COVID-19 DAY 344 PRESS UPDATE
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INVESTING FOR TOMORROW, DELIVERING TODAY.
COVID-19 Vaccine Update
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Secretary-Designate, Department of Health
Nearly 500,000 vaccine doses administered

Vaccines delivered to NM: 454,350

Vaccines administered: 450,299 (99% - New Mexico is administering nearly all doses every week)

Nearly 11,000 doses administered per day (22% increase from two weeks ago)

Second doses administered: 143,578 (7% of NM fully vaccinated, double the figure from two weeks ago)

Increased allocation from federal government next week: 72,510 doses (4,680 more than last week)
Vaccine distribution: speed and equity

New Mexico has the third-highest vaccine administration rate among all states in the country.

DOH is continuing to allocate and administer vaccines equitably, with a focus on vulnerable communities.
Expanded Vaccine Dashboard

Dashboard now includes data on

• Partially vaccinated / fully vaccinated figures by county
• Race and ethnicity
• Age
Vaccine registration website

https://vaccinenm.org

More than 625,000 New Mexicans registered.

We encourage all New Mexicans to register.

NMDOH will reach out when a vaccine appointment is available.
### How registration works

#### HOW DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION PROCESS WORK?

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<td>1. <strong>REGISTER AT VACCINENM.ORG</strong></td>
<td>Fill out the registration form at vaccinenm.org and receive a confirmation code.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE</strong></td>
<td>Use your confirmation code to access your profile and enter your chronic medical conditions, employer information, insurance information, and demographic information.</td>
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<td>3. <strong>WAIT FOR NMDOH TO CONTACT YOU</strong></td>
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<td>4. <strong>SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT</strong></td>
<td>Once you receive an invitation, enter your event code and select a location, day, and schedule your COVID-19 vaccine appointment.</td>
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<td>5. <strong>RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE</strong></td>
<td>On the day of your appointment you will be able to complete the medical questionnaire. Attend the appointment at the location and receive your COVID-19 vaccine.</td>
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Who is eligible for vaccine right now?

**PHASE 1A**
In order of priority

- Hospital personnel
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- Medical first responders
- **Congregate setting workers** (homeless shelters, correctional facilities, residential treatment centers, and community homes)
- Persons providing direct medical care and other in-person services
- Home-based healthcare and hospice workers

*Winter - Spring

*Estimated time frames; dependent on DOH receiving vaccine

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**PHASE 1B**
In order of priority

- Persons 75+
- Persons 16+ at risk of COVID complications
- **Frontline essential workers unable to work remotely**: Early education and K-12 educators/staff, caregivers, grocery stores, food and agriculture, public transit, critical manufacturing, public health, public safety, mortuaries, indigent care, non-hospital laboratories
- **Vulnerable populations**: Residents of congregate settings

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*Vulnerable populations at risk of COVID complications can be vaccinated sooner
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- People 16+ at risk of COVID complications
A key limitation: vaccine supply

- Nearly 800,000 New Mexicans eligible for vaccine right now.
- Beginning next week, New Mexico will receive more than 72,510 doses.
- A new vaccine will likely be available in early March.
Vaccine distribution is a team effort

• Providers are responsible for knowing – and following – the phased distribution requirements.

• By going in sequence, we ensure that vaccine goes to those who are at highest risk of serious disease and death from COVID-19.
New CDC Guidance: Double-Masking

• A mask prevents water droplets from escaping, so it needs to fit snugly around your nose, mouth, and cheeks.
• If your mask doesn’t fit well, use a paper mask underneath your cloth mask. (Mask fitters and braces can also be used to create a seal.)
• For more detail: https://www.cdc.gov/
CDC published comprehensive guide to mask wearing, including information on how:

- Masks protect the wearer and others;
- To select a mask, including considerations for children and people with disabilities;
- To wear (and not wear) a mask;
- To take off a mask; and
- To clean a mask.

In January 2021, CDC conducted experiments to assess two ways of improving fit of medical procedure masks:

- fitting cloth mask over medical procedure mask (double-masking); and,
- knotting ear loops of medical procedure mask and then tucking in and flattening extra material close to face.

