



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
Governor

DR. TRACIE C. COLLINS, M.D.
Cabinet Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 8, 2021

New Mexico COVID-19 update: 266 new cases, totaling 193,247
Eleven additional COVID-19 deaths

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Thursday announced 266 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 94 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 2 new cases in Chaves County
- 8 new cases in Cibola County
- 2 new cases in De Baca County
- 42 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 13 new cases in Eddy County
- 5 new cases in Grant County
- 3 new cases in Lea County
- 2 new cases in Lincoln County
- 2 new cases in Luna County
- 2 new cases in McKinley County
- 11 new cases in Otero County
- 3 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 1 new case in Roosevelt County
- 13 new cases in Sandoval County
- 26 new cases in San Juan County
- 1 new case in San Miguel County
- 9 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 4 new cases in Sierra County
- 3 new cases in Socorro County
- 1 new case in Taos County
- 1 new case in Torrance County
- 16 new cases in Valencia County
- 2 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Lea County Correctional Facility

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

- A male in his 70s from Chaves County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 60s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 60s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A second male in his 60s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 60s from Eddy County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Lea County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 60s from Lincoln County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 50s from McKinley County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 80s from Otero County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from San Juan County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Sierra County. The individual had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 3,974.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Thursday, Apr. 8 are:

87026 - 18
 87031 - 12
 87120 - 11
 87121 - 11
 87401 - 11
 87124 - 10
 88081 - 10
 87114 - 9
 88210 - 9
 88310 - 9

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 six cases that have been identified as duplicates (one in Cibola County, five in Lea County) and two cases in Sierra

County that were not lab confirmed - these have now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 193,247 COVID-19 cases:

- Bernalillo County: 55,296
- Catron County: 85
- Chaves County: 8,765
- Cibola County: 2,837
- Colfax County: 727
- Curry County: 5,050
- De Baca County: 136
- Doña Ana County: 24,098
- Eddy County: 6,703
- Grant County: 1,650
- Guadalupe County: 376
- Harding County: 9
- Hidalgo County: 355
- Lea County: 8,239
- Lincoln County: 1,600
- Los Alamos County: 505
- Luna County: 3,253
- McKinley County: 12,155
- Mora County: 169
- Otero County: 3,689
- Quay County: 427
- Rio Arriba County: 3,496
- Roosevelt County: 1,875
- Sandoval County: 11,515
- San Juan County: 13,882
- San Miguel County: 1,323
- Santa Fe County: 9,918
- Sierra County: 716
- Socorro County: 1,250
- Taos County: 1,624
- Torrance County: 686
- Union County: 246
- Valencia County: 6,485

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: 444

- Otero County Processing Center: 198
- 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: 761
- 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: 217
- Roswell Correctional Center: 230
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County: 230
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 151
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 75

As of today, there are 87 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 174,641 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
- Avamere at Fiesta Park in Albuquerque
- Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen
- Casa del Sol Center in Las Cruces
- Desert Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hobbs
- Genesis Healthcare Uptown in Albuquerque
- Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare in Alamogordo
- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- La Vida Llena Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Mission Arch Center in Roswell
- The Montecito in Santa Fe
- New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences
- Pacifica Senior Living in Santa Fe
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- Retirement Ranches in Clovis

- Santa Fe Care Center in Santa Fe
- Skies Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Vecino Sanos Assisted Living in Santa Rosa

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.