COVID-19 DAY 393 PRESS UPDATE APRIL 7, 2021
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INVESTING FOR TOMORROW, DELIVERING TODAY.
COVID-19 Vaccine Update
April 7, 2021

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Cabinet Secretary, Department of Health
New Mexico remains fastest state for vaccine distribution

- 50% of New Mexicans (16+) have received at least a first shot
- More than 31% of New Mexicans (16+) are fully vaccinated
Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population
BREAKING NEWS

NEW MEXICO LEADS U.S. IN RACE TO HERD IMMUNITY

50.6%

21.7%

NEW MEXICO
NATIONAL AVERAGE
All New Mexicans 16+ are eligible for vaccine

• 100% of in-state Phase 1 registrants have received an invitation to a vaccine appointment.

• If you’ve been invited and haven’t been able to attend an appointment, you will receive another invitation.

• Seniors and those with disabilities can call 1-800-432-2080 for support with registration and scheduling.

• DOH is prioritizing invitations and outreach for 75+, seniors with a chronic condition.
Vaccine supply

• This week’s allocation: 131,200 doses, including 30,800 doses of J&J (35% higher than last week).

• Next week: 109,950 doses, including 3,700 J&J.
New Mexico has three vaccines

- All vaccines available in the U.S. were highly effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths in clinical trials.

- All vaccines authorized by the FDA are safe and effective.

- All vaccines available in the U.S. are highly effective against severe COVID-19.

- All vaccines are appropriate for all racial and ethnic groups.
Vaccine trials for children

- 100% efficacy in adolescent Pfizer trial.

- Pfizer trials now underway with children as young as six months.

- Moderna trials beginning with children as young as six months, including in New Mexico this summer.
Get vaccinated with the first vaccine available

• Vaccines, testing, and COVID-safe practices will keep more of our loved ones from being hospitalized or dying due to COVID-19.

• Please get a vaccine as soon as you are eligible. It could save your life.
Registration update

• More supply is coming!

• Register at vaccinenm.org

• More than 829,000 New Mexicans registered for vaccine.
Updating profiles on vaccineNM.org

- If you’ve registered for vaccine but gotten vaccinated elsewhere – either out-of-state or with another provider – please log in to vaccineNM.org and indicate that you’ve gotten your shot.

- Doing so will help DOH get invitations to other New Mexicans more quickly. And if you haven’t gotten a vaccine yet, don’t worry – your invitation is coming soon.
Self-scheduling appointments

- New Mexicans 75+ can self-schedule their vaccine appointments at [vaccineNM.org](http://vaccineNM.org) – no event code required.

- Aiming to open self-scheduling to 60+ in the coming days – and for all New Mexicans as soon as possible.

- All New Mexicans can also self-schedule their boosters without an event code.
Doses Administered: 23,618
Clinics Held: 61
Upcoming Clinics: 20

ALTSD: SENIOR VACCINATION CLINICS
Senior Vaccine Clinics

96-year-old Mrs. Atencio getting her COVID vaccine from her niece in Chamisal, New Mexico
We’re thankful that we’re now starting to get more requests from the southern portion of the state and are currently planning 12 additional clinics for southern New Mexico.
We’ve completed all three of the clinics for Long Term Care staff and residents.

High acceptance rates for residents in both Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities.

We’re already seeing data to support that the vaccine is working...
Since the beginning of vaccine rollout, the average number of daily deaths in all LTCs has dropped from nearly 10 deaths a day, to less than one death per day.
Changes to visitation due to decreases in cases and deaths in Long Term Care Facilities

On March 24th along side our partners at DOH we announced visitation changes for Long Term Care Facilities

- Visitation is allowed unless the facility is experiencing an outbreak
- Outdoor visitation is preferred
- Indoor visitation can occur in designated visitation rooms with social distancing, mask wearing and ventilation
- Communal dining and social activities are allowed, but are linked to the County’s RYG
Homebound Vaccination Pilot

- Partnership with Presbyterian Hospital
  - Over the past 10 days they have vaccinated 300 homebound members in the Albuquerque metro to date
  - Gearing up to expand to Santa Fe, Valencia, and Sandoval Counties
- ALTSD is setting up additional pilot programs with additional providers and hospitals
- These efforts are in addition to the homebound vaccination efforts between DOH and local EMS across the state
State will provide ~$170 million of federal aid to New Mexicans for rental and utility assistance to households experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- If you live/rent in Bernalillo County, outside of ABQ city limits, apply here: https://www.bernco.gov/rent.

