

COVID-19 DAY 344 PRESS UPDATE

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# **COVID-19 Vaccine Update**

## **February 17, 2021**

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# Nearly 500,000 vaccine doses administered

Vaccines delivered to NM: 454,350

Vaccines administered: 450,299 (99% - New Mexico is administering nearly all doses every week)

Nearly 11,000 doses administered per day (22% increase from two weeks ago)

Second doses administered: 143,578 (7% of NM fully vaccinated, double the figure from two weeks ago)

Increased allocation from federal government next week: 72,510 doses (4,680 more than last week)

# Vaccine distribution: speed and equity

New Mexico has the third-highest vaccine administration rate among all states in the country.

DOH is continuing to allocate and administer vaccines equitably, with a focus on vulnerable communities.

# Expanded Vaccine Dashboard

Dashboard now includes data on

- Partially vaccinated / fully vaccinated figures by county
- Race and ethnicity
- Age

# Vaccine registration website

<https://vaccinenm.org>

More than 625,000 New Mexicans registered.

We encourage all New Mexicans to register.

NMDOH will reach out when a vaccine appointment is available.

# How registration works



## HOW DOES THE COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION PROCESS WORK?



### REGISTER AT VACCINENM.ORG

Fill out the registration form at [vaccinenm.org](https://vaccinenm.org) and receive a confirmation code.



### COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

Use your confirmation code to access your profile and enter your chronic medical conditions, employer information, insurance information, and demographic information.

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TO  
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YOU



### SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Once you receive an invitation, enter your event code and select a location, day, and schedule your COVID-19 vaccine appointment.



### RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE

On the day of your appointment you will be able to complete the medical questionnaire. Attend the appointment at the location and receive your COVID-19 vaccine.

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# Who is eligible for vaccine right now?



## PHASE 1A

In order of priority

- Hospital personnel
- Residents and staff of long-term care facilities
- Medical first responders
- Congregate setting workers (homeless shelters, correctional facilities, residential treatment centers, and community homes)
- Persons providing direct medical care and other in-person services
- Home-based healthcare and hospice workers

**\*Winter - Spring**

*\* Estimated time frames; dependent on DOH receiving vaccine*



## PHASE 1B

In order of priority

- Persons 75+
- Persons 16+ at risk of COVID complications
- Frontline essential workers unable to work  
**remotely:** Early education and K-12 educators/staff, caregivers, grocery stores, food and agriculture, public transit, critical manufacturing, public health, public safety, mortuaries, indigent care, non-hospital laboratories
- **Vulnerable populations:** Residents of congregate settings<sup>‡</sup>

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‡Vulnerable populations at risk of COVID complications can be vaccinated sooner*



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# A key limitation: vaccine supply

- Nearly 800,000 New Mexicans eligible for vaccine right now.
- Beginning next week, New Mexico will receive more than 72,510 doses.
- A new vaccine will likely be available in early March.

# Vaccine distribution is a team effort

- Providers are responsible for knowing – and following – the phased distribution requirements.
- By going in sequence, we ensure that vaccine goes to those who are at highest risk of serious disease and death from COVID-19.

# New CDC Guidance: Double-Masking

- A mask prevents water droplets from escaping, so it needs to fit snugly around your nose, mouth, and cheeks.
- If your mask doesn't fit well, use a paper mask underneath your cloth mask. (Mask fitters and braces can also be used to create a seal.)
- For more detail: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

# YOUR GUIDE TO MASKS CDC

- CDC published comprehensive guide to mask wearing, including information on how:
  - Masks protect the wearer and others;
  - To select a mask, including considerations for children and people with disabilities;
  - To wear (and not wear) a mask;
  - To take off a mask; and
  - To clean a mask.

**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

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**COVID-19** **ACT NOW!** WEAR A MASK STAY 6 FEET APART AVOID CROWDS

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- Masks Protect You & Me

## Your Guide to Masks

Updated Feb. 10, 2021 Languages Print

CDC recommends that people wear masks in public settings, at events and gatherings, and anywhere they will be around other people. Effective February 2, 2021, **masks are required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

### How to Select

When selecting a mask, there are many choices. Here are some do's and don'ts.

