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Vax 2 the Max \$1 million drawing produces next 4 winners

SANTA FE – The state of New Mexico’s Vax 2 the Max Sweepstakes, a \$10 million total cash sweepstakes funded by federal stimulus and intended to incentivize COVID-19 vaccinations, produced its next four prize winners Friday afternoon.

With \$1 million at stake, four vaccinated New Mexicans -- [one from each public health region of the state](#) -- are each prospective winners of \$250,000, as drawn at random by the New Mexico Lottery.

The four prospective winners are residents of Santa Fe, Tijeras, Ruidoso, and Las Cruces. DOH is still working to validate the identity and vaccination status of the fourth prospective winner. The three confirmed winners are as follows:

- Mr. Edward Nieves of Santa Fe
- Mr. Robert Padilla of Tijeras
- Mr. Kelley Smith of Ruidoso

531,967 vaccinated New Mexicans opted in to the sweepstakes for the second drawing.

The breakdown to win \$250,000 in each public health region was:

- Northwest: 1 in 317,188
- Northeast: 1 in 98,157
- Southwest: 1 in 80,493
- Southeast: 1 in 36,129

Non-winning entries will be carried over to each successive \$1 million drawing. New Mexicans who have opted in to the sweepstakes *do not* have to opt in again to remain eligible for future drawings. Vaccinated New Mexicans who have not yet opted in to the sweepstakes still can opt in for future drawings at vax2themaxnm.org. The deadline to opt in for each drawing is 6 p.m. the night before the drawing.

Three more \$1 million Friday drawings, with four regional \$250,000 winners each, will occur throughout the summer, each conducted by the New Mexico Lottery on behalf of the Lujan Grisham administration.

The next \$1 million drawing is scheduled for July 16, followed by drawings scheduled for July 23 and July 30.

A grand prize drawing of \$5 million is scheduled for early August.

The sweepstakes and other financial incentives have contributed to increased interest in vaccinations statewide.

New Mexicans who have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination may opt in to the sweepstakes at vax2themaxNM.org. To be eligible for the \$5 million grand prize, New Mexicans must have completed their vaccination series. New Mexicans can schedule their shots at vaccineNM.org.

The rules and regulations of the sweepstakes [are available here](#).

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