COVID-19 Day 940
Press Update
October 6, 2022

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New Mexico COVID-19 cases

NM COVID-19 Community Level
Week # of NM Counties (%)
Low 28 (85%)
Medium 2 (6%)
High 3 (9%)

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

CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View
Investing for tomorrow, delivering today.
We are seeing a slight rise in cases in NM’s Metro Region and we are watching closely.

Metro Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
October 3, 2022

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
COVID-19-related hospitalizations have plateaued (5.4% on ventilation)

Total Deaths: 8,570
Deaths in the Last 14 Days: 10

Omicron remains the dominant COVID-19 variant in NM

Proportion of identified SARS-CoV-2 lineages by week*

Date Range: October 03, 2021 - October 03, 2022

Lineage
- BA.1 (Omicron)
- BA.2 (Omicron)
- BA.4 (Omicron)
- BA.5 (Omicron)
- B.1.1.7 (Alpha)
- B.1.617.2 (Delta)
- B.1.526 (lota)
- Other lineage

Over 70,700 Omicron boosters have been administered in NM
It's time for your Flu and Omicron Booster

• It is safe to receive both the Flu vaccine and Omicron booster at the same time.

• Public Health Offices and pharmacies will be offering the vaccines free of charge.

• Schedule your vaccine today:
  • At a pharmacy
  • With your provider
  • Visit ItsTimeNM.org or vaccines.gov
  • Call 1-855-600-3453 (option 3).
Monkeypox Update
Monkeys in the US and NM

- Monkeys are a viral infection in the same family as smallpox.
  - It does not usually cause serious illness.
  - However, monkepyox can result in painful lesions or sores but rarely results in hospitalization or death (2 deaths in U.S.).

- Monkeys spread through close physical contact between two people, and anybody can get monkey pox – regardless of sexual orientation, gender or gender identity.

Total confirmed monkeypox/orthopoxvirus
Cases in the US: 26,194
Cases in New Mexico: 46
Deaths in the US: 2
Oct. 4, 2022
NM Monkeypox Vaccine Administration

**JYNNEOS vaccines administered in NM:**
- First doses: **2,161**
- Second doses: **996**
New Mexico Monkeypox Cases Data

46 state total reported cases from start of outbreak to October 5, 2022

Hospitalizations to date: 2
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.

- Visit [NMHealth.org](http://NMHealth.org) and click on the tab for the latest updates.

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<td>All other counties, individually</td>
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Rise in Syphilis Cases in Newborns

2020 CDC national data:
• 2,148 cases of congenital syphilis in the U.S.
• 149 congenital syphilis-related stillbirths and infant deaths.
• New Mexico has 42 cases in 2020.

We must talk, test and immediately treat those who test positive for syphilis with penicillin to prevent the transmission.
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- 290,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in the U.S.
- About 1 in 8 women in the U.S. will get breast cancer at some point.
- 1,512 women will be diagnosed with cancer in New Mexico, 279 will die.
- Men get breast cancer too. (Rare)
- In 2022, an estimated 2,720 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. and approximately 530 men will die from breast cancer.
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 your SNAP benefits is electronically using your YESNM account at [www.yes.state.nm.us](http://www.yes.state.nm.us).

• You may also 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.
  • You can still order tests through [FindATestNM.org](http://FindATestNM.org).

• 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.