COVID-19 Day 617
Press Update

November 17, 2021

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Today’s Epidemiology Report

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<th>Today</th>
<th>Since March 2020</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Cases</td>
<td>1,530</td>
<td>298,313</td>
<td>14.2% of NM population</td>
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<td>Hospitalizations</td>
<td>539</td>
<td>19,645</td>
<td>6.5% of cases</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>5,215</td>
<td>1.7% of cases</td>
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Full vaccination is still NM’s first priority
NM COVID-19 vaccination rates

- **Fully vaccinated:**
  - 61.4% of ALL New Mexicans (38.6% unvaccinated)
  - 73.7% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 55.2% of New Mexicans 12-17
  - 0.0% of New Mexicans 5-11

- **Partially vaccinated:**
  - 70.7% of ALL New Mexicans (29.3% unvaccinated)
  - 84.2% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 63.7% of New Mexicans 12-17
  - 6.3% of New Mexicans 5-11

- **Received a booster dose:**
  - 274,189 New Mexicans 18+
  - <18 not eligible

https://vaccinenm.org/public-dashboard.html
Weekly COVID-10 Vaccines Administered in NM since 12/24/20

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

65,000 doses per week!
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<th>Week ending</th>
<th>Number Latinx fully vax (12+)</th>
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<td>435,296</td>
<td>3.2% **</td>
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<td>421,782</td>
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<td>9/24</td>
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<td>9/17</td>
<td>411,619</td>
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<td>9/17</td>
<td>18,255</td>
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<td>20,761</td>
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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
Booster Dose Administration in NM
CDC booster recommendations

**IF YOU RECEIVED**

**Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna**

You are eligible for a booster if you are:

- 65 years or older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

When to get a booster:
At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series

Which booster should you get?
Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States

**IF YOU RECEIVED**

**Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen**

You are eligible for a booster if you are:

- 18 years or older

When to get a booster:
At least 2 months after your shot

Which booster should you get?
Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States


Investing for tomorrow, delivering today.
NM is a high-risk setting!

Levels of Community Transmission by County, November 2-15, 2021

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Population Count</th>
<th>Number of Cases (14 days)</th>
<th>Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)</th>
<th>Total New Cases per 100,000 persons</th>
<th>Percentage of Tests that are Positive During the Past 14 days</th>
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<td>4566</td>
<td>5</td>
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NM has joined 6 other states in opening boosters to all people 18+

States Bypassing Federal Booster Shot Regulations for Adults


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Booster dose administration progress

292,120 total booster doses administered 8/1-11/17

Currently, NM is administering booster doses ahead of the national average

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
Booster appointments are available statewide

- Appointments for boosters as of 11/17/21:
  - 91,142 appointments
    - 55,612 already filled (60%)
  - **35,530 open (40%)**
- Other appointments and walk-ins available statewide
- Visit VaccineNM.org or vaccines.gov to find a location near you
Booster dose vaccine sites

Between today and 12/15/21, there are 3,011 booster vaccine sites currently scheduled to operate!

Visit: VaccineNM.org Vaccines.gov
Vaccines for Children
5-11 vaccines taking off quickly!

- 5-11 vaccines (started Nov 8)
  - First week goal = 9,443
  - First week actual = 10,022
  - 6% above target

Cumulative Vaccines by Week: 5-11 Year-olds

- Actual
- Goal
Providers are adding more appointments for 5-11 year-olds daily

- Appointments for 5-11 year-olds as of 11/15/21:
  - 33,741 appointments
    - 22,721 already filled (67%)
    - **11,020 open (33%)**
- Vaccines for 5-11 year-olds are being regularly delivered to NM
- More appointments are added each day
- We continue to appreciate New Mexicans’ patience as new doses arrive

![Pediatric Appointments in the NM Vaccine Registration System](image)
5-11 year-old vaccine sites

Between today and 12/15/21, there are 776 vaccine sites for 5-11 year-olds currently scheduled to operate!

Visit: VaccineNM.org/kids
vaccines.gov
For Parents and Children:
Step by step vaccine process
How do I schedule my child’s appointment?

- Vaccinenm.org/kids
- It’s free and you don’t need insurance
Where do they put the shot?

• Someone will clean your upper arm with an alcohol pad
• It will feel a little cool
• This is where you would normally get your flu vaccine or the other 16 vaccines that kids get for school
How to get ready for your shot

• Bring a friend, sibling, family member to talk to while getting your vaccine
• Bring a favorite stuffed animal or toy
When will my child be fully vaccinated?

3 weeks apart
Why should my child get the vaccine?

