
87124 - 8
88220 - 8

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 two cases that have been identified as duplicates (one in Rio Arriba County, one in Taos County) - these have now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 186,460 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 52,965
Catron County: 83
Chaves County: 8,658
Cibola County: 2,762
Colfax County: 708
Curry County: 4,942
De Baca County: 132
Doña Ana County: 22,970
Eddy County: 6,513
Grant County: 1,514
Guadalupe County: 364
Harding County: 8
Hidalgo County: 350
Lea County: 8,057
Lincoln County: 1,554
Los Alamos County: 485
Luna County: 3,115
McKinley County: 12,062
Mora County: 162
Otero County: 3,374
Quay County: 420
Rio Arriba County: 3,420
Roosevelt County: 1,841

Sandoval County: 10,939
San Juan County: 13,562
San Miguel County: 1,240
Santa Fe County: 9,637
Sierra County: 703
Socorro County: 1,226
Taos County: 1,553
Torrance County: 654
Union County: 237
Valencia County: 6,201

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: 445
- 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: 727
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 167
- 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: 220
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 151
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 74

As of today, there are 183 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 153,376 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
- Albuquerque Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center
- The Aldea House – Heaven Sent LLC in Albuquerque
- The Aristocrat Assisted Living Center in Alamogordo
- Artesia Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Artesia
- Atria Vista Del Rio in Albuquerque
- Avamere at Rio Rancho
- BeeHive Homes Edgewood
- BeeHive Homes Farmington
- BeeHive Homes Gallup
- BeeHive Homes Taylor Ranch in Albuquerque
- 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
- Casa del Sol Center in Las Cruces
- Clovis Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Clovis
- Colfax Long-Term Care Center in Springer
- 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
- Odelia Healthcare (Camino Healthcare) in Albuquerque
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- Ravenna Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque

- Rio Rancho Center
- 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

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, <u>all New Mexicans have been instructed to stay home except for outings absolutely necessary for health, safety and welfare</u>. 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. <u>Stay home, especially if you are sick. Wear a mask or face covering when in public and around others.</u>

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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