- If you live/rent in Doña Ana County, apply here: https://www.donaanacounty.org/rent-utilities-assistance.

- All other residents may apply here: www.RentHelpNM.org
7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions

4/7/2021

NM average daily vaccine doses last 7 days = 16,315 (~92 times average daily cases)

Source: New Mexico Department of Health
There is a 6-day lag in case reporting
After months of progress, cases have risen again in most states. NM is an exception.

**CDC Variant Classification**
- Variants of interest: B.1526/B.1525, P.2
- Variants of high consequence: None
COVID-19 VARIANTS GROWING RAPIDLY IN SOUTHWEST

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<th>Variant</th>
<th>Reported Cases in US</th>
<th>Number of Jurisdictions Reporting</th>
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<td>B.1.351</td>
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Cases of Variants of Concern in the United States*†

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CASES ARE UP IN STATES WITH STRONG B.1.1.7 VARIANT PRESENCE

## WHY ARE VARIANTS SO IMPORTANT?

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<td>Resistant to Vaccine(s)?</td>
<td>No (Pfizer,</td>
<td>No (J&amp;J)</td>
<td>Yes (Astra Zeneca)</td>
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<td>Moderna, Astra</td>
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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>0.96 on 4/6/21</td>
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<td>NM daily cases (7-day rolling average)</td>
<td>168</td>
<td>178 on 4/1/21</td>
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<td><strong>Testing Capacity: general and targeted</strong></td>
<td>Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average)</td>
<td>5,000 / day</td>
<td>8,522 on 4/5/21</td>
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<td>Test Positivity Rate (7-day rolling average)</td>
<td>5.0% or less</td>
<td>2.7% on 4/5/21</td>
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<td><strong>Contact Tracing and</strong></td>
<td>Time from positive test result to:</td>
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<td><strong>Isolation Capacity</strong></td>
<td>-isolation recommendation for case</td>
<td>24 hrs</td>
<td>Week ending 4/1 = 16</td>
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<td>-quarantine rec. for case contacts</td>
<td>36 hrs</td>
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<td><strong>Statewide Health Care System Capacity</strong></td>
<td>Availability of scarce resources in 7 Hub Hospitals:</td>
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<td>-Adult ICU beds occupied</td>
<td>439 or less</td>
<td>264 on 4/7/21</td>
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<td>-PPE</td>
<td>7-day supply</td>
<td>7 on 4/5/21</td>
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ALL 4 CRITERIA DRIVEN BY SOCIAL DISTANCING BEHAVIORS OF NEW MEXICANS
COUNTY UPDATE

- Nearly a month since we had any Red counties (last was Guadalupe on March 10).
- Over last 3 biweekly map updates, we've grown from 7 Turquoise counties (March 10) to 13 Turquoise (March 24) to now 20 (today) -- this is the right kind of "exponential" growth!
- Majority of counties that have reached Turquoise have stayed Turquoise.
- All of this shows us progress is not only achievable -- it is sustainable.
COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rates by Test Positivity,
New Mexico Counties, March 9 - March 22, 2021

COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rates by Test Positivity,
New Mexico Counties, March 23 - April 5, 2021

Legend:
- Both Average Daily Cases 8 or fewer per 100,000 and Test Positivity 5% or lower for two consecutive reporting periods
- Both Average Daily Cases 8 or fewer per 100,000 and Test Positivity 5% or lower
- Either Average Daily Cases 8 or fewer per 100,000 or Test Positivity 5% or lower
- Both Average Daily Cases more than 8 per 100,000 and Test Positivity greater than 5%
During February 2021, bar in rural Illinois held opening event indoors with 100 individuals, leading to outbreak.

- Attendees included 1 person with asymptomatic infection who received COVID-19 diagnosis day before the event.

- 46 COVID-19 cases linked to event (29 customers/staff and 17 secondary cases). Secondary cases included:
  - 12 cases in 8 households with children,
  - 2 on school sports team; and,
  - 3 in long-term care facility, including one hospitalization.

- Transmission resulted in one school closure affecting 650 children (9,100 lost person-days of school).

- High percentage (82.6%) of symptomatic persons linked to event suggests total number of cases higher than reported.
WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT - THE VIRUS IS CHANGING!

- Get registered. Get vaccinated.
- New COVID variants may spread more rapidly, be more lethal, and resist treatments and/or vaccines.
- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- If you have COVID-19, learn if you’re eligible for monoclonal antibody treatment.
- 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).