



SANTA FE COVID-19 UPDATE

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SAFETY FIRST: Responding to lingering concerns about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines that are slowing distribution efforts, Dr. Wendy Johnson said, “These vaccines are the safest vaccines that probably have ever been developed.” Speaking with the Mayor on last Friday’s WebberCast, the Medical Director of La Familia added, “There have been 1.1 *billion* doses given out so far in the world ... and have been monitored so closely with very few adverse events. So at this point, we can’t really say they are experimental.” According to the CDC, over 245 million doses have been given in the United States from December 14, 2020, through May 3, 2021. The vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials. The vaccines met the Food and Drug Administration’s rigorous scientific standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality needed to support Emergency Use Authorization. These vaccines have undergone and will continue to undergo the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. A CDC video detailing safety information about vaccines can be [seen here](#). If you have doubts about taking the vaccine, please [listen to Dr. Johnson’s professional advice](#) about the urgency, safety, and easy availability of getting vaccinated--and share it with anyone who needs to hear it.

COVID VACCINE IS EASY TO GET: Some 40,000 eligible Santa Fe County residents still have not registered with the DOH for their vaccination -- and to help make the process more accessible, they have many options to choose from. Those who have not pre-registered can now get registered on the spot and receive their vaccine. There are many convenient locations around Santa Fe to choose from, as detailed in this [public events calendar](#) being maintained and updated by DOH. Additional ways to get your vaccination in Santa Fe County include the following:

- Santa Fe County, in partnership with the Pueblo of Pojoaque, the DOH, and Pojoaque School District are hosting a community vaccine event at Buffalo Thunder tomorrow, Friday, May 7, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event is open to the public. Registration help will be provided

on site. Any 16-17 year-olds wishing to receive a vaccine will need a parent present or a signed consent form. This event was coordinated through Santa Fe County's Office of Emergency Management. For more information, please contact Jessica Yocca with the NM Department of Health at (505) 476-2607.

- The DOH has set up a walk-in registration and vaccine clinic at Desert Sage Academy, located at 351 W. Zia Rd. Hours (subject to change): Thursday (today): 1-6; Friday: 9-12; Saturday: 9-1 (boosters only).
- La Familia is encouraging all of their patients 16+ to self-schedule vaccine appointments by calling (505) 982-4425.
- Christus St. Vincent: Anyone 16+ can self-schedule to get their vaccine. Additionally, Christus has more drive-through vaccination events starting today May 6, and then again tomorrow (the 7th) and the 13th. You can register by visiting their website, stvin.org, or by calling (505) 913-3080.

VACCINE REGISTRATION IS PRIVATE: For those who are worried that registering for the vaccine would compromise their privacy, the New Mexico Department of Health assures people that no proof of residency, immigration status, insurance information, or social security information are required of individuals seeking vaccination.

IT'S STUDENT VACCINE WEEK!: With many kids back in school and summer activities gearing up, it's important that our 16+ student populations are vaccinated so they can safely enjoy the summer. They are currently prioritized during Student Vaccine Week as designated by The New Mexico Department of Health and the Public Education Department. **It's Not Too Late:** Teens 16 and up can self-schedule their vaccination appointments at vaccinenm.org. For help and technical support call 1-855-600-3453, press option 0 for vaccine questions, and then option 4 for tech support. The call center is open every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Younger Kids, Too:** It is expected that youth 12-15 will soon be eligible to get vaccinated, so the DOH is encouraging parents to register that age group now at vaccinenm.org.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE: If you need help with the rent, including back rent, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) offered by the State of New Mexico is available as a resource. Apply at RentHelpNM.org or call 1-833-485-1334 to speak to a representative. Mayor Webber will participate in a Town Hall about the program tomorrow (Friday, May 7) at 11:30 a.m. at [facebook.com/RentHelpNM](https://www.facebook.com/RentHelpNM). Individuals in need, landlords, and representatives of nonprofit groups who serve vulnerable clients are encouraged to attend and learn about this much-needed and readily available resource.

NEED HELP? GET HELP:

- If you are in need of resources, whether it's food, or help due to unemployment, or dealing with a housing crisis, go to Santafenm.gov/CONNECT for direction to resources that help during these tough economic times.
- COVID-fatigue is real. If you or a loved one is suffering with mental and/or behavioral health issues, please call the hotline at 1-855-NMCRISIS, reach out to your health care provider, and talk to a family member or friend immediately.

BEFORE YOU GO: Here are some more reminders of helpful resources:

- [ALLTOGETHERSANTAFE.org](https://www.alltogethersantafe.org): Spanish-language materials and organizations aiding efforts in the fight against COVID
- [Order your free test](https://www.vaulthealth.com) from vaulthealth.com and get it delivered to your home.