COVID-19 Day 982
Press Update
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New Mexico COVID-19 cases

New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection
November 14, 2022

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

CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View

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NM COVID-19 Community Level

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<th>Community Level</th>
<th># of NM Counties (%)</th>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>18 (55%)</td>
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COVID-19-related hospitalizations have doubled in the last month (3.1% on ventilation)

Total Deaths: 8,679  Deaths in the Last 14 Days: 8

Omicron remains the dominant COVID-19 variant in NM

• Long-COVID has been described in recent studies.

• This study estimated the risk of having long-COVID features in the 6 months after a diagnosis of COVID-19.

• The research found that over 1 in 3 patients had one or more features of long-COVID recorded between 3 and 6 months after a diagnosis of COVID-19.

• For 2 in 5 of the patients who had long-COVID features in the 3- to 6-month period, they had no record of any such feature in the previous 3 months.

• The risk of long-COVID features was higher in patients who had more severe COVID-19 illness, and slightly higher among females and young adults. White and non-white patients were equally affected.

Fig 1. Incidence of each long-COVID feature in the 180 days after COVID-19.
NM is among the top states in US bivalent booster administration

Over 230,000 Omicron boosters have been administered in NM

239,094 bivalent doses as of 11/6

31.8% of people 65+
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).
School immunizations for the 2023/2024 school year

• The Vaccine Advisory Committee recommends continuation of the 10 current vaccines required for school entry for the 2023/2024 school immunization requirements.

• No significant changes or additions were made to mandated immunizations for the next school year.

• They also recommend age-appropriate flu and COVID-19 vaccines, and strongly recommend human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine at age 11-12.
COVID-19 cases steadily rising in NM.
Cases of flu rising in New Mexico.
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) cases rising.
The vaccines for Covid-19 and flu - may not always prevent infection, but still offer the best protection against severe illness and death.
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
    - 11 deaths in U.S.
- 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 Globally: 80,064
Cases in the US: 29,055
Cases in New Mexico: 52
Deaths in the US: 11
Nov. 17, 2022

2022 U.S. Map & Case Count | Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC
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RSV Discussion

Pediatric Viral Surge: RSV, Flu, COVID, Parainfluenza, and Enterovirus

• Hospital
  • Licensed for 69 pediatric beds and 20 pediatric ICU beds
  • Expanded beds to address needs
  • Emergency Operations Center

• Clinical
  • Physicians
  • Staffing

• Community Education
  • Right Care, Right Place, Right Time
  • Stay up-to-date with childhood vaccines

• Statewide Collaboration
  • Hospitals
  • Community Providers
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.

• 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.
It's a magical season for our little ones.

Holiday Kids Vaccine PSA - YouTube

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