

COVID-19 DAY 492 PRESS UPDATE JULY 14, 2021

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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# New Mexico remains among nation's vaccine leaders

- 71.8% of New Mexicans (18+) have received at least a first shot
- 63.7% of New Mexicans (18+) are fully vaccinated
- Reporting 18+ to align with federal CDC data

# Vaccinations among young people

- 43.7% of New Mexicans (12-17) have received at least a first shot
- 35.0% of New Mexicans (12-17) are fully vaccinated

# Vaccine is free for everyone

- You do not need a Social Security Number or government ID to receive free COVID-19 vaccine, treatment, or services. 

# Vaccine and the immigrant community

- The state of New Mexico does NOT share immigration status information with the federal government.
- Vaccine sites are safe.

# Need support getting scheduled?

- 1-855-600-3453 and press 1 (o 3 para español).
- Seniors and those with disabilities can call 1-800-432-2080 for support with registration and scheduling.
- DOH and ALTSD are also calling to schedule seniors (60+), New Mexicans with disabilities, and others who require special accommodations.

# New Mexico has three vaccines. All are safe and effective.

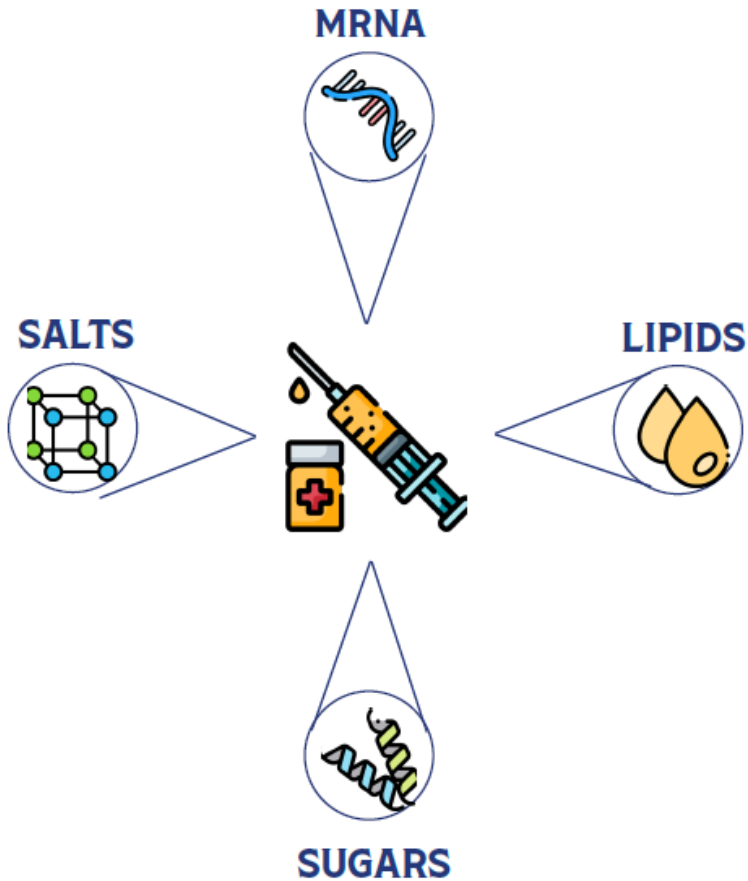
- Please take the first vaccine you are offered.
- Vaccines, testing, and COVID-safe practices will keep more of our loved ones from being hospitalized or dying due to COVID-19.



# WHAT IS IN THE MRNA VACCINES?

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## COMPONENTS



Temporarily enters body to build antibodies. Doesn't contain the live virus or change your DNA.



Uses fats that are also found in Avocados.



Commonly found in fruits.



Also used in seasoning.