Modifications can substantially improved source control and reduced wearer exposure.

Better fit, when needed, may be achieved by combining these two mask types reduced wearer’s exposure by more than 90%.
RESURGENCE OF COVID-19 IN MANAUS, BRAZIL, DESPITE HIGH SEROPREVALENCE

COVID-19 hospitalizations, excess deaths, and real-time effective reproductive numbers assessed from literature and qualitatively compared monthly from March 2020 to January 2021 in Manaus, Brazil.

Manaus, Brazil experienced sharp rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations in January 2021 despite extensive transmission earlier in pandemic and stable and low rates for 7 months during relaxed COVID-19 mitigation.

There are 4 possible explanations for the surge:

- Greater **mixing** of susceptible and infected persons in December 2020.
- **Waning immunity** in population.
- Circulating **variants**, specifically B.1.1.7 (S01Y.V1) and P.1 with E484K mutation, evading immunity.
- New **variants** being more transmissible.

**Note:** Smoothed COVID-19 hospitalizations and excess deaths since March 2020 in Manaus, Brazil. Key mitigation events are marked with dotted lines. **Gold** star indicates first detection of P.1 variant.
7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions

2/17/2021

Source: New Mexico Department of Health

There is a 6-day lag in case reporting

NM average daily vaccine doses last 7 days = 10,820 (~29 times average daily cases)
Average number (7-day rolling average) of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths over time

Note: Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths may not yet be reported in 7 or more days.

As of 2/15/21

https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/
- Vaccination lowering daily incidence more than 20%.
- Infection control and quarantine currently play larger roles in epidemic control than vaccination.

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## STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH GATING CRITERIA FOR REOPENING

### Asymptomatic Employees at High-Risk Sites, Vulnerable Populations, Essential Workers, Congregate Settings

**All 4 Criteria Driven by Social Distancing Behaviors of New Mexicans**

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<th>Gating Target</th>
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<td><strong>Spread of COVID-19</strong></td>
<td>Rate of COVID-19 Transmission (10-day Rolling Average)</td>
<td>1.05 or less</td>
<td>0.80 on 2/15/21</td>
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<td>NM daily cases (7-day rolling average)</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>369 on 2/11/21</td>
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<td><strong>Testing Capacity: general and targeted populations</strong>*</td>
<td>Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average)</td>
<td>5,000 / day</td>
<td>15,587 on 2/15/21</td>
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<td>Test Positivity Rate (7-day rolling average)</td>
<td>5.0% or less</td>
<td>4.2% on 2/15/21</td>
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<td><strong>Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity</strong></td>
<td>Time from positive test result to: -isolation recommendation for case</td>
<td>24 hrs</td>
<td>Week ending 2/12 = 17</td>
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<td>-quarantine rec. for case contacts</td>
<td>36 hrs</td>
<td>Week ending 2/12 = 23</td>
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<td><strong>Statewide Health Care System Capacity</strong></td>
<td>Availability of scarce resources in 7 Hub Hospitals: -Adult ICU beds occupied</td>
<td>439 or less</td>
<td>300 on 2/17/21</td>
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<td>-PPE</td>
<td>7-day supply</td>
<td>7 on 2/15/21</td>
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WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT

Something about the virus has changed!

- New COVID variants may spread more rapidly and be resistant to treatments and/or vaccines.
- As we reopen, we expect viral transmission to increase.
- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- We ALL need to stay committed to fighting the virus for several more months.

CASE COUNTS REMAIN TOO HIGH.
WE ALL STILL MUST FIGHT THE VIRUS.

- Stay at home.
- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- Everyone needs to wear face coverings in public.
- Maintain social distancing (minimum 6 feet).
- Be particularly careful in the month after receiving the vaccine.

Resist Covid Take 6 is an artist-driven public awareness campaign to educate and enlighten Black, Brown and Native American communities on the impacts of COVID-19 on their lives. [https://resistcovidtake6.org/about/](https://resistcovidtake6.org/about/)