COVID-19 Day 602
Press Update

November 3, 2021

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# Today’s Epidemiology Report

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<th>Since March 2020</th>
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<td>Cases</td>
<td>1,166</td>
<td>279,670</td>
<td>13.3% of NM population</td>
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<td>Hospitalizations</td>
<td>419</td>
<td>18,686</td>
<td>6.7% of cases</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>5,085</td>
<td>1.8% of cases</td>
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NM COVID-19 vaccination rates

- Fully vaccinated:
  - 72.6% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 54.4% of New Mexicans 12-17

- Partially vaccinated:
  - 82.5% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 62.6% of New Mexicans 12-17

- Received a booster dose:
  - 171,806 New Mexicans 18+
  - <18 not eligible

- Next week vaccine statistics for 5-11 year-olds will be on the dashboard

https://vaccinenm.org/public-dashboard.html
We have seen an uptick in vaccine administration.

Weekly COVID-10 Vaccines Administered in NM since 12/24/20

Each date represents 2 weeks (date is end of the two weeks)
NM continues to vaccinate our most vulnerable counties

Data sources: NMSIIS and Tiberius; vaccination data as of 11/01/2021.
County population denominators are for those 18 years and older.
Booster Dose Administration in NM
171,806 total booster doses administered 8/1–10/30

Booster Doses Administered Since 8/1/21

- **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
5-11 Year-old Vaccines
Process for 5-11 year-olds vaccine approvals

Step 1: Review and recommendation by VRBPAC
Step 2: Review and final approval by FDA
Step 3: Review and recommendation by ACIP
Step 4: Review and final guidance by CDC
Step 5: Review and approval by NM Medical Advisory Team

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)
Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year-olds is available for New Mexicans

- The CDC estimates that we need to vaccinate only 10 children to prevent a single case of COVID-19 in children 5-11
- Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year-olds:
  - smaller dosage (⅓ of the adult dose)
  - 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine with 3 weeks in between each dose
- Vaccines for 5-11 year-olds are being delivered to NM
- We appreciate New Mexicans’ patience as doses arrive
Vaccines keep kids healthy

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7042e1.htm?s_cid=mm7042e1_w

Investing for tomorrow, delivering today.

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Side effects in 5-11 year-olds are milder than older children

On the arm where you got the shot:

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:

- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

Register your child today 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

Scheduling opened this morning and thousands already have an appointment.
How to link dependents to your profile

VaccineNM.org/kids

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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**

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
Test to Stay in School  
(Modified Quarantine)

Safely Providing In-person Learning in Classrooms and Supporting Front-line Education Employees
Test to Stay (T2S), or modified quarantine, allows unvaccinated students and school staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 in a school setting to continue attending school and school-related activities.

- Replaces the mandatory 10-day quarantine when a student or staff member is identified as a close-contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Close contact receives a rapid COVID test on days one, three, and five following exposure.
- If tests are negative and the individual is asymptomatic, he or she may stay in school and participate in extracurricular activities.
Test to Stay: Goals

- Keep New Mexico students, staff, and communities safe
- Minimize quarantine times for staff and students
- Keep New Mexico students engaged in in-person learning and activities
- Offer local flexibility, when possible
Test to Stay: How It Is Working in Alamogordo

• T2S programs use rapid antigen and other tests at school

• Eligible T2S participants must be tested on days 1, 3, and 5 following exposure
  • Day 0 is exposure
  • Day 1 is the first day after exposure is known
  • For school closures or student absence, testing sequence resumes the next school day
Students and staff in T2S programs may participate in all school activities and services, including:

- In-person learning
- School transportation
- Out-of-school time activities
- After care
- Extra-curricular activities (including competitions)
COVID-19 Epidemiology Update
7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions
11/3/2021

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

https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/

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Most of NM still has high COVID-19 community transmission levels

Levels of Community Transmission by County, October 19-November 1, 2021

New Mexico Test positivity 7-Day Rolling Average, March 17, 2020-November 1, 2021

Target: 7.5%

11/01/21: 9.9%
COVID-19 cases in NM children

Total number of pediatric cases (% of cases that are pediatric):
46,987 (16.8%)

Number of pediatric cases in the last week (% of cases in the last week that are pediatric):
1,693 (25.2%)

Last week in schools:
- 995 cases, 27 counties
- 770 students (77%)
- 225 teachers/staff (23%)

