COVID-19 Day 731
Press Update
March 11, 2022

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COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths

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<th>Total Cases</th>
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<td>514,901</td>
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7-day case rate on 2/21/22: 4,656

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<td>26,552</td>
<td>107</td>
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7-day hospitalization rate on 2/21/22: 172

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<th>Total Deaths</th>
<th>Last 14 Days</th>
<th>Total Deaths % of Cases</th>
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<td>7,040</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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14-day mortality rate on 2/21/22: 75

https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/
2nd Anniversary of COVID-19

March 11, 2022

On March 11, 2020, the first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in New Mexico. Today we remember and mourn those we have lost to this deadly virus as well as their families.
Please join us in 70 seconds of silence in honor of the 7,040 New Mexican lives lost to COVID-19-related illness.
Hospital Capacity Evaluation Continues to Improve

- NM hospitals are developing new, internal scoring tools to help them monitor the need for additional protections as COVID-19 levels fluctuate.
- Continued improvement in availability non-ICU beds (99), but ICU beds (18) still stressed.
- Workforce remains the critical issue; Medical Advisory Team working on longer term solutions.

NM Hospital Systems Capacity Self-Evaluation

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

3/8/22: 19.0
We will Continue to Learn about COVID-19

• Nearly 100 years have passed since the H1N1 Influenza pandemic roared around the planet.

• Many important questions about the nature of the 1918 influenza pandemic remain unanswered.

Influenza: How the Great War helped create the greatest pandemic ever known | @GrrlScientist | Science | theguardian.com
Key NM Milestones in this Pandemic, 2020

- **March 11, 2020**: Four confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in New Mexico.
- **March 25, 2020**: NMDOH announces the first COVID-19 death in New Mexico.
- **December 9, 2020**: New Mexico activates Crisis Standards of Care (CSC).
- **December 14, 2020**: The first COVID-19 vaccine is administered in the state of NM.
Key NM Milestones in this Pandemic, 2021

Vaccine equity across NM is prioritized with a view toward eliminating barriers.

Spring 2021

Boosters are made available for all New Mexicans.

September 29, 2021

Free at-home testing arrives in NM just in time for the Omicron variant, helping to stop viral spread.

December 2021

June 29, 2021

70% of New Mexicans 18+ complete their primary vaccine series.

October 25, 2021

CSC declared again and continues thru March 11, 2022, almost 5 months.
Key NM Milestones in this Pandemic, 2022

January 2022
Molnupiravir and Paxlovid, at-home oral treatments, arrive in New Mexico.

February 17, 2022
Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham lifts the mask mandate.

February 21, 2022
NMDOH provides a toolkit for immunocompromised populations and those who live with or care for them.

March 11, 2022
After 8 very long and difficult months for hospitals, the New Mexico Crisis Standards of Care declaration expires.
The President’s National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan focuses on four key goals:

1. Protect against and treat COVID-19.
2. Prepare for new variants.
3. Prevent economic and educational shutdowns.
4. Continue to lead the effort to vaccinate the world and save lives.
NM COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Started in January, the Department of Health and MAT have almost completed the NM Preparedness Plan as well.

1. Testing
2. Masks
3. Vaccines
4. Treatments
5. Workforce
6. Shelters
7. Reporting
8. Communications

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| Testing   | • 50% vendors (Curative, Vault, PMG)  
            • 43.5% providers/pharmacies  
            • 6.5% DOH | • 90% home testing  
               • 10% PCR local providers, DOH (rural) and vendors-Curative, Vault, PMG (urban) for symptomatic individuals | • Quickly bring vendors, providers and DOH offices (rural) online to 60%+ for surge volume drive thru symptomatic testing  
               • Increase local distribution to community sites and HSD customers via mail |

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NMDOH COVID-19 Reporting Changes

• NMDOH solicited feedback from reporters on current COVID-19 metrics that have been most helpful in keeping New Mexicans informed.

• On Monday, 3/14, NMDOH will simplify and automate daily COVID-19 reporting by reducing the data produced daily to the following statewide datasets only:
  • Daily and cumulative number of cases
  • Daily and cumulative number of hospitalizations
  • Daily number of hospitalized patients intubated
  • Daily number of deaths
  • Daily number test results reported
NMDOH COVID-19 Reporting Changes

- Daily updates will be posted at https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/ by 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Data will no longer be released through daily media announcements.

- Weekly reports with greater detail will continue to be updated at the end of the day on Tuesdays.

- NMDOH epidemiologists will continue to enhance data reporting in the immediate future and as needed as we continue to learn about the virus.
Epidemiology Report of the Week

Weekly COVID-19 epidemiology reports are posted at the end of the day on Tuesdays at:

- [https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/](https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/)

Today, we’ll walk through the Health and Social Characteristics Report.
Takeaway Messages

• As we learn to live with COVID-19, we should continue to fight the virus with the tools we have:
  • Stay up to date on your vaccinations.
  • Get tested at the first sign of symptoms.
  • Seek immediate treatment if you have a positive test, symptoms and risk factors.
  • Wear a mask where required by business/entity, when you’re sick or have been exposed, or when it makes you feel more protected.

• Be kind in your discussions with others about learning to live with COVID-19 in your community.
The pandemic has made us stronger.

We are thankful!