# VaccineNM.org registration update

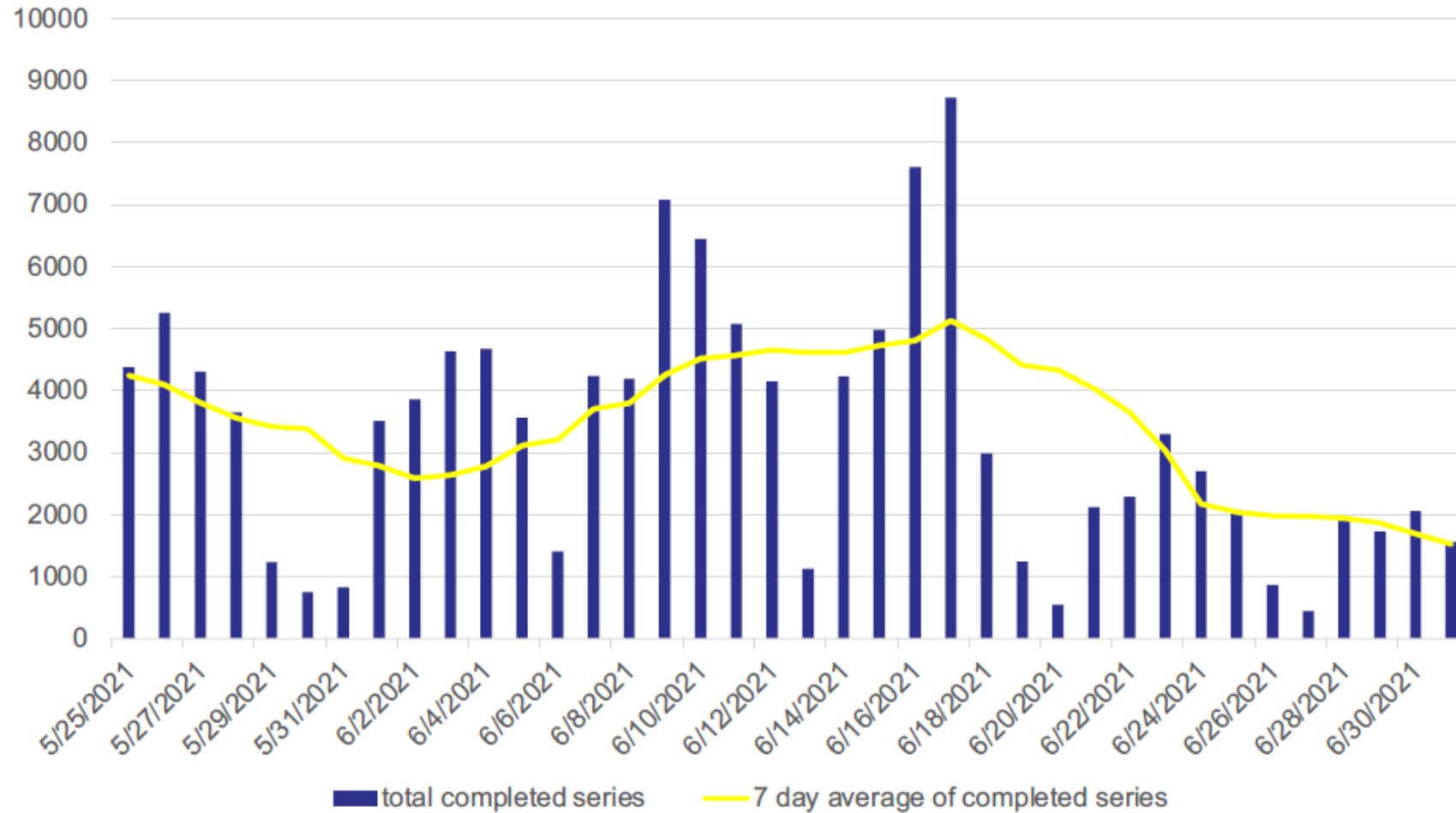
- More than one million New Mexicans registered for vaccine.
- **Please register and self-schedule today.**

# Update on \$100 incentive

- Campaign ran from June 14-17 and had a significant effect on vaccination numbers
- New Mexicans completing their vaccination series (booster or J&J) during that period were eligible
- Most have received incentives – either on-site or via email/text
- **If you have not yet received your incentive, please look for a physical gift card in the mail within the next two weeks**

# Total Completed Doses by Day

Janssen plus Second Doses (completed doses) by day



# DOH/PED Back-to-School Pharmacy Partnership

- Local pharmacies extend walk-in hours for COVID-19 vaccine for students 12+, college-age students, other New Mexicans.
- Encouraging students to get all required and recommended vaccines – including COVID vaccine.
- Participating pharmacies have committed to giving free COVID vaccines without appointments from July 15 to August 15.
- CVS and Walgreens will service walk-in patients anytime their pharmacies are open.
- We also encourage parents to have their child's confirmation code from [vaccineNM.org](https://vaccineNM.org) ready when they arrive at a pharmacy.

# Keep up the great work, New Mexico!



# Surgeon General thanks New Mexican health care heroes!



# New Mexico, it's time to talk to your medical provider about your health.

Now more than ever, it's important to stay healthy. Scheduling an appointment with your doctor will give you the opportunity to address any symptoms or conditions that may have come up over the past year.



