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**New Mexico COVID-19 update: 3,039 new cases, totaling 345,663**

*Twenty-nine additional COVID-19 deaths, 7-Day positivity rate 10.0%*

*Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, Sunday, December 26, and Monday December 27*

SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials on Monday announced 3,039 additional COVID-19 cases for Friday, December 24, Saturday, December 25, Sunday, December 26, and Monday, December 27. Per the state Department of Health, the most recent cases are:

- 960 new cases in Bernalillo County
- 2 new cases in Catron County
- 170 new cases in Chaves County
- 35 new cases in Cibola County
- 8 new cases in Colfax County
- 246 new cases in Curry County
- 1 new case in De Baca County
- 277 new cases in Doña Ana County
- 69 new cases in Eddy County
- 48 new cases in Grant County
- 4 new cases in Guadalupe County
- 12 new cases in Hidalgo County
- 58 new cases in Lea County
- 25 new cases in Lincoln County
- 8 new cases in Los Alamos County
- 24 new cases in Luna County
- 59 new cases in McKinley County
- 2 new cases in Mora County
- 121 new cases in Otero County
- 15 new cases in Quay County
- 58 new cases in Rio Arriba County
- 21 new cases in Roosevelt County
- 221 new cases in Sandoval County
- 98 new cases in San Juan County
- 29 new cases in San Miguel County
- 248 new cases in Santa Fe County
- 9 new cases in Sierra County

- 22 new cases in Socorro County
- 34 new cases in Taos County
- 20 new cases in Torrance County
- 14 new cases in Union County
- 113 new cases in Valencia County
- 3 new cases 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
- 3 new cases among New Mexico Corrections Department inmates at the Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County

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

Seventeen recent deaths:

- A male in his 30s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A second female in her 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 40s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 50s 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 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 70s from Chaves 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 70s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 50s from Eddy County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Eddy County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Grant County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Otero County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 50s from Santa Fe County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 60s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A female in her 80s from Valencia County. The individual had underlying conditions.

Twelve\* deaths > 30 days:

- A female in her 70s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 50s from Otero County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 60s from Otero County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 70s from Rio Arriba County.

- A second male in his 70s from Rio Arriba County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A male in his 60s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A second male in his 60s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A female in her 70s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 70s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized.
- A second male in his 70s from Valencia County. The individual had underlying conditions.
- A male in his 80s from Valencia County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying conditions. The individual was a resident of the Avamere at Fiesta Park facility in Albuquerque.

The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 5,774.

\*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 Monday, Dec. 27 are:

- 88101 - 209
- 87114 - 117
- 87124 - 98
- 87120 - 89
- 87121 - 86
- 88201 - 84
- 87144 - 76
- 87507 - 74
- 88203 - 72
- 87105 - 70

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 345,663 COVID-19 cases:

- Bernalillo County: 97,176
- Catron County: 284
- Chaves County: 15,183
- Cibola County: 4,411
- Colfax County: 1,705
- Curry County: 8,900
- De Baca County: 392
- Doña Ana County: 40,299
- Eddy County: 12,500
- Grant County: 4,226
- Guadalupe County: 700
- Harding County: 56
- Hidalgo County: 689
- Lea County: 14,666
- Lincoln County: 3,686
- Los Alamos County: 1,011
- Luna County: 4,867
- McKinley County: 17,439
- Mora County: 462

- Otero County: 9,083
- Quay County: 1,566
- Rio Arriba County: 6,259
- Roosevelt County: 3,469
- Sandoval County: 20,882
- San Juan County: 28,225
- San Miguel County: 3,376
- Santa Fe County: 16,611
- Sierra County: 1,477
- Socorro County: 2,519
- Taos County: 3,234
- Torrance County: 1,876
- Union County: 522
- Valencia County: 12,541

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: 584
- Otero County Processing Center: 648
- 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: 389
- 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: 245
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility in Cibola County: 82

As of today, there are 456 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 300,819 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:

- Artesia Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Artesia
- Aspen Ridge Lodge Retirement in Los Alamos
- Atria Vista Del Rio in Albuquerque
- Avamere at Fiesta Park in Albuquerque
- Avamere in Rio Rancho
- Bear Canyon Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- BeeHive Homes Alamogordo
- BeeHive Homes Bosque Farms

- BeeHive Homes Edgewood facility
- Belen Meadows Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Belen
- Bloomfield Nursing and Rehab Center in Bloomfield
- Blue Horizon Assisted Living In Las Cruces
- Casa Arena Blanca Nursing Center in Alamogordo
- Casa del Sol Center in Las Cruces
- Casa Real Genesis in Santa Fe
- Casa Sandia in Albuquerque
- Desert Peaks Assisting Living and Memory Care in Las Cruces
- Fort Bayard Medical Center in Santa Clara
- Genesis Healthcare Uptown in Albuquerque
- Good Life Senior Living and Memory Care in Los Lunas
- Good Samaritan Society – Betty Dare in Alamogordo
- Good Samaritan Society – Manzano del Sol Village in Albuquerque
- Haciendas of Grace Village in Las Cruces
- 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
- 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 View Bosque Trails Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Sandia View Cottonwood Assisted Living in Albuquerque
- Skies Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Albuquerque
- South Valley Care Center in Albuquerque
- St. Anthony Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Clovis
- Sugar Hollow Assisted Living Community in Albuquerque
- The Suites at Rio Vista in Rio Rancho
- Sunset Villa Care Center in Roswell
- Sunshine Assisted Living in Tucumcari
- Vida Encantada Nursing & Rehabilitation in Las Vegas
- The Village at Alameda in Albuquerque
- Village at Northrise – Morningside in Las Cruces
- The Watermark at Cherry Hills in Albuquerque
- The Woodmark at Uptown in Albuquerque
- Wheatfields Senior Living Community in Clovis
- 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 a 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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