COVID-19 Day 595
Press Update

October 26, 2021

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Today’s Epidemiology Report

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<th>Since March 2020</th>
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<td>Hospitalizations</td>
<td>389</td>
<td>18,246</td>
<td>6.6% of cases</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>5,027</td>
<td>1.8% of cases</td>
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NM COVID-19 vaccination rates

- Fully vaccinated:
  - 72.3% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 54.2% of New Mexicans 12-17
- Partially vaccinated:
  - 81.9% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 62.4% of New Mexicans 12-17
- Received a booster dose:
  - 8.2% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 12-17 not eligible

https://vaccinenm.org/public-dashboard.html
Weekly COVID-19 vaccines administered in New Mexico since 12/24/20

Each date represents 2 weeks (date is end of the week)

Number of doses

https://cv.nmhealth.org/vaccine-reports/
Many still not vaccinated and at risk

Cumulative Percent Completing Vaccination Series, for 16 and Older

Data are drawn from the New Mexico State Immunization Information System (NMSIIS) and Tiberius and include only residents of New Mexico.

https://cv.nmhealth.org/vaccine-reports/
5-11 Year-old Vaccine Approval Progress
FDA Committee approved Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year-olds; CDC guidance likely coming next week

- Panel members voted 17-0 to recommend the shot, with one abstention
- Two doses, three weeks apart
- “To me the benefit is clear,” Amanda Cohn, a CDC pediatrician who sits on the FDA Committee, “We don’t want children to be dying of Covid, even if it is far fewer children than adults”

Process for 5-11 year-olds vaccine approvals

Step 1: Review and recommendation by VRBPAC (October 26)
Step 2: Review and final approval by FDA (within next week)
Step 3: Review and recommendation by ACIP (November 2-3)
Step 4: Review and final guidance by CDC
Step 5: Review and approval by NM Medical Advisory Team (early November)

FDA = US Food and Drug Administration
VRBPAC = Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (FDA committee)
CDC = Center for Disease Control
ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC committee)
New electronic consent form for child vaccinations is available at VaccineNM.org/kids

Parents/guardians can now link a child's profile to their own to manage the child’s profile on their behalf, including:

- update profile info
- schedule appointments
- complete parental consent forms
How to link dependents to your profile

VaccineNM.org/kids
Booster doses are now available for all three COVID-19 vaccines
Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccines

Eligible New Mexicans include:

• 65 years and older
• 18+ who live in long-term care settings
• 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
• 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
• 6 months or more after completion of their initial series

*Note: Moderna boosters are a half dose, but immunocompromised people receiving a third shot for additional immunity will continue to receive a full dose.*
J and J booster vaccine

Eligible New Mexicans include:

- 18 years and older
- 2 months or more after a single dose primary vaccination
Boosters can be mix and match

Mix and match boosters were approved by FDA/CDC:

• If you got Pfizer or Moderna for your primary, you can get any booster at 6 months

• If you got J and J as your primary, you can get any booster at 2 months
Booster dose administration progress

125,843 total booster doses administered 8/1–10/24

Booster Doses Administered in NM Since 08/01/21

- 8/13/21: Pfizer additional dose for immuno-Compromised approved
- 9/24/21: Pfizer booster dose approved
- 10/25/21: All three vaccines approved for boosters
Full vaccination is still NM’s first priority
Make a vaccine appointment today

• COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available at VaccineNM.org

• Or schedule an appointment with your primary care provider or a pharmacy

• Get a flu shot at the same time

• Talk to your provider if you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine or your eligibility for a booster dose
NMDOH Call Center is here for New Mexicans without access to website

- **Call Center Purpose:** To advance equity by supporting people without internet or capacity to schedule online
- **Option 3 or 9** takes callers directly to Spanish speaker
- **8 AM to 8 PM, Monday-Sunday**

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**I want to schedule an appointment by phone**
To schedule your appointment by phone, call 1-855-600-3453, option 3 any day

**Quiero programar una cita por teléfono**
Para programar su cita por teléfono, llame al 1-855-600-3453, opción 3 cualquier día
COVID-19 Epidemiology Update
COVID-19 Global Situation Update

Global Situation

243,857,028 confirmed cases

4,953,246 deaths

Situation by WHO Region

- Americas: 92,000,000 confirmed
- Europe: 75,000,000 confirmed
- South-East Asia: 60,000,000 confirmed
- Eastern Mediterranean: 15,000,000 confirmed
- Western Pacific: 10,000,000 confirmed
- Africa: 6,000,000 confirmed


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COVID-19 Global Situation Update

New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection
October 25, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Metro Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
October 25, 2021

10 cases per 100,000

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.

https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/
Worrisome case trends in western NM

Northwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
October 25, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.

Southwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
October 25, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Positive case trends in southeast NM

Northeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
October 25, 2021

Southeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
October 25, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.