**DO choose masks that**

Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric

**DO NOT choose masks that**

Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC\\_2067-DM49715&ACSTrackingLabel=Your%20Guide%20to%20Masks%20%7C%20COVID-19&deliveryName=USCDC\\_2067-DM49715](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2067-DM49715&ACSTrackingLabel=Your%20Guide%20to%20Masks%20%7C%20COVID-19&deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM49715)

# MAXIMIZING FIT FOR CLOTH AND MEDICAL PROCEDURE MASKS<sup>14</sup> TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND REDUCE SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION AND EXPOSURE, 2021 CDC

- In January 2021, CDC conducted experiments to assess two ways of improving fit of medical procedure masks:
  - fitting cloth mask over medical procedure mask (double-masking); and,
  - knotting ear loops of medical procedure mask and then tucking in and flattening extra material close to face.
- Modifications can substantially improved source control and reduced wearer exposure.
  - Better fit, when needed, may be achieved by combining these two mask types reduced wearer's exposure by more than 90%.

**Wearing a mask that fits tightly to your face can help limit spread of the virus that causes COVID-19**

In lab tests with dummies, exposure to potentially infectious aerosols decreased by **about 95%** when they both wore tightly fitted masks

Other effective options to improve fit include:



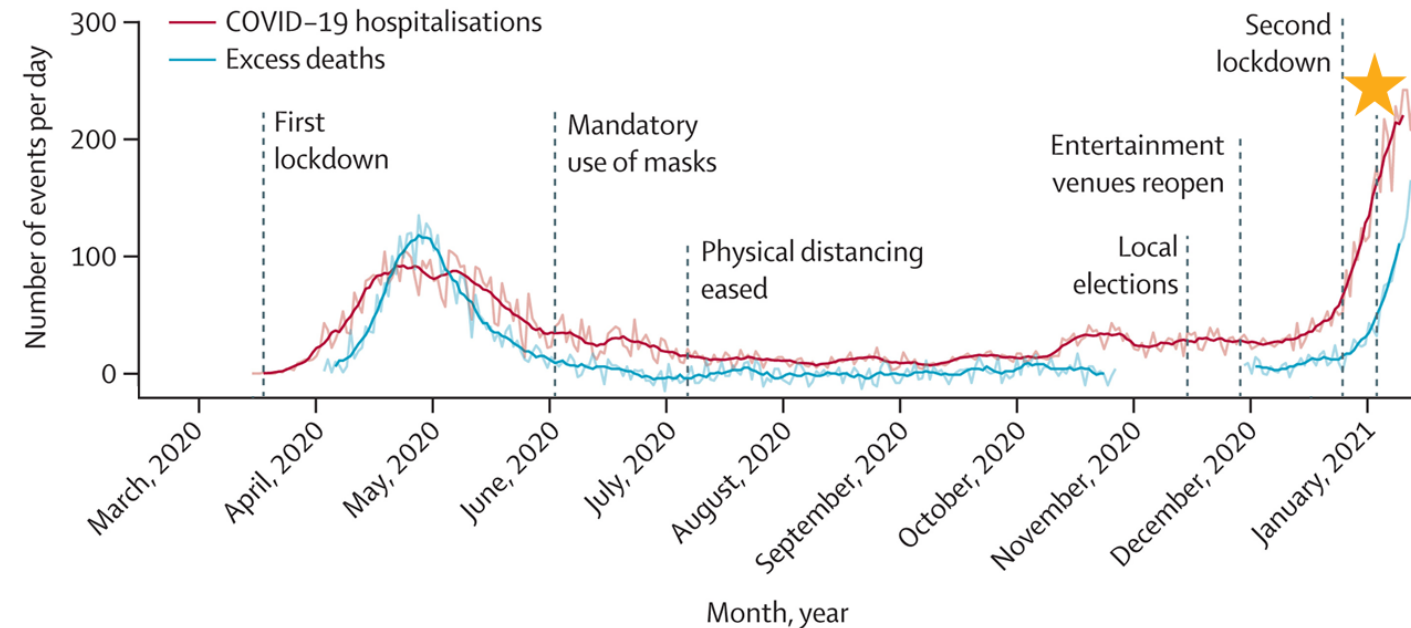
Cloth mask over medical procedure mask      Medical procedure mask with knotted ear loops and tucked-in sides      Mask fitter      Nylon covering over mask