• It’s 91% effective at preventing COVID
• We do this so we don’t end up getting really sick or passing it on to someone else
• It’s our little part to help end the pandemic
COVID-19 Epidemiology Update
National plateau and rising case rates of COVID-19 in many states including NM

US COVID-19 7-Day Case Rate per 100,000, by State/Territory

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the US Reported to the CDC

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days; https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailycases

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COVID-19 vaccination is protecting against severe disease and death

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Deaths in the US
Reported to the CDC

New deaths attributed to Covid-19, reported to CDC, in NM, TX, LA, and AZ
Seven-day moving average of new deaths (per 100K) by number of days since .01 average daily deaths (per 100K) first recorded

Total NM 7-day rolling average 10 cases per 100,000

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Highly contagious Delta variant remains predominant variant in current surge

*The dark grey shaded region in each of the figures on this page represents the lag period between specimen collection and genomic sequencing results such that the results may look different when all specimens available for sequencing have been reported.

COVID-19 VOC Case Report 11_15_21.pdf (nmhealth.org)

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Rising incidence of COVID-19 among children in New Mexico

Total number of pediatric cases (% of cases that are pediatric):
51,471 (17.3%)

Number of pediatric cases in the last week (% of cases in the last week that are pediatric):
2,488 (25.4%)

[Graph showing NM daily pediatric case rate per 100,000 population by age group]

Pediatric Case Report: https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/
Metro Region Case Count

Metro Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
November 15, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Northeast Region Case Count

Northeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average

November 15, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Northwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
November 15, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Southeast Region Case Count

Southeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
November 15, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Southwest Region Case Count

Southwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
November 15, 2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
New Mexico Test Positivity Rate is High

- High burden of disease in our communities
- Insufficient testing of children
- Increasing availability of OTC tests and results not reported to state (could affect the overall percent positivity)

New Mexico Test positivity 7-Day Rolling Average, March 17, 2020-November 15, 2021

Target: 7.5%

11/15/21: 12.4%
Safer ways to Celebrate Holidays

• Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination (young children) and those who may be vulnerable to severe infection by getting vaccinated
• Wear a well-fitting mask over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings regardless of vaccination status
• Consider delaying travel plans if not fully vaccinated
• Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces
• If you are sick or have symptoms, don’t host or attend a gathering
• Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone with COVID-19
Vaccine Breakthrough Cases
Percent of Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Vaccine Status: **October 18 - November 15, 2021**

Cumulative rate: 2.0% breakthrough cases in fully vaccinated people 12+ from Feb. 1-Nov. 16, 2021
NM COVID-19
Hospitalizations and Deaths
Unvaccinated people make up the vast majority of NM COVID-19 hospitalizations.
NM Hospital Systems Capacity Self-Evaluation

Contingency Level 1

Contingency Level 2

Crisis Standards of Care

11/16/21: 37.0

ICU Beds

Available COVID ICU Beds
November 16, 2021
Total beds: 10

Med/Surgical Beds

Available Med/Surgical Beds (COVID)
November 16, 2021
Total beds: 72
A plateau in COVID-19 deaths appears to be continuing.

5,203 New Mexico deaths as of 11/15/21
COVID-19 Treatments
950 COVID-19 mAbs treatments were given over the last week!

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 November 11-17. “Thank you!” to these facilities and all other NM mAbs providers:

• Presbyterian Healthcare Services – 175
• Memorial Medical Center – 97
• Guadalupe County Hospital – 73
• Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center – 63
• San Juan Regional Medical Center – 63
Oral COVID-19 therapeutics

• Several oral antivirals for the outpatient treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 are in late-stage development

• Anticipated EUAs from the FDA as early as December 2021

• Target patient population are adults at high risk of disease progression

• Initially, demand will be higher than available supply

• Will likely follow similar distribution process as mAbs (states allocate product to providers)

• HHS has indicated that all jurisdictions should be prepared to be able to use Molnupiravir by 11/30/21
Multiple layers to help prevent the spread COVID-19 – NM needs your help!

**Personal responsibilities**
- Physical distance, stay home if sick
- Hand hygiene, cough etiquette
- If crowded, limit your time
- Masks
- Avoid touching your face
- Fast and sensitive testing and tracing

**Shared responsibilities**
- Ventilation, outdoors, air filtration
- Quarantine and isolation
- Government messaging and financial support
- Vaccines and boosters

Consult your doctor for COVID-19 treatment; beware of unproven therapies

- Approved COVID-19 outpatient treatments are limited right now to monoclonal antibodies

- Unproven therapies can be harmful and have led to deaths in NM

POISON Help 1-800-222-1222
NEW MEXICO POISON & DRUG INFORMATION CENTER
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!