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## State announces 50% of eligible New Mexicans have been fully vaccinated

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) announced on Thursday that New Mexico has reached a key milestone: 50% of eligible New Mexicans are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. More than 61% of eligible New Mexicans have received at least one dose.

Parents of New Mexicans 12 years of age and older are encouraged to register and schedule their children for a vaccination appointment at <u>vaccineNM.org</u>.

"More than half of eligible New Mexicans are now fully vaccinated, far above the national average of 35%. We're well on our way to 60% fully vaccinated - and a long-awaited reopening," said DOH Cabinet Secretary Dr. Tracie Collins.

Businesses, nonprofits, religious congregations, community centers, and other organizations can now request on-site vaccination events through a new DOH webform at <a href="mailto:getvaxnm.com">getvaxnm.com</a>.

In addition, employers are entitled to tax credits through the federal government for providing paid leave to employees who take time off related to COVID-19 vaccinations. For more information, view the Internal Revenue Service's official notice here.

COVID-19 vaccinations are safe, effective, and free.

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