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# RESURGENCE OF COVID-19 IN MANAUS, BRAZIL, DESPITE HIGH SEROPREVALENCE

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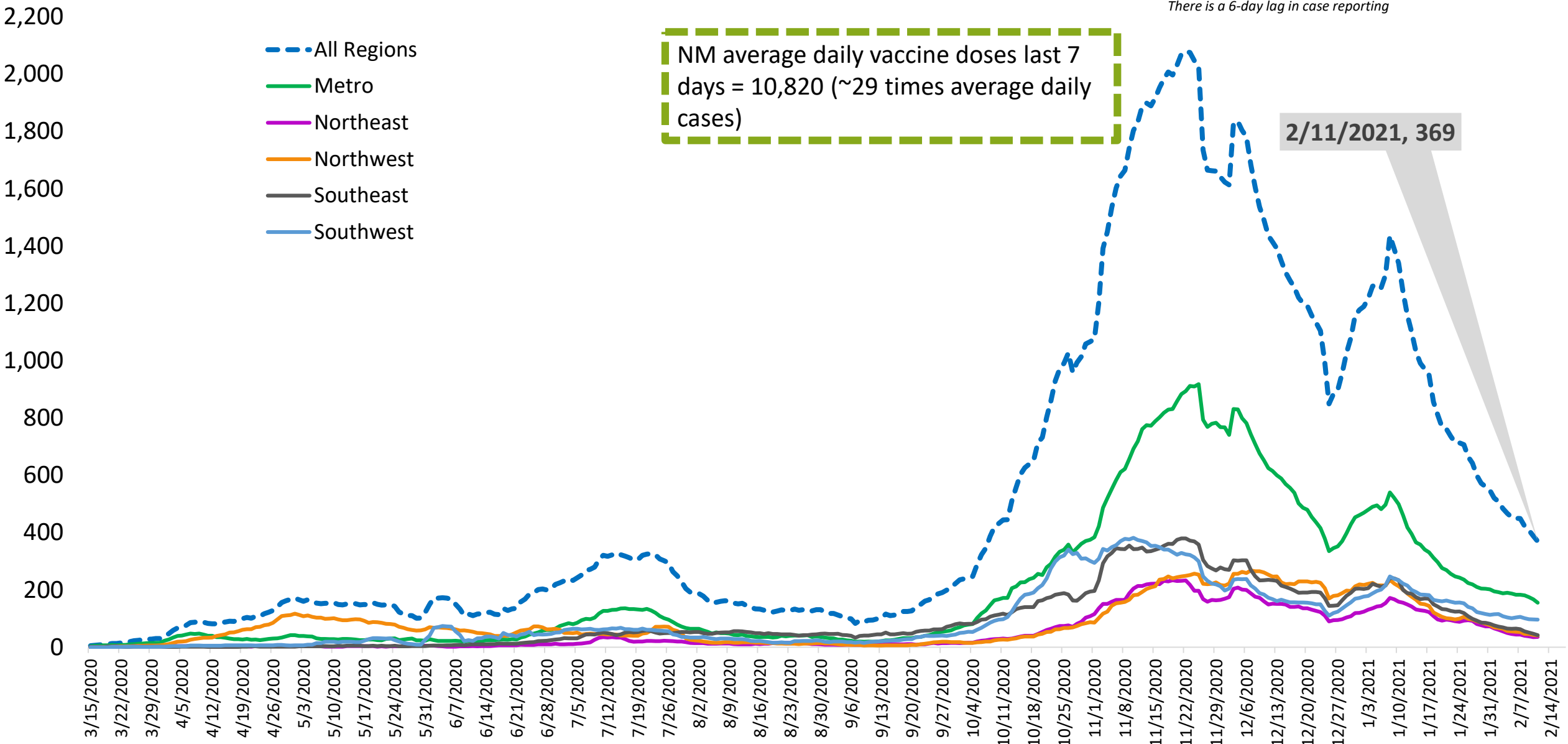
- COVID-19 hospitalizations, excess deaths, and real-time effective reproductive numbers assessed from literature and qualitatively compared monthly from March 2020 to January 2021 in Manaus, Brazil.
- Manaus, Brazil experienced sharp rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations in January 2021 despite extensive transmission earlier in pandemic and stable and low rates for 7 months during relaxed COVID-19 mitigation.**
- There are 4 possible explanations for the surge.
  - Greater **mixing** of susceptible and infected persons in December 2020.
  - Waning immunity** in population.
  - Circulating **variants**, specifically B.1.1.7 (501Y.V1) and P.1 with E484K mutation, evading immunity.
  - New **variants** being more transmissible.



