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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 255 new cases, totaling 197,447
Seven additional COVID-19 deaths

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

- 65 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 2 new cases in Catron County
- 15 new cases in Chaves County
- 2 new cases in Colfax County
- 7 new cases in Curry County
- 2 new cases in De Baca County
- 29 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 3 new cases in Eddy County
- 2 new cases in Grant County
- 7 new cases in Lea County
- 10 new cases in Lincoln County
- 7 new cases in Luna County
- 2 new cases in McKinley County
- 1 new case in Mora County
- 8 new cases in Otero County
- 2 new cases in Quay County
- 4 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 3 new cases in Roosevelt County
- 13 new cases in Sandoval County
- 56 new cases in San Juan County
- 1 new case in San Miguel County
- 5 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 2 new cases in Socorro County
- 2 new cases in Taos County
- 1 new case in Torrance County
- 4 new cases in Valencia County

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

- A female in her 70s from Chaves County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 50s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Eddy County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 80s from Otero County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 40s from Sierra County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 4,058.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Thursday, Apr. 29 are:

87401 - 19
 87410 - 19
 87120 - 10
 87123 - 10
 88001 - 10
 87121 - 8
 88203 - 8
 88081 - 7
 87105 - 6
 87109 - 6

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 twenty-six cases that have been identified as duplicates (four in Bernalillo County, three in Cibola County, one in Curry County, six in Doña Ana County, four in Lea County, three in McKinley County, five in San Juan County) - these have now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 197,447 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 56,772
 Catron County: 92
 Chaves County: 8,907
 Cibola County: 2,861
 Colfax County: 749
 Curry County: 5,106
 De Baca County: 142

Doña Ana County: 24,566
Eddy County: 6,794
Grant County: 1,692
Guadalupe County: 377
Harding County: 10
Hidalgo County: 360
Lea County: 8,271
Lincoln County: 1,658
Los Alamos County: 518
Luna County: 3,307
McKinley County: 12,226
Mora County: 170
Otero County: 3,781
Quay County: 448
Rio Arriba County: 3,578
Roosevelt County: 1,892
Sandoval County: 11,842
San Juan County: 14,475
San Miguel County: 1,342
Santa Fe County: 10,097
Sierra County: 746
Socorro County: 1,310
Taos County: 1,656
Torrance County: 714
Union County: 250
Valencia County: 6,623

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: 298
- 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: 473

- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 218
- Roswell Correctional Center: 229
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County: 229
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 151
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 75

As of today, there are 134 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 178,380 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:

- Albuquerque Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center
- Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen
- Brookdale Santa Fe
- Brookdale Valencia in Albuquerque
- Desert Peaks Assisting Living and Memory Care in Las Cruces
- Genesis Healthcare Uptown in Albuquerque
- Genesis Silver City Care Center in Silver City
- Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare in Alamogordo
- New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- Welbrook Senior Living in Las Cruces
- 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. 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.

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