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# Take Care New Mexico!

- We encourage all New Mexicans to visit their primary care providers and catch up on any care missed during the pandemic.
- We're also encouraging primary care providers to become COVID-19 vaccine providers.
- Please visit [takecarenm.org](https://takecarenm.org) for more information.



# Nominate a Public Health Hero!

Throughout the pandemic, New Mexicans have given of themselves in countless ways – serving their communities with grace, compassion, and tireless dedication. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized as a public health hero, please fill out the form below.

[takecarenm.org/take-care-nm/nominate/](https://takecarenm.org/take-care-nm/nominate/)



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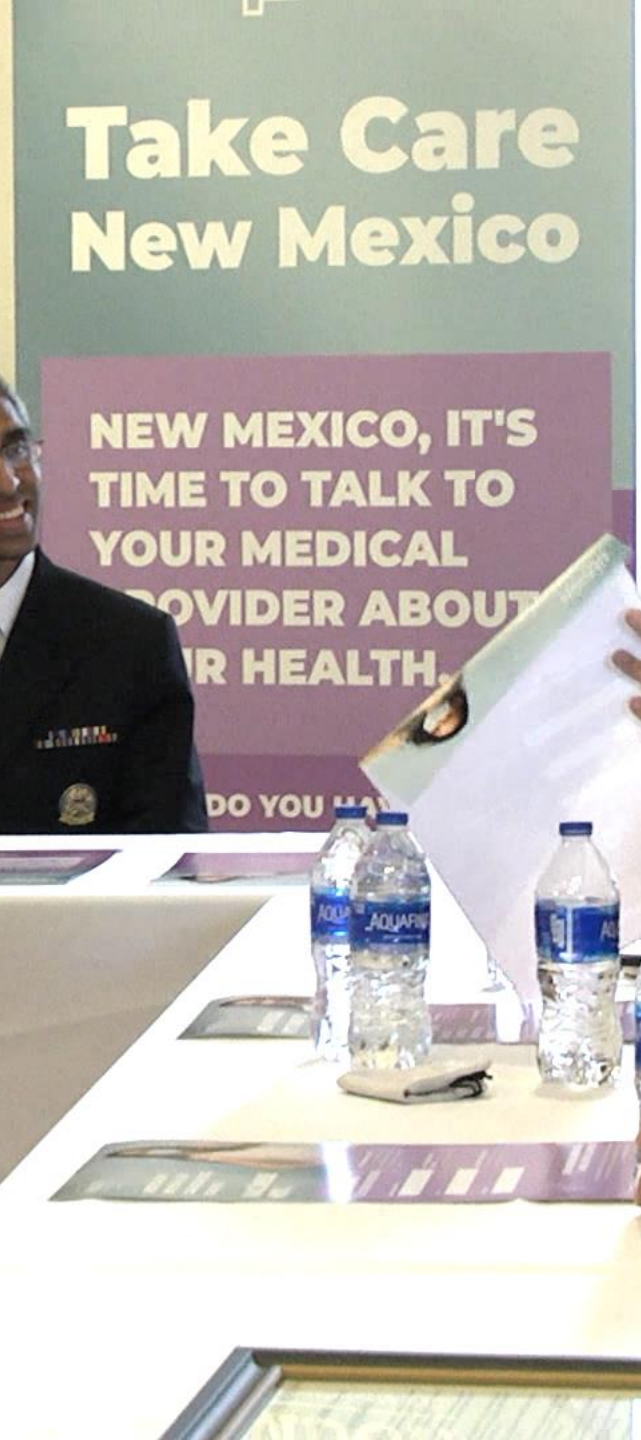
Spanish Return, Robberies,  
and Reconstruction

Ysidro Sánchez, Thief

Governor Martínez Residencia



**Ysidro Sánchez, Thief**  
In 1838, Ysidro Sánchez was arrested for stealing a horse from the Governor's Residence. He was sentenced to death by hanging, but his execution was postponed for several years. In 1842, he was released from prison and returned to his home in Santa Fe. He lived there until his death in 1850.



**Take Care  
New Mexico**

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DO YOU HAVE...



# PANDEMIC AMONG THE UNVACCINATED NEW YORK TIMES

- Cases starting to trend slowly upward, primarily due to outbreaks in places with low vaccination rates (Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, and Nevada).
- Despite ample supply, fewer than a million doses administered each day in U.S.
  - 48% of U.S. population fully vaccinated.
  - 63.7% New Mexicans 18+ fully vaccinated

COVID-19 State Trends, sorted by % increase in 14-day case trend per 100,000 residents in the last seven days.

