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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 255 new cases, totaling 188,907
Twelve additional COVID-19 deaths

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Wednesday announced 255 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 58 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 10 new cases in Chaves County
- 1 new case in Cibola County
- 5 new cases in Curry County
- 77 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 14 new cases in Eddy County
- 2 new cases in Grant County
- 3 new cases in Lea County
- 2 new cases in Lincoln County
- 2 new cases in Los Alamos County
- 5 new cases in Luna County
- 3 new cases in McKinley County
- 10 new cases in Otero County
- 2 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 1 new case in Roosevelt County
- 20 new cases in Sandoval County
- 6 new cases in San Juan County
- 9 new cases in San Miguel County
- 9 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 1 new case in Torrance County
- 15 new cases in Valencia County

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

- A female in her 60s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

- A male in his 60s from Chaves County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 80s from Chaves County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 90s from Doña Ana County.
- A female in her 60s from Lincoln County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 80s from Los Alamos County. The individual had underlying conditions and was a resident of the Sombrillo Nursing Home in Los Alamos.
- A male in his 70s from Otero County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions. The individual was a resident of the Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare facility in Alamogordo.
- A male in his 50s from Roosevelt County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Sandoval County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 80s from San Juan County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Santa Fe County. The individual had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 3,872.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, Mar. 17 are:

87124 - 14
88012 - 14
88005 - 13
88001 - 12
87002 - 11
87121 - 10
87120 - 9
88007 - 9
88220 - 9
88203 - 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 nine cases that have been identified as duplicates (four in Bernalillo County, two in San Juan County, two in Santa Fe

County, one in Taos County); two cases that were not lab confirmed (one in Bernalillo County, one in San Juan County); and one in San Juan County that has been determined to be an out-of-state resident - these have now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 188,907 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 53,770
Catron County: 82
Chaves County: 8,701
Cibola County: 2,794
Colfax County: 716
Curry County: 4,985
De Baca County: 133
Doña Ana County: 23,400
Eddy County: 6,591
Grant County: 1,578
Guadalupe County: 365
Harding County: 8
Hidalgo County: 350
Lea County: 8,124
Lincoln County: 1,576
Los Alamos County: 492
Luna County: 3,170
McKinley County: 12,099
Mora County: 168
Otero County: 3,511
Quay County: 425
Rio Arriba County: 3,446
Roosevelt County: 1,853
Sandoval County: 11,101
San Juan County: 13,622
San Miguel County: 1,292
Santa Fe County: 9,735
Sierra County: 707
Socorro County: 1,233
Taos County: 1,593
Torrance County: 663
Union County: 244
Valencia County: 6,292

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: 446
- 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: 291
- Guadalupe County Correctional Facility: 251
- Lea County Correctional Facility: 757
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 167
- Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center in Cibola County: 126
- Otero County Prison Facility: 472
- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 215
- Roswell Correctional Center: 230
- 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: 75

As of today, there are 123 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 168,976 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:

- Advanced Health Care in Albuquerque
- Albuquerque Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center
- The Aristocrat Assisted Living Center in Alamogordo
- Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- BeeHive Homes Edgewood
- BeeHive Homes Farmington
- Calibre Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Las Cruces
- Casa del Sol Center in Las Cruces
- Casa Sandia in Albuquerque
- Clovis Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Clovis
- Good Life Senior Living in Carlsbad
- Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare in Alamogordo
- Laguna Rainbow Care Center in Casa Blanca

- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- La Posada Assisted Living in Las Cruces
- La Vida Llena Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Mission Arch Center in Roswell
- MorningStar Assisted Living and Memory Care of Albuquerque
- The Neighborhood in Rio Rancho Assisted Living in Rio Rancho
- Pacifica Senior Living in Santa Fe
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque
- Santa Fe Care Center in Santa Fe
- Senior Living Systems in Los Lunas
- Suites at Rio Vista in Rio Rancho
- Welbrook Senior Living in Las Cruces
- The Woodmark at Uptown in Albuquerque

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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