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New Mexico Reaches 4,001 COVID-19-Related Deaths

SANTA FE- New Mexico state health officials announced on Thursday that 4,001 New Mexicans have died due to COVID-19.

“Today’s sad milestone reminds us of what we have been through as a state and as a country. This is not just another number - they are our neighbors, our fellow New Mexicans. We grieve for them and their families. It also underscores the need for us to remain cautious in the weeks and months ahead. While New Mexico is leading the nation in vaccinations and staying vigilant with COVID-safe practices, we are not out of the woods. There is still much work still to be done. We need to remain vigilant if we are going to beat COVID,” said DOH Secretary Dr. Tracie Collins.

DOH urges New Mexicans to continue following all DOH- and [CDC-recommended safe practices](#), including:

- Wearing a mask that covers their nose and mouth.
- Staying 6 feet apart from others outside of their household.
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to them.
- Avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Washing their hands often with soap and water or using hand sanitizer if soap and water isn’t available.

As of April 5th, all New Mexicans 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. DOH encourages all New Mexicans to register for the vaccine at [vaccineNM.org](#). Individuals who would like more information on how they can protect themselves and their loved ones can visit [vaccineNM.org/facts](#).

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