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New Mexico COVID-19 update: 1,180 new cases, totaling 336,790
Twenty-eight additional COVID-19 deaths, 7-Day positivity rate 10.0%

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Friday announced 1,180 additional COVID-19 cases. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 331 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 1 new case in Catron County
- 65 new cases in Chaves County
- 32 new cases in Cibola County
- 14 new cases in Colfax County
- 39 new cases in Curry County
- 4 new cases in De Baca County
- 140 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 42 new cases in Eddy County
- 24 new cases in Grant County
- 2 new cases in Guadalupe County
- 2 new cases in Hidalgo County
- 26 new cases in Lea County
- 9 new cases in Lincoln County
- 2 new cases in Los Alamos County
- 7 new cases in Luna County
- 17 new cases in McKinley County
- 3 new cases in Mora County
- 34 new cases in Otero County
- 10 new cases in Quay County
- 25 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 17 new cases in Roosevelt County
- 59 new cases in Sandoval County
- 57 new cases in San Juan County
- 17 new cases in San Miguel County
- 101 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 5 new cases in Sierra County
- 22 new cases in Socorro County
- 16 new cases in Taos County
- 6 new cases in Torrance County

- 5 new cases in Union County
- 43 new cases in Valencia County
- 1 new case among individuals held by federal agencies at the Otero County Processing Center
- 2 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility in Valencia County

The Department of Health on Friday reported twenty-eight additional deaths in New Mexico related to COVID-19:

Twenty-Seven recent deaths:

- A female in her 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 50s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A second male in his 50s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and was a resident of the Albuquerque Heights Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.
- A male in his 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 50s from Chaves County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Curry County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 60s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Doña Ana County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 50s from Luna County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 80s from Sandoval County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A second female in her 80s from Sandoval County.
- A male in his 70s from Sandoval County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 30s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 60s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 70s from San Juan County. The individual was a resident of the Life Care Center in Farmington.
- A female in her 80s from San Juan County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 40s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 80s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A second male in his 80s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Sierra County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 70s from Torrance County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 80s from Valencia County. The individual had underlying conditions.

One* deaths > 30 days:

- A male in his 70s from Catron County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 5,577.

*COVID related deaths are reported when a death certificate has been issued and some death certificates are delayed due to insufficient information.

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

- 87121 - 47
- 87120 - 41
- 87105 - 38
- 87507 - 38
- 88220 - 38
- 88101 - 36
- 88201 - 31
- 87110 - 29
- 87144 - 29
- 87123 - 28

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. Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 336,790 COVID-19 cases:

- Bernalillo County: 94,193
- Catron County: 279
- Chaves County: 14,768
- Cibola County: 4,348
- Colfax County: 1,680
- Curry County: 8,499
- De Baca County: 380
- Doña Ana County: 39,372
- Eddy County: 12,293
- Grant County: 4,041
- Guadalupe County: 690
- Harding County: 55
- Hidalgo County: 664
- Lea County: 14,446
- Lincoln County: 3,619
- Los Alamos County: 989
- Luna County: 4,792
- McKinley County: 17,272
- Mora County: 451
- Otero County: 8,878
- Quay County: 1,521
- Rio Arriba County: 6,116
- Roosevelt County: 3,387

- Sandoval County: 20,267
- San Juan County: 27,861
- San Miguel County: 3,282
- Santa Fe County: 16,003
- Sierra County: 1,435
- Socorro County: 2,433
- Taos County: 3,162
- Torrance County: 1,809
- Union County: 497
- Valencia County: 11,963

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: 455
- Otero County Federal Prison Facility: 573
- Otero County Processing Center: 640
- Torrance County Detention Facility: 356

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: 386
- Guadalupe County Correctional Facility: 258
- Lea County Correctional Facility: 765
- Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Union County: 214
- Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center in Cibola County: 131
- Otero County Prison Facility: 543
- Penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe County: 233
- Roswell Correctional Center: 230
- Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in Doña Ana County: 238
- Springer Correctional Center in Colfax County: 244
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 79

As of today, there are 617 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 287,522 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:

- Advanced Health Care in Albuquerque
- Aspen Ridge Lodge Retirement in Los Alamos
- Artesia Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Artesia
- Atria Vista Del Rio in Albuquerque
- Avamere at Fiesta Park in Albuquerque

- Avamere in Rio Rancho
- BeeHive Homes Alamogordo
- BeeHive Homes in Clovis
- BeeHive Homes in Roswell
- Bloomfield Nursing and Rehab Center in Bloomfield
- Blue Horizon Assisted Living In Las Cruces
- The Bridge of Farmington in Farmington
- Calibre Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Las Cruces
- Casa Arena Blanca Nursing Center in Alamogordo
- Casa de Carino in Albuquerque
- Casa del Sol Center in Las Cruces
- Casa Maria Health Care Center in Roswell
- Casa Real Genesis in Santa Fe
- Casa Sandia in Albuquerque
- Fort Bayard Medical Center in Santa Clara
- Genesis Healthcare Uptown in Albuquerque
- Genesis McKinley Care Center in Gallup
- Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare in Alamogordo
- Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces
- Good Samaritan Society – Manzano del Sol Village in Albuquerque
- Lakeview Christian Home in Carlsbad
- Las Palomas Center in Albuquerque
- Life Care Farmington
- Little Sisters of the Poor in Gallup
- The Meadows Home at the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute in Las Vegas
- Mimbres Memorial Nursing Home in Deming
- Miners Colfax Medical Center in Raton
- Mission Arch Center in Roswell
- New Mexico State Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences
- Odelia Healthcare (Camino Healthcare) in Albuquerque
- Princeton Place in Albuquerque
- The Rehabilitation Center of Albuquerque
- The Retreat Healthcare in Rio Rancho
- The Rio at Las Estancias in Albuquerque
- Sandia Ridge Genesis in Albuquerque
- Sandia View Cottonwood Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Skies Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- Sombrillo Nursing Home in Los Alamos
- South Valley Care Center in Albuquerque
- Sugar Hollow Assisted Living Community in Albuquerque
- Sunshine Assisted Living in Tucumcari
- Vida Encantada Nursing & Rehabilitation in Las Vegas
- The Village at Alameda in Albuquerque
- Village at Northrise - Desert Willow in Las Cruces
- Village at Northrise - Morningside in Las Cruces
- The Watermark at Cherry Hills in Albuquerque
- The Woodmark at Uptown in Albuquerque
- White Sands Healthcare in Hobbs

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. Wear a mask when in public and around others. **If you are sick, stay home as much as possible.**

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, 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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