Note: Smoothed COVID-19 **hospitalizations** and **excess deaths** since March 2020 in Manaus, Brazil. Key mitigation events are marked with dotted lines. **Gold** star indicates first detection of P.1 variant.

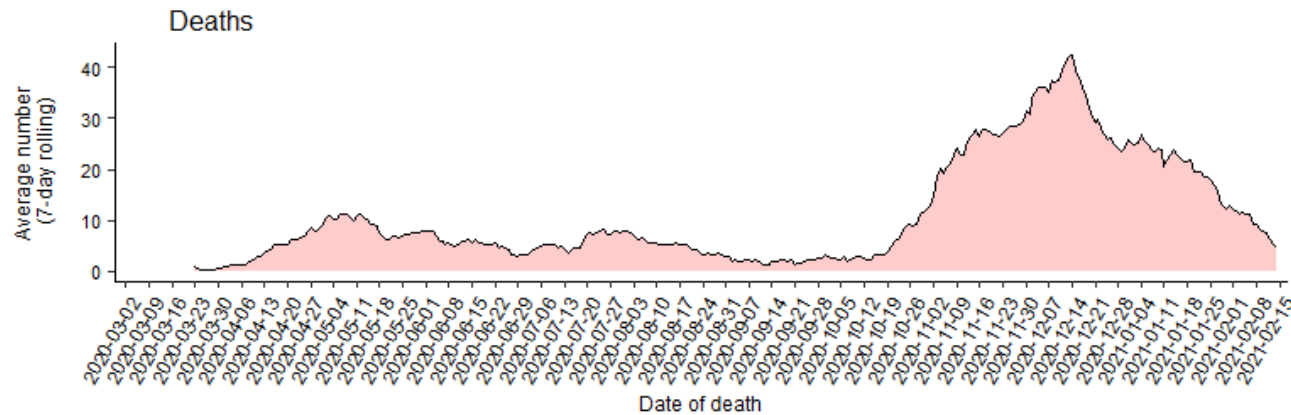
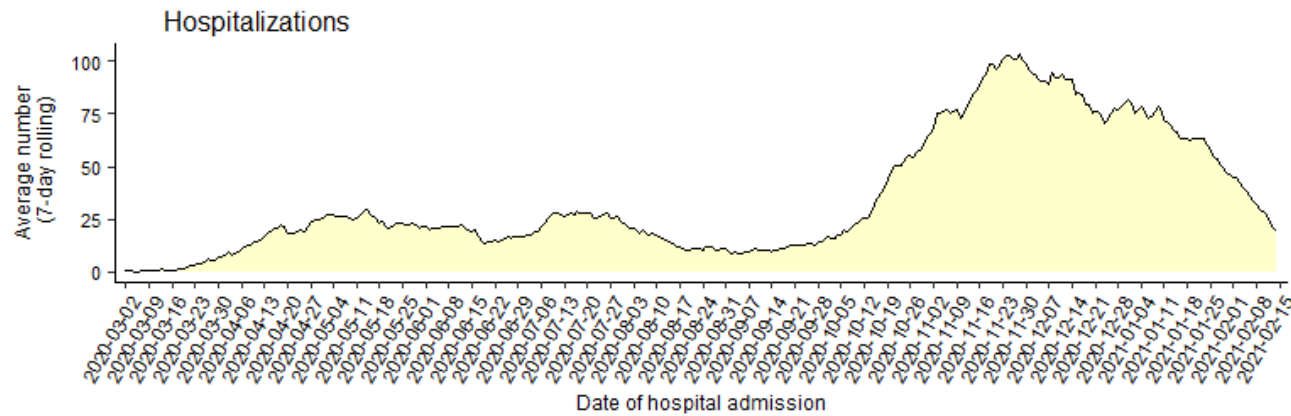
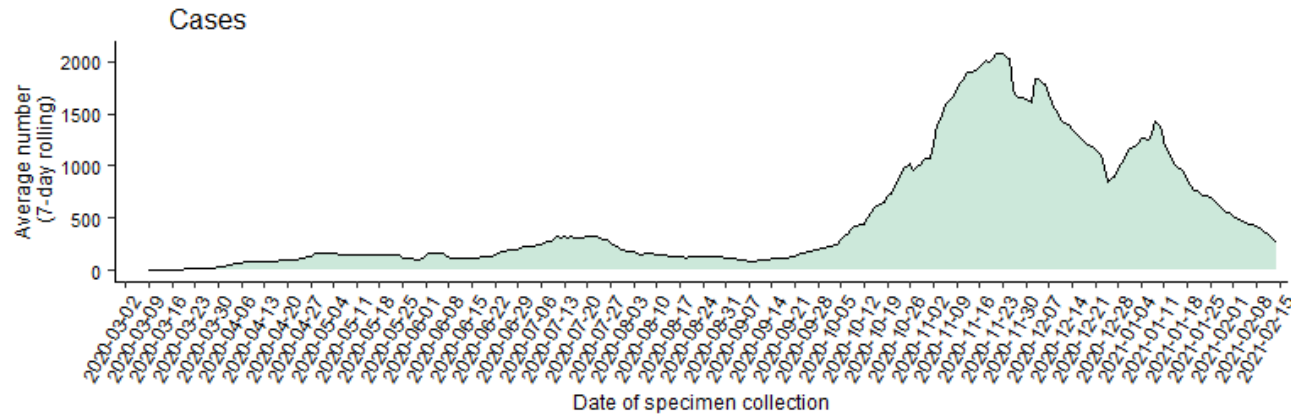
# 7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions 2/17/2021