URL: https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/

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COVID-19 community transmission levels continue to be high in ALL of New Mexico

Levels of Community Transmission by County, October 12-October 25, 2021

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<th>County</th>
<th>Population Count</th>
<th>Number of Cases (14 days)</th>
<th>Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)</th>
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After Delta became the most common variant,* fully vaccinated people had reduced risk† of...

Infection: 5X
Hospitalization: >10X
Death: >10X

Vaccination offers strong protection against COVID-19

* June 20-July 17, 2021
† Compared with people not fully vaccinated

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NM COVID-19
Hospitalizations and Deaths
Hospitalizations remain high

New Mexico new hospital admissions per 100,000 population each day with a 7-day rolling average
Hospital relief is NOT in sight

- Presbyterian’s 10/25/21 modeling predicts and increase in hospitalizations over the next two weeks
NM Hospital Systems Capacity Self-Evaluation

- Contingency Level 1
- Contingency Level 2
- Crisis Standards of Care

Weighted Score:

- 10/26/21: 35

ICU Beds

Med/Surgical Beds
FEMA assistance for NM hospitals during Crisis Standards of Care

• National Disaster Medical System assessment:
  • Assess NM hospitals and develop full situational picture for federal Health and Human Services
  • Generate assessment report and recommendations
  • Findings:
    • State transfer system and Hub & Spoke coordination was identified as a statewide best practice
    • All facilities found to be at max capacity with staffing being the limiting factor
    • Extremely limited Federal assets available for deployment

• Staffing support:
  • 290 medical support staff being recruited
  • Wide variety of clinical capabilities
  • 100% FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement
As of October 24, 2021:

- 90.0% of New Mexico’s hospital employees are fully vaccinated
- 2.1% are partially vaccinated
- 7.3% have an approved exemption
- 0.6% remain unvaccinated
NM assisted living facility employee vaccination rates

As of October 24, 2021:

- 90.2% of New Mexico’s assisted living facility employees are fully vaccinated
- 2.1% are partially vaccinated
- 1.2% have an approved exemption
- 6.6% remain unvaccinated
NM nursing facility employee vaccination rates

As of October 24, 2021:

• 89.6% of New Mexico’s nursing facility employees are fully vaccinated
• 4.2% are partially vaccinated
• 6.2% remain unvaccinated
We may finally be seeing a plateau in COVID-19 deaths

5,012 New Mexico deaths as of 10/26/21
Get vaccinated to protect yourself and our state’s most vulnerable

• Mary Martinez lost her husband and her father to COVID-19 within a four-day period in December last year

• The vaccine was not yet available, and both had underlying medical conditions which put them at higher risk

• NM reached 5,000 deaths to COVID-19 this week — 5,000 human lives lost — and in this case, the loved ones lost in the Martinez family

• Seeing coronavirus patients on the news, Mary said, is a constant reminder of the loss the Martinez family has endured

• New Mexicans should get vaccinated and obtain booster shots if they are eligible

Mary Martinez holds up an urn containing the ashes of her husband, Eric ‘Suavecito’ Martinez, for her grandson, Elijah Eric Wright, at their Santa Fe home Wednesday evening. A picture of her late husband, Eric Martinez, is on the pillow at right. She lost her husband and her father to the coronavirus in a four-day period in December.

Gabriela Campana/The New Mexican

COVID-19 Treatments
Inpatient and outpatient mAbs treatment rates continue to rise, reaching another record of 2,286 treatments given from October 21-27.

mAbs (symptoms + >64, obese, OR one risk factor, given as outpatient)

Remdesivir (moderately ill, given in hospital)
mAbs provider spotlights

Below are the top outpatient mAbs providers from October 21-27. “Thank you!” to these facilities and all other NM mAbs providers:

• Presbyterian Healthcare System – 156
• Covenant Health Hobbs aka LRMC – 85
• Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center – 52
• Gallup Indian Medical Center – 49
• Memorial Medical Center – 42
• Eastern New Mexico Medical Center – 41
October marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

• The best protection is early detection

• 41% of Americans have delayed medical care including their annual cancer screenings since the pandemic started

• Even before the pandemic, only 63 percent of women were up to date on their annual mammograms

• This year, breast cancer surpassed lung cancer as the leading cancer diagnosed worldwide
New Mexicans continue to need expanded services from the State due to the pandemic.
NM working with CDC on testing program that allows kids to stay in school

- $64M from CDC to improve school testing: all public, nonpublic, charter, and tribal schools eligible
- Each registered district receives:
  - $70,000 base, $30/enrolled student
- 65% of PED school districts, 684 total schools have registered so far; goal = 100%
- Test to Stay: NM is collaborating with CDC and IL, KY, and GA to evaluate a program that allows students to remain in the classroom and in school related activities
Delta is >2x more infectious; we need to be >2x more careful

- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- If you have a COVID-19 positive test, symptoms and risk factors, seek out monoclonal antibody treatment.
- Be especially careful indoors no matter where you live in NM.

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

- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- Everyone mask up and maintain social distancing (minimum 6’).
- Get needed preventive healthcare.
- Get vaccinated!