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## New Mexico COVID-19 update: 230 new cases, totaling 194,605 One additional COVID-19 death

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Thursday announced 230 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 67 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 1 new case in Catron County
- 16 new cases in Chaves County
- 1 new case in Cibola County
- 3 new cases in Colfax County
- 39 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 2 new cases in Eddy County
- 1 new case in Grant County
- 2 new cases in Hidalgo County
- 2 new cases in Lea County
- 2 new cases in Lincoln County
- · 2 new cases in Luna County
- 5 new cases in McKinley County
- 10 new cases in Otero County
- 3 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 19 new cases in Sandoval County
- 33 new cases in San Juan County
- 1 new case in San Miguel County
- 9 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 5 new cases in Socorro County
- 1 new case in Taos County
- 1 new case in Torrance County
- 5 new cases in Valencia County

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

• A female in her 90s from Valencia County. The individual was a resident of the Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 3,997.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Thursday, Apr. 15 are:

87121 - 12

87124 - 11

87410 - 10

88081 - 9

87105 - 8

88011 - 8

88310 - 8

87114 - 7

87120 - 7

87401 - 7

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 <a href="Red Yellow Green county-level analysis">Red Yellow Green county-level analysis</a> provides a highly accurate picture for a two-week period of time.

Previously reported numbers included three cases in Bernalillo County that have been identified as duplicates - these have now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 194,605 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 55,801

Catron County: 88 Chaves County: 8,798 Cibola County: 2,851 Colfax County: 735 Curry County: 5,056 De Baca County: 136

Doña Ana County: 24,264

Eddy County: 6,717 Grant County: 1,668 Guadalupe County: 376 Harding County: 9 Hidalgo County: 359 Lea County: 8,259 Lincoln County: 1,608 Los Alamos County: 508 Luna County: 3,265 McKinley County: 12,178

Mora County: 169 Otero County: 3,713 Quay County: 428

Rio Arriba County: 3,537 Roosevelt County: 1,877 Sandoval County: 11,650 San Juan County: 14,034 San Miguel County: 1,330 Santa Fe County: 9,968 Sierra County: 722 Socorro County: 1,283 Taos County: 1,638 Torrance County: 689 Union County: 246 Valencia County: 6,535

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: 762
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 167
- Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center in Cibola County: 127
- Otero County Prison Facility: 472
- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 218
- 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 118 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 176,031 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:

- Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen
- Desert Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hobbs
- Genesis Healthcare Uptown in Albuquerque
- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- Skies Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- 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. <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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