COVID-19 Day 919
Press Update

September 15, 2022

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New Mexico COVID-19 cases

New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection
September 12, 2022

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

Average daily case rate per 100,000 population in the previous 7 days by NM County 09/05/2022 - 09/11/2022

NM COVID-19 Community Level | Week # of NM Counties (%)
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Low | 27 (82%)
Medium | 6 (18%)
High | 0 (0%)

CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View

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COVID-19-related hospitalizations have plateaued (7.1% on ventilation)

Total Deaths: 8,493  
Deaths in the Last 14 Days: 12

“UP-TO-DATE” - New Definition

• You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines if you have:
  • Completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series AND
  • Received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC

Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines Including Boosters | CDC
New Omicron booster vaccines offer enhanced protection from COVID-19

- BA.5 subvariant accounts for an estimated 90% of the COVID-19 cases in New Mexico:
  - Wait 60 days after your last shot
  - Omicron booster manufactured by Pfizer-BioNTech for people ages 12+
  - Omicron booster manufactured by Moderna for adults ages 18+

- Sign up online at: vaccineNM.org, vaccineNM.org/kids, vaccine.gov, or through your personal medical provider or pharmacist

- Call 1-855-600-3453 (option 3, option 9 for Spanish)
Omicron Booster Updates for New Mexico Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) & Nursing Homes

Katrina Hotrum-Lopez
Cabinet Secretary
Aging & Long-Term Services Department
Omicron booster rollout for long-term care facilities has begun!

Goal is to complete booster rollout in the next 6 weeks for all facilities:

- ALTSD is partnering with 2 pharmacy providers to provide COVID-19 & flu vaccines for ALFs and nursing homes
- Senior centers will be coordinating vaccination clinics at their sites across the state, including offerings of flu vaccines in addition to the COVID-19 booster
- Included population: 236 ALFs and 67 nursing homes (ICFs is 43)
Staff and residents will be provided with vaccines and education

• New regulations require that staff and residents need to be offered and continuously educated on the vaccine

• If you or your loved one have not received this information, please reach out to 1-800-432-2080 or 1-866-451-2901
Monkeypox Update
Monkeypox cases in the US and NM

- Monkeypox is a viral infection in the same family as smallpox.
  - It does not usually cause serious illness.
  - However, monkeypox can result in painful lesions or sores but rarely results in hospitalization or death (1 death in US).
- Monkeypox spreads through close physical contact between two people, and anybody can get monkeypox – regardless of sexual orientation, gender or gender identity.

Total confirmed monkeypox/orthopoxvirus cases in the US: 22,774
Cases in New Mexico: 33
Sept. 14, 2022
NM Monkeypox Vaccine Administration

**JYNNEOS** vaccines administered in NM:
- First doses: **1,749**
- Second doses: **179**
New Mexico Monkeypox Cases Data

33 state total reported cases from start of outbreak to September 14, 2022

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Hospitalizations to date: 1
Deaths to date: 0

- The number of hospitalizations and deaths are those that are reported through public health investigation, may be incomplete, and are subject to change.

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Polio case identified in NY state

- Unvaccinated man infected by polio in Rockland County, NY
- Vaccination rate in the County was 60% for polio
- Polio has been found in City of NY's wastewater
Best protection against polio and spread of polio is to be fully vaccinated

Good News:
• NM ranks #7 for polio vaccine coverage in the US

Bad News:
• Vaccinations dropped off during the pandemic

NM Childhood (0-4) Vaccines Administered Comparison 2018-2022 (Jan 1 - August 31)

NM Polio Vaccine Coverage Rates 2022, 6yrs, 4 doses
West Nile Virus in New Mexico

- West Nile virus (WNV) is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental US
- It is most commonly spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito

NM Counties with at Least One Case of West Nile Virus in 2022
September 15, 2022

- = human case
- = animal case
 Symptoms of West Nile Virus (WNV) and how to protect yourself

**Symptoms of WNV:**
- Fever
- Headache
- Body aches
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Skin rash

**Protect yourself:**
- Mosquitoes bite evening to morning:
  - Use mosquito repellent when outside
  - Wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants outside
- Mosquitoes breed in standing water
  - Drain anything that holds water (buckets, pet bowls, etc.) twice a week
Wastewater Monitoring
COVID-19 Wastewater Monitoring

- NMDOH is currently monitoring for COVID-19 in wastewater collected at municipal wastewater treatment plants across the state.
- Symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 shed the virus in their feces.
- Data posted online. (Updated Mon)
- There are currently 11 wastewater systems participating in the voluntary program with NMDOH.

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) RENEWALS

• SNAP eligibility resumes October 2022
• SNAP customers must submit their renewal applications to determine eligibility or risk losing food benefits.
• The fastest and easiest way to renew their SNAP benefits is electronically using their YESNM account at www.yes.state.nm.us.
• For customers who prefer traditional options, they may submit;
  • By mail to CASA, P.O. Box 830, Bernalillo, NM 87004
  • In-person at a local HSD Income Support office

There are 494,620 SNAP customers in New Mexico.
Our Community is Safer When We Do Our Part.

- Know the **COVID-19 Community Level** where you live.
  - Follow the CDC guidance for Low, Medium and High levels.
- **Get vaccinated.**
  - Stay up-to-date on vaccines and boosters.
- **Get tested.**
  - At the first sign of symptoms.
- **Get treated.**
  - Seek treatment right away, even if you have one risk factor.
- **Get a well-fitting mask.**
  - Masks are effective and provide an extra layer to safeguard.