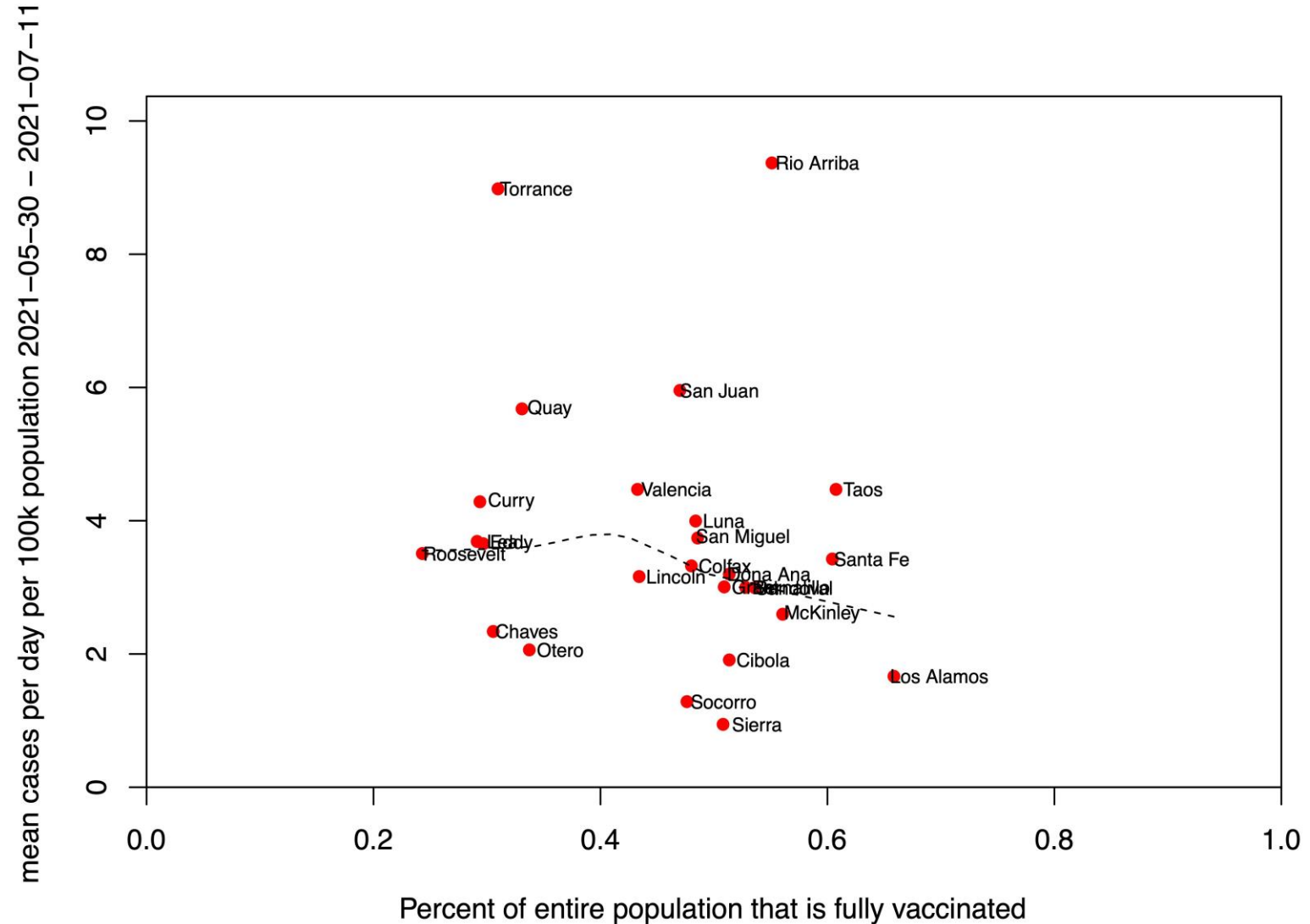
	CASES DAILY AVG.	PER 100,000	14-DAY CHANGE	HOSPITALIZED DAILY AVG.	PER 100,000	14-DAY CHANGE	DEATHS DAILY AVG.	PER 100,000	FULLY VACCINATED
United States	19,032	6	+60%	18,529	6	+11%	223.4	0.07	48%
Tennessee >	316	5	+224%	266	4	+1%	3.6	0.05	38%
Arkansas >	697	23	+196%	446	15	+55%	5.0	0.17	35%
Alabama >	472	10	+159%	319	7	+31%	6.3	0.13	33%
Kansas >	260	9	+150%	166	6	+8%	3.0	0.10	42%
Louisiana >	714	15	+142%	341	7	+31%	3.4	0.07	36%
South Carolina >	237	5	+138%	140	3	+6%	2.3	0.04	39%
Florida >	3,392	16	+115%	2,558	12	+36%	24.6	0.11	47%
Mississippi >	267	9	+110%	240	8	+52%	2.9	0.10	33%
Nebraska >	70	4	+104%	69	4	+64%	0.6	0.03	48%
Massachusetts >	99	1	+85%	104	2	-7%	1.9	0.03	62%
California >	1,849	5	+77%	1,534	4	+25%	32.7	0.08	51%
New York >	565	3	+77%	729	4	-11%	4.7	0.02	55%
Missouri >	1,363	22	+74%	1,143	19	+34%	7.6	0.12	40%
Alaska >	49	7	+72%	28	4	+93%	0.3	0.04	44%
New Mexico >	77	4	-9%	83	4	-6%	1.4	0.07	55%