Source: New Mexico Department of Health  
There is a 6-day lag in case reporting





# Average number (7-day rolling average) of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths over time



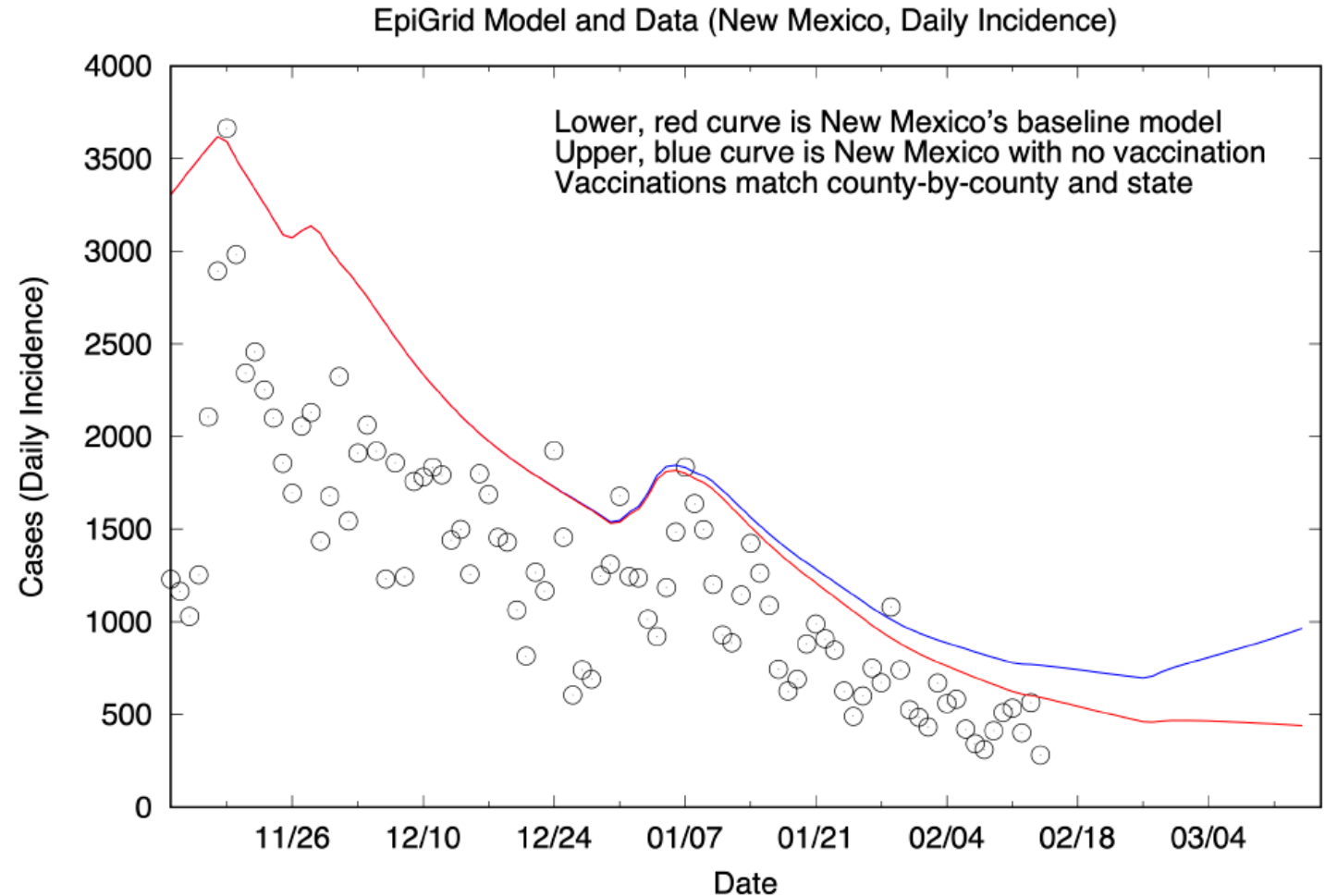
Note: Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths may not yet be reported in 7 or more days.

As of 2/15/21

# EFFECT OF VACCINATION ON COVID-19 INCIDENCE

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- Vaccination lowering daily incidence more than 20%.
- Infection control and quarantine *currently* play larger roles in epidemic control than vaccination.



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<https://cvmodeling.nmhealth.org/>

# STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH GATING CRITERIA FOR REOPENING <sup>19</sup>

Criterion	Measure	Gating Target	Current Status
Spread of COVID-19	Rate of COVID-19 Transmission (10-day Rolling Average)	1.05 or less	0.80 on 2/15/21
	NM daily cases (7-day rolling average)	168	369 on 2/11/21
Testing Capacity: general and targeted populations*	Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average)	5,000 / day	15,587 on 2/15/21
	Test Positivity Rate (7-day rolling average)	5.0% or less	4.2% on 2/15/21
Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity	Time from positive test result to: -isolation recommendation for case	24 hrs	Week ending 2/12 = 17
	-quarantine rec. for case contacts	36 hrs	Week ending 2/12 = 23
Statewide Health Care System Capacity	Availability of scarce resources in 7 Hub Hospitals: -Adult ICU beds occupied	439 or less	300 on 2/17/21
	-PPE	7-day supply	7 on 2/15/21

**ALL 4 CRITERIA DRIVEN BY SOCIAL DISTANCING BEHAVIORS OF NEW MEXICANS**

# WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT

## Something about the virus has changed!

- New COVID variants may spread more rapidly and be resistant to treatments and/or vaccines.
- As we reopen, we expect viral transmission to increase.
- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- We ALL need to stay committed to fighting the virus for several more months.

