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**New Mexico COVID-19 update: 263 new cases, totaling 189,158**  
*Five additional COVID-19 deaths*

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Thursday announced 263 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 92 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 1 new case in Chaves County
- 10 new cases in Cibola County
- 2 new cases in Curry County
- 40 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 10 new cases in Eddy County
- 5 new cases in Grant County
- 6 new cases in Lea County
- 1 new case in Los Alamos County
- 1 new case in Luna County
- 13 new cases in Otero County
- 2 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 21 new cases in Sandoval County
- 4 new cases in San Juan County
- 7 new cases in San Miguel County
- 14 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 1 new case in Taos County
- 1 new case in Torrance County
- 23 new cases in Valencia County
- 1 new case among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Valencia County
- 1 new case among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Lea County Correctional Facility
- 7 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County

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

- A female in her 60s from Bernalillo County. The individual was a resident of the South Valley Care Center in Albuquerque.

- A female in her 70s from Chaves County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A second female in her 70s from Chaves County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 40s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Santa Fe County. The individual was hospitalized.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 3,877.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Thursday, Mar. 18 are:

87031 - 15  
 87121 - 15  
 87124 - 15  
 87105 - 12  
 87114 - 11  
 87120 - 10  
 87507 - 9  
 87108 - 8  
 87109 - 8  
 88021 - 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 (seven in Bernalillo County, two in San Juan County); two cases that were not lab confirmed (one in Doña Ana County, one in Santa Fe County); and one in Santa Fe 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 189,158 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 53,855  
 Catron County: 82  
 Chaves County: 8,703  
 Cibola County: 2,804  
 Colfax County: 716  
 Curry County: 4,988  
 De Baca County: 133  
 Doña Ana County: 23,436  
 Eddy County: 6,601  
 Grant County: 1,583

Guadalupe County: 365  
Harding County: 8  
Hidalgo County: 350  
Lea County: 8,130  
Lincoln County: 1,576  
Los Alamos County: 493  
Luna County: 3,171  
McKinley County: 12,099  
Mora County: 168  
Otero County: 3,525  
Quay County: 425  
Rio Arriba County: 3,448  
Roosevelt County: 1,853  
Sandoval County: 11,122  
San Juan County: 13,624  
San Miguel County: 1,299  
Santa Fe County: 9,747  
Sierra County: 707  
Socorro County: 1,233  
Taos County: 1,594  
Torrance County: 664  
Union County: 244  
Valencia County: 6,315

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: 292
- Guadalupe County Correctional Facility: 251
- Lea County Correctional Facility: 758
- 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: 227

- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 151
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 75

As of today, there are 138 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 169,889 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 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
- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- 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, 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](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.

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