# NM COVID-19 CASES DECREASE WITH VACCINATION

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- COVID-19 cases decrease as vaccination rate increases across NM counties.
- Trend holds true when looking at vaccination trends over time.
- CDC: “The need for and timing of COVID-19 booster doses have not been established. No additional doses are recommended at this time.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/faq.html>



7 counties not on this plot due to relative isolation and small populations: Catron, De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Hidalgo, Mora and Union. Rio Arriba and Sierra counties outliers.

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# THE RISK OF NOT BEING FULLY VACCINATED NMDOH

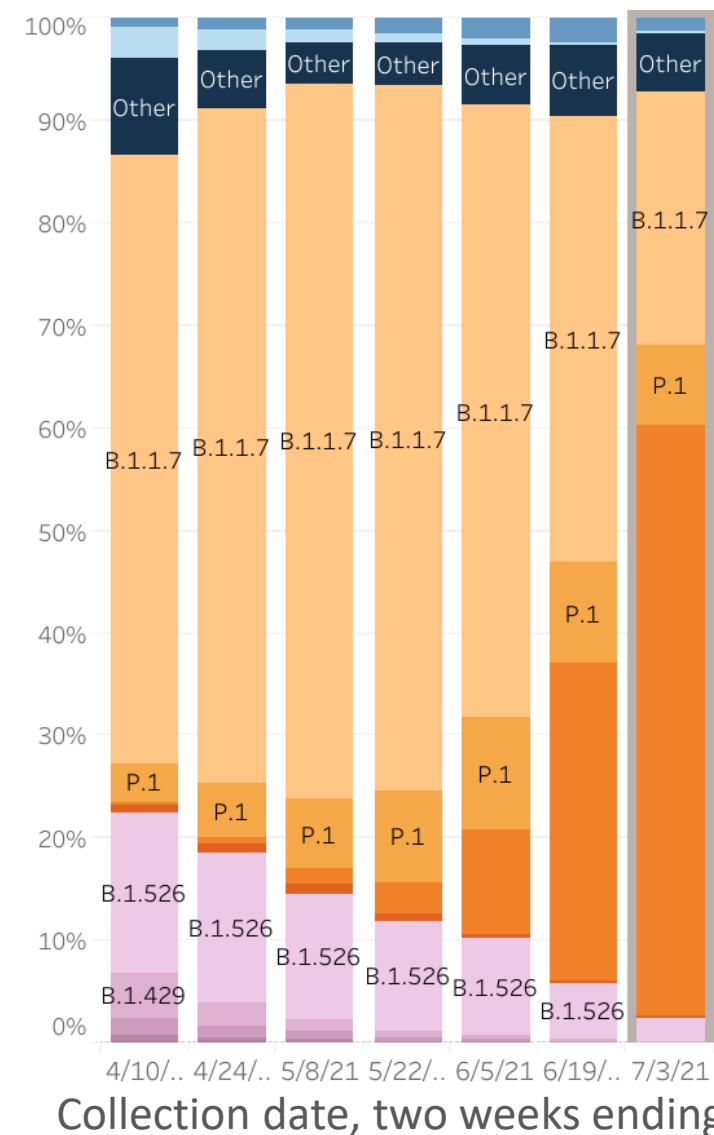
	Not Fully Vaccinated per 100,000 population	Fully Vaccinated per 100,000 population	Percent Not Fully Vaccinated
Cases	29,601	1,119	<b>96.4%</b>
Hospitalizations	2,230	120	<b>94.9%</b>
Deaths	489	9	<b>98.2%</b>

Source: NM Department of Health. Data includes cases, hospitalizations, and deaths per 100,000, that occurred between February 1, 2021 and current week.