NM daily pediatric case rate per 100,000 population by age group

Pediatric Case Report [https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/](https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/)
COVID-19 hospitalizations in NM children

Total pediatric hospitalizations: 299

Pediatric hospitalizations in the last week: 0

Total pediatric deaths: 5

NM pediatric hospitalizations per 100,000 population by age each week

Age group
- 0-4
- 5-11
- 12-17

Pediatric Case Report [https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/]
NM COVID-19

Hospitalizations and Deaths
NM hospital capacity is in trouble

NM Medical Advisory Team
Hospital Self-Evaluation Criteria

- Delays in Care (limited to critical services)
- Transfers (inability to transfer, transfer center active)
- Triage and Allocation (full activation)
- Emergency Department and Alternative Access Points (saturated access, active triage)
- ICU (>100% utilization x multiple days)
- Non-ICU (>100% utilization x multiple days)
- Modeling (predicting demand>supply) *Moved to red
- Redeployment (insufficient staff to meet needs)
- Sustainment (tiered staffing for exposed staff)
- Capacity (insufficient staff to maintain patient care)
- Ratios (unable to increase staff to patient ratios)
- Acquisition (supply chain unreliable, limited interfacility sharing)
- Management (able to reuse equipment/supplies)

NM Hospital Systems Capacity Self-Evaluation

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

11/02/21: 36.5

ICU Beds

Available COVID ICU Beds
November 2, 2021
Total beds: 17

Med/Surgical Beds

Available Med/Surgical Beds (COVID)
November 2, 2021
Total beds: 82
Assistance for NM hospitals in Crisis Standards of Care

• Current staffing support: 196 in NM
  • Alta Vista Regional Hospital (Las Vegas): 15
  • Carlsbad Medical Center (Carlsbad): 17
  • Eastern NM Medical Center (Roswell): 16
  • Gerald Champion Medical Center (Alamogordo): 17
  • Los Alamos Medical Center (Los Alamos): 4
  • Lovelace Medical Center and Heart Hospital (ABQ): 22
  • Memorial Medical Center (Las Cruces): 29
  • Mesilla Valley Hospital (Las Cruces): 14
  • Mimbres Memorial Hospital (Deming): 2
  • Mountain View Regional (Las Cruces): 19
  • San Juan Regional Medical Center (Farmington): 41

• Pending staffing support:
  • 36 DMAT for Farmington
  • 94 additional requested statewide
  • 100% FEMA reimbursable

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PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ACTING SECRETARY DAVID R. SCRASE, M.D.
OCTOBER 18, 2021

Public Health Emergency Order Regarding Crisis Care and Establishing the Credentialing and Approval of State Credentialled Physicians and Credentialled Advanced Practice Clinicians in Response to Medical Staff Shortages

ORDER

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been confirmed in New Mexico since March 11, 2020, when the New Mexico Department of Health (“NMDOH” or the “Department”) confirmed the first cases of individuals infected with COVID-19 in New Mexico and additional cases have been confirmed each day since then;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, because of the spread of COVID-19, Michelle Lujuan Grisham, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, issued Executive Order 2020-004 declaring that a Public Health Emergency exists in New Mexico under the Public Health Emergency Response Act, and invoked her authority under the All Hazards Emergency Management Act;
A plateau in COVID-19 deaths appears to be continuing

5,073 New Mexico deaths as of 11/1/21
FEMA NM Funeral Assistance Program

- FEMA has distributed over $5M in assistance for 1,006 New Mexicans
  - Average of $5,000 in aid per registrant
  - 1,682 people have registered for the program (35.2%)
  - FEMA has processed 1,040 applications
  - 1,006 were approved (97%) and 34 were rejected (mostly due to duplication of insurance benefits)
  - 642 applications are still being reviewed
- To apply: 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585
  - Monday-Friday from 9am-9pm ET
COVID-19 Treatments
Inpatient and outpatient COVID-19 treatment rates continue to rise, reaching another record of 2,508 treatments given from October 28-November 3

Remdesivir (moderately ill, given in hospital)

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

Below are the top outpatient mAbs providers from October 28-November 3. “Thank you!” to these facilities and all other NM mAbs providers:

- Presbyterian Healthcare Systems – 103
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center – 63
- Gallup Indian Medical Center – 50
- San Juan Regional Medical Center – 47
- Carlsbad Medical Center – 43
The pandemic is not over; New Mexicans still need to take precautions

• 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!