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**New Mexico COVID-19 update: 196 new cases, totaling  
200,232**  
*Three additional COVID-19 deaths*

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Wednesday announced 196 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 68 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 2 new cases in Chaves County
- 1 new case in Cibola County
- 3 new cases in Colfax County
- 2 new cases in Curry County
- 3 new cases in De Baca County
- 18 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 7 new cases in Eddy County
- 1 new case in Grant County
- 1 new case in Guadalupe County
- 1 new case in Lea County
- 3 new cases in Lincoln County
- 6 new cases in Luna County
- 8 new cases in McKinley County
- 3 new cases in Otero County
- 9 new cases in Quay County
- 4 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 3 new cases in Roosevelt County
- 5 new cases in Sandoval County
- 29 new cases in San Juan County
- 6 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 3 new cases in Sierra County
- 2 new cases in Socorro County
- 1 new case in Taos County
- 7 new cases in Valencia County

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

Three recent deaths:

- A female in her 80s from Doña Ana County.
- A female in her 60s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 80s from San Juan County. The individual was a resident of the Bloomfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bloomfield.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 4,111.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, May. 12 are:

87401 - 14  
87120 - 9  
87121 - 9  
87105 - 8  
87109 - 6  
88030 - 6  
88081 - 6  
88220 - 6  
87031 - 5  
87107 - 5

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 one case in Bernalillo County that has been identified as a duplicate - this has now been corrected. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 200,232 COVID-19 cases:

Bernalillo County: 57,705  
Catron County: 93  
Chaves County: 8,961  
Cibola County: 2,874  
Colfax County: 763

Curry County: 5,185  
De Baca County: 158  
Doña Ana County: 24,744  
Eddy County: 6,843  
Grant County: 1,708  
Guadalupe County: 404  
Harding County: 10  
Hidalgo County: 361  
Lea County: 8,286  
Lincoln County: 1,700  
Los Alamos County: 525  
Luna County: 3,337  
McKinley County: 12,285  
Mora County: 170  
Otero County: 3,900  
Quay County: 504  
Rio Arriba County: 3,601  
Roosevelt County: 1,957  
Sandoval County: 11,967  
San Juan County: 15,002  
San Miguel County: 1,352  
Santa Fe County: 10,253  
Sierra County: 763  
Socorro County: 1,315  
Taos County: 1,668  
Torrance County: 751  
Union County: 248  
Valencia County: 6,724

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: 445
- 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: 128
- 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 113 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 185,385 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
- The Aristocrat Assisted Living Center in Alamogordo
- Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen
- Brookdale Santa Fe
- Brookdale Valencia in Albuquerque
- Canyon Transitional Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Casa de Oro in Las Cruces
- 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
- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- The Meadows Home at the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas
- New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences
- The Rehabilitation Center of Albuquerque
- Retirement Ranches in Clovis

- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque
- Sunset Vista Senior Living Center in Silver City
- Welbrook Senior Living in Las Cruces

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](http://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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