# WHY SHOULD YOU COMPLETE YOUR VACCINATION SERIES THIS WEEK?

- Highly contagious Delta now dominant variant in U.S., accounting for 57.6% of infections. ➡
- Delta accounts for most cases in low vax states:
  - 80%+ new infections in some Midwestern states (Missouri, Kansas and Iowa).
  - Delta causing 74.3% infections in Western states, including Utah and Colorado; and,
  - 58.8% of infections in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.
- California State Capitol reinstated mask policy after identifying 9 cases, including 4 cases in people fully vaccinated.

Estimated Proportions of SARS-CoV-2 Lineages, U.S. 3/28/21 to 7/3/21





# SARS-COV-2 B.1.617.2 (DELTA) VARIANT COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## ASSOCIATED WITH A GYMNASTICS FACILITY – OKLAHOMA,

APRIL-MAY 2021 CDC

- During April 15–May 3, 2021, 47 COVID-19 cases linked to gymnastics facility.
- **Overall facility and household attack rates 20% and 53%, respectively.** ➡
- **85% persons with outbreak-associated COVID-19 unvaccinated; 6% partially vaccinated; 9% fully vaccinated.**
- Also contributing to outbreak was:
  - nonadherence to quarantine and testing guidance;
  - delayed recognition of infection because of mild symptoms;
  - poor masking adherence coupled with increased respiration during active sports; and,
  - poor facility ventilation.

TABLE 2. COVID-19 attack rates among gymnasts, staff members, and household contacts associated with a SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant outbreak at facility A — Oklahoma, April 15–May 3, 2021

Group	Total no. exposed*	No. of outbreak cases,† attack rate (%)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>47 (24.2)</b>
Gymnasts <sup>§</sup> and staff members	133	26 (19.5)
Girls	64	13 (20.3)
Girls cohort A	12	0 (—)
Girls cohort B	13	3 (23.1)
Girls cohort C	6	1 (16.7)
Girls cohort D	3	1 (33.3)
Girls cohort E	10	6 (60.0)
Girls cohort F	8	1 (12.5)
Girls cohort G	12	1 (8.3)
Boys	58	10 (17.2)
Boys cohort A	12	0 (—)
Boys cohort B	10	0 (—)
Boys cohort C	6	3 (50.0)
Boys cohort D	1	0 (—)
Boys cohort E	3	1 (33.3)
Boys cohort F	6	3 (50.0)
Boys cohort G	10	3 (30.0)
Boys cohort H	1	0 (—)
Boys cohort I	9	0 (—)
Staff members	11	3 (27.3)
<b>Household contacts†</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>42 (52.5)</b>

\* Exposed persons were defined as gymnast cohorts and staff members identified as attending facility A, along with any household contacts of outbreak cases.

† An outbreak-associated case was defined as 1) identification of the B.1.617.2 variant based on amplicon sequencing in a person with COVID-19 with an epidemiologic link to facility A or 2) having epidemiologic linkage to a B.1.617.2 variant outbreak-associated case and classified as a confirmed or probable case per the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists COVID-19 Interim Case Definition, approved August 5, 2020. <https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/case-definitions/coronavirus-disease-2019-2020-08-05/>

§ A cohort is a group of gymnasts grouped by skill level and gender of which there were 16 in facility A. Each cohort had a designated practice schedule and had limited interaction with other cohorts within facility A.

