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# COVID-19 DAY 393 PRESS UPDATE APRIL 7, 2021

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Update

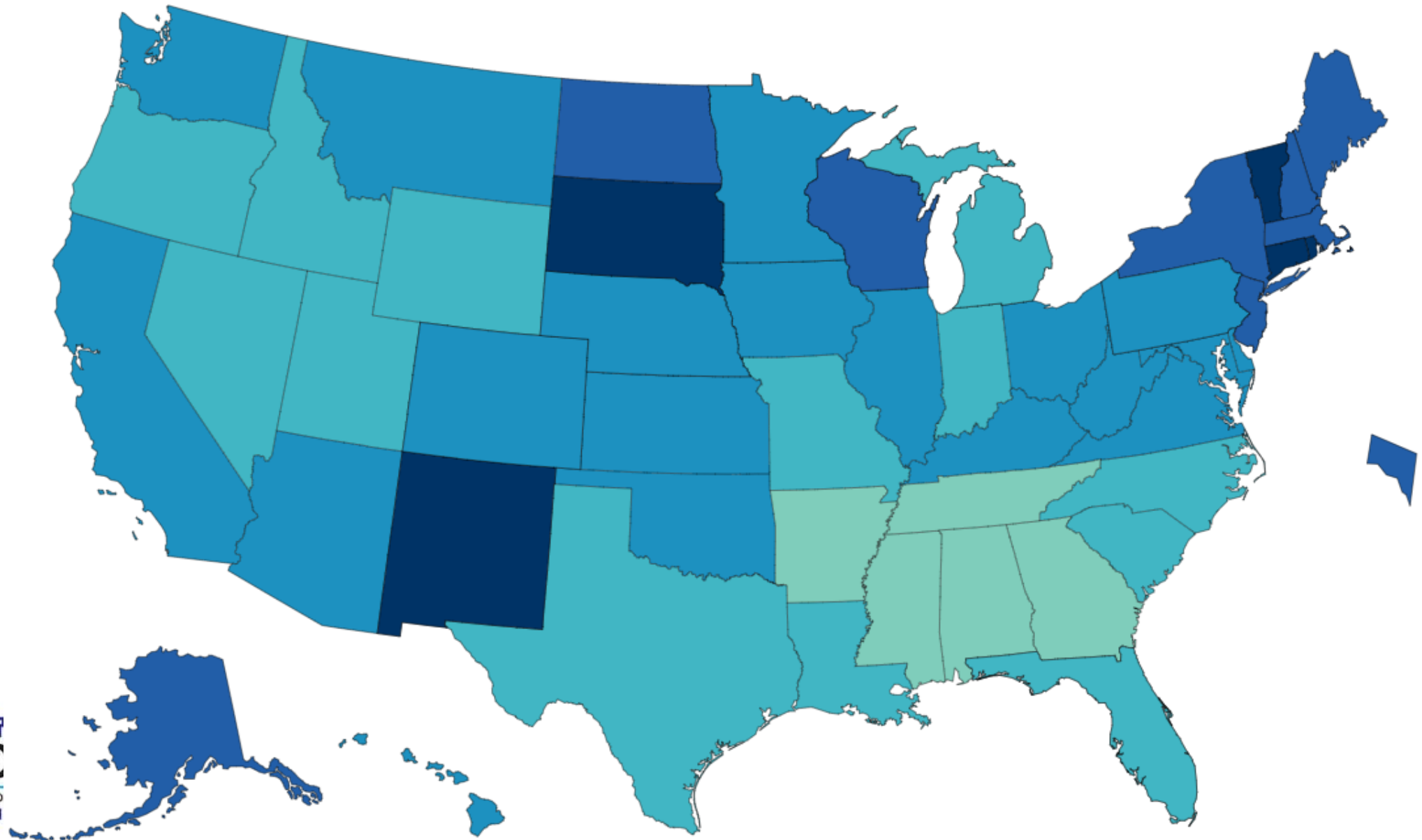
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