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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 543 new cases, totaling 201,186

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Three additional COVID-19 deaths - Saturday, May 15, Sunday, May 16, and Monday, May 17

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Monday announced 543 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 146 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 10 new cases in Chaves County
- 4 new cases in Cibola County
- 2 new cases in Colfax County
- 23 new cases in Curry County
- 8 new cases in De Baca County
- 32 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 7 new cases in Eddy County
- 6 new cases in Grant County
- 4 new cases in Guadalupe County
- 1 new case in Hidalgo County
- 6 new cases in Lea County
- 10 new cases in Lincoln County
- 1 new case in Los Alamos County
- 8 new cases in Luna County
- 15 new cases in McKinley County
- 17 new cases in Otero County
- 3 new cases in Quay County
- 22 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 14 new cases in Roosevelt County

- 25 new cases in Sandoval County
- 101 new cases in San Juan County
- 2 new cases in San Miguel County
- 42 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 3 new cases in Sierra County
- 2 new cases in Taos County
- 17 new cases in Torrance County
- 3 new cases in Union County
- 9 new cases in Valencia County

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

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- A male in his 60s from Cibola County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 70s from Doña Ana County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 4,116.

The ten ZIP codes across the state with the most COVID-19 cases on Monday, May. 17 are:

- 87401 - 38
- 88101 - 23
- 87114 - 20
- 87121 - 20
- 87410 - 18
- 87507 - 17
- 87124 - 15
- 88130 - 14
- 87105 - 13
- 87413 - 13

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 three cases that have been identified as duplicates (one in Bernalillo County, one in Rio Arriba County, one in San Juan County); three cases that were not lab confirmed (one in Bernalillo County, two in Cibola County); and one in Colfax County that has been determined to be an out-of-state resident - these have now been corrected. Two cases previously reported in Otero County have been determined to be among individuals held by federal agencies at the Otero County Processing Center and are now reported as such.

Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 201,186 COVID-19 cases:

- Bernalillo County: 57,990
- Catron County: 93
- Chaves County: 8,981
- Cibola County: 2,882
- Colfax County: 764
- Curry County: 5,226
- De Baca County: 166
- Doña Ana County: 24,782
- Eddy County: 6,852
- Grant County: 1,715
- Guadalupe County: 408
- Harding County: 10
- Hidalgo County: 363
- Lea County: 8,293
- Lincoln County: 1,715
- Los Alamos County: 527
- Luna County: 3,350
- McKinley County: 12,312
- Mora County: 170
- Otero County: 3,945

- Quay County: 509
- Rio Arriba County: 3,611
- Roosevelt County: 1,977
- Sandoval County: 12,006
- San Juan County: 15,170
- San Miguel County: 1,355
- Santa Fe County: 10,338
- Sierra County: 770
- Socorro County: 1,317
- Taos County: 1,673
- Torrance County: 792
- Union County: 250
- Valencia County: 6,754

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: 202
- 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: 252
- 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 127 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 186,553 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
- Aztec Healthcare in Aztec
- Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen
- 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 Rio Rancho Center
- Genesis Silver City Care Center in Silver City
- Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces
- Homes with a Heart Assisted Living - Raven House in Albuquerque
- 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
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- The Rehabilitation Center of Albuquerque

- Retirement Ranches in Clovis
- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque
- Sunset Vista Senior Living Center in Silver City
- Vista Hermosa in Santa Fe
- Welbrook Senior Living in Las Cruces

This reported data is a total of Saturday 5/15, Sunday 5/16 & Monday (5/17)

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 [State of New Mexico](#) 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.