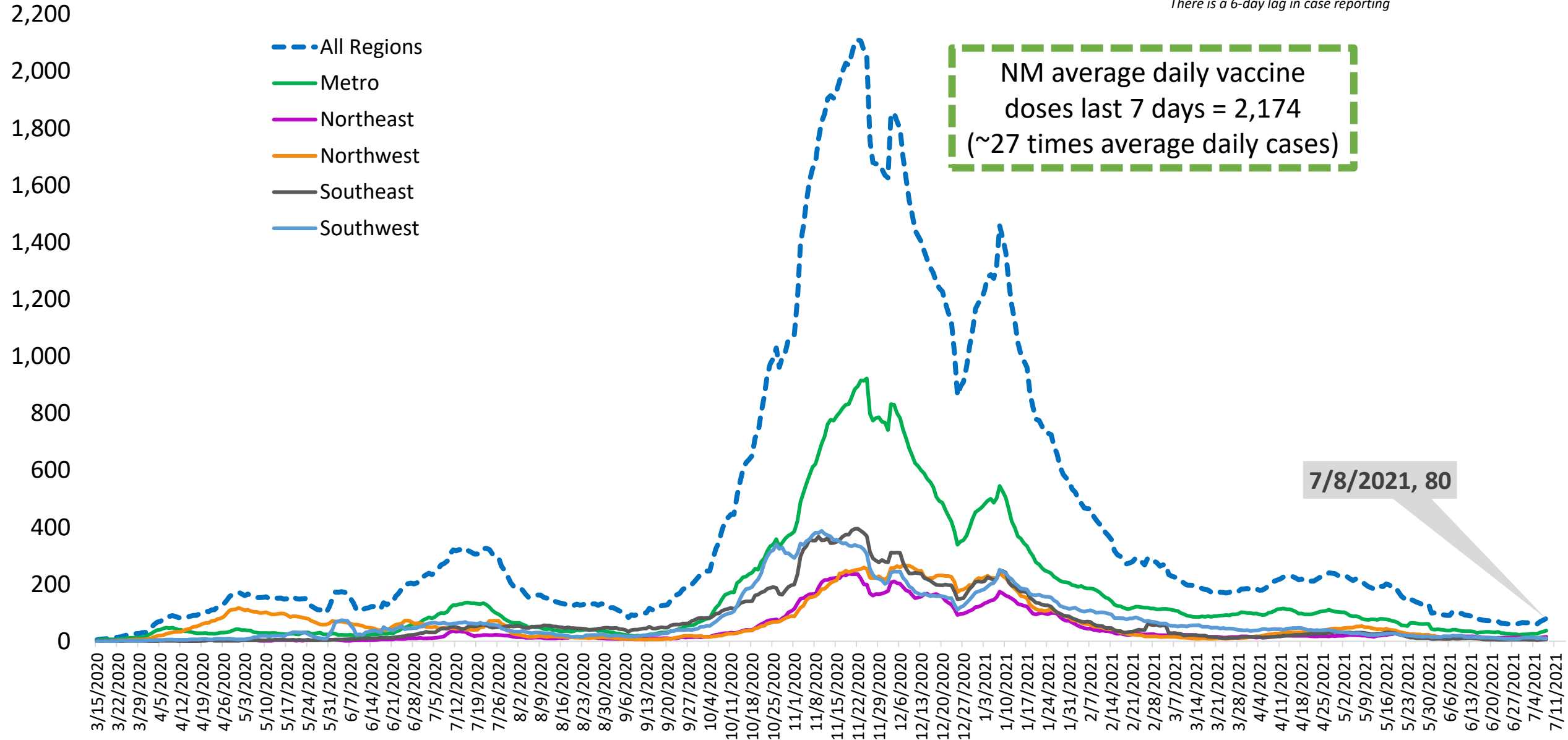
# SARS-COV-2 VARIANTS IN NEW MEXICO

- Alpha declining, but remains dominant strain in NM, which is estimated to be 1.5x - 2x more transmissible than earlier strains.
- Delta variant presence growing in NM; percentage went from ~3% a few weeks ago to almost 14% now.
  - NM is moving slower with progression of Delta variant compared to rest of U.S, consistent with what we have seen throughout the pandemic. (It took a while for Alpha in NM to catch up with U.S. trends).
- Diversity of variants is decreasing.

COVID-19 Variants in NM, May 30, 2021 to June 26, 2021* (n = 213)			
Name	Also known as:	Cumulative Total	Percent
Alpha	B.1.1.7	146	68.8%
Delta	B.1.617	29	13.6%
Eta	B.1.525/B.1.526	17	8.0%
Gamma	P.1	9	4.2%
Epsilon	B.1.427/ B.1.429	1	0.5%
	<i>Other Lineages</i>	11	5.0%