## CASE COUNTS REMAIN TOO HIGH.

## **WE ALL STILL MUST FIGHT THE VIRUS.**

- Stay at home.
- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- **Everyone** needs to wear face coverings in public.
- Maintain social distancing (minimum 6 feet).
- Be particularly careful in the month after receiving the vaccine.



**STAY HOME  
MASK UP  
BACK UP  
& WASH YOUR HANDS!**

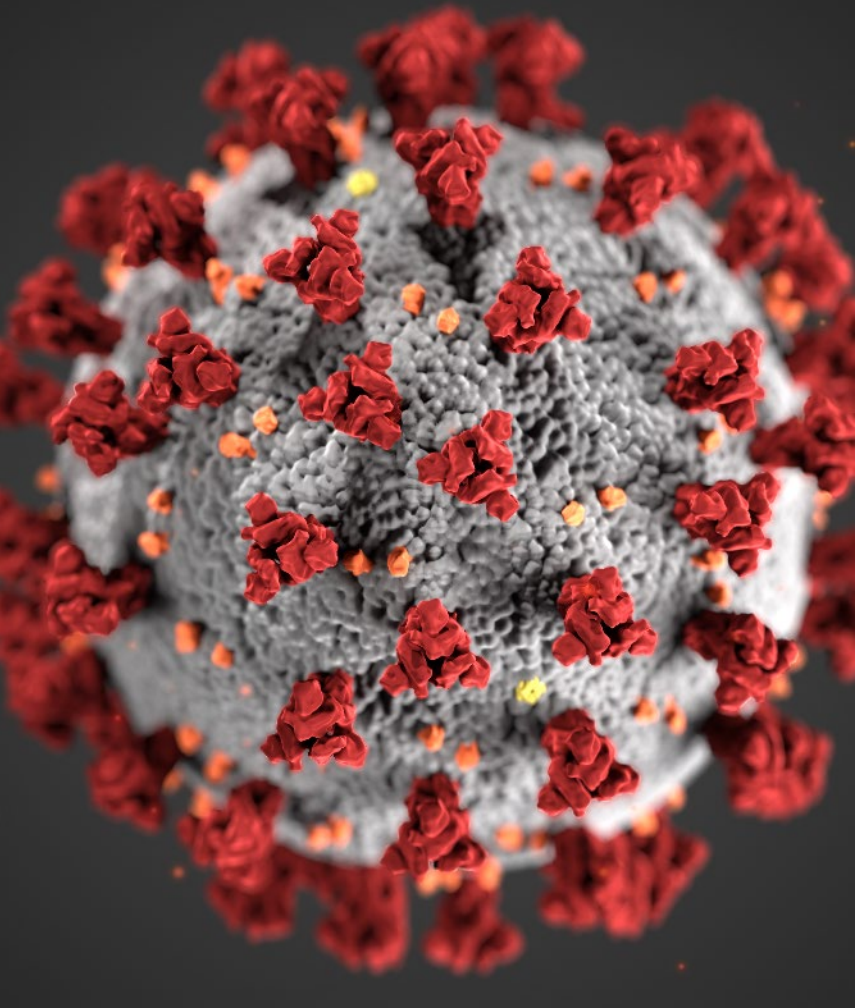


ResistCovidTake6.org

*Resist Covid Take 6* is an artist-driven public awareness campaign to educate and enlighten Black, Brown and Native American communities on the impacts of COVID-19 on their lives. <https://resistcovidtake6.org/about/>



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# QUESTIONS

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