# 7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions 7/14/2021

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



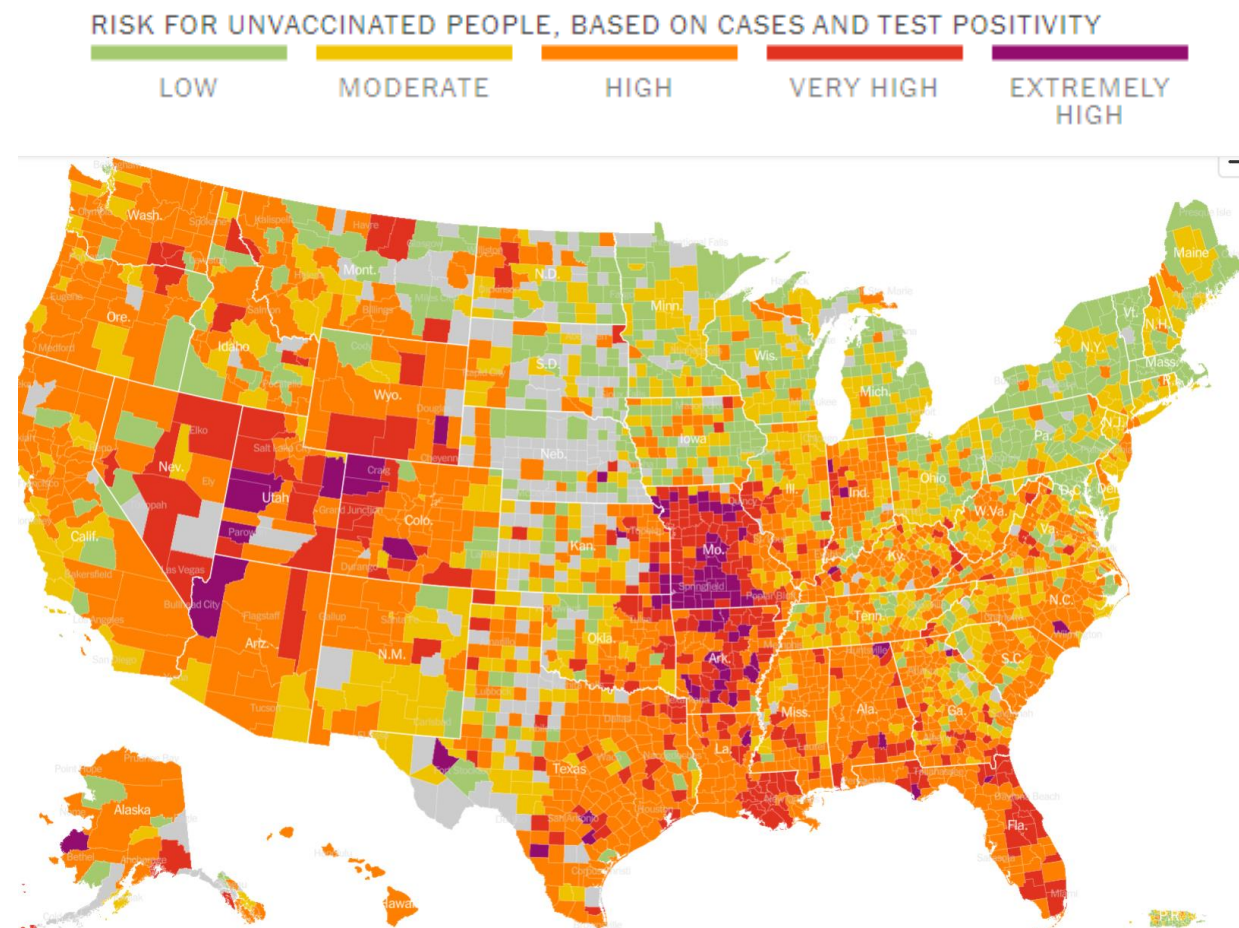
# THE VIRUS IS CHANGING - GET VACCINATED THIS WEEK!

- **Get vaccinated THIS WEEK.**
- New COVID variants are spreading up to 2x more rapidly and resist some treatments.
- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- If you have COVID-19, learn if you're eligible for monoclonal antibody treatment.

## CASE COUNTS REMAIN TOO HIGH.

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

- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- Unvaccinated people need to wear face coverings in public, masks still lower COVID risk in vaccinated.
- Maintain social distancing (minimum 6 feet).
- Get needed preventive healthcare.



[https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html?pageType=LegacyCollection&collectionName=Maps+and+Trackers&label=Maps+and+Trackers&module=hub\\_Band&region=inline&template=storyline\\_band\\_recirc](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/covid-cases.html?pageType=LegacyCollection&collectionName=Maps+and+Trackers&label=Maps+and+Trackers&module=hub_Band&region=inline&template=storyline_band_recirc)

# Thank you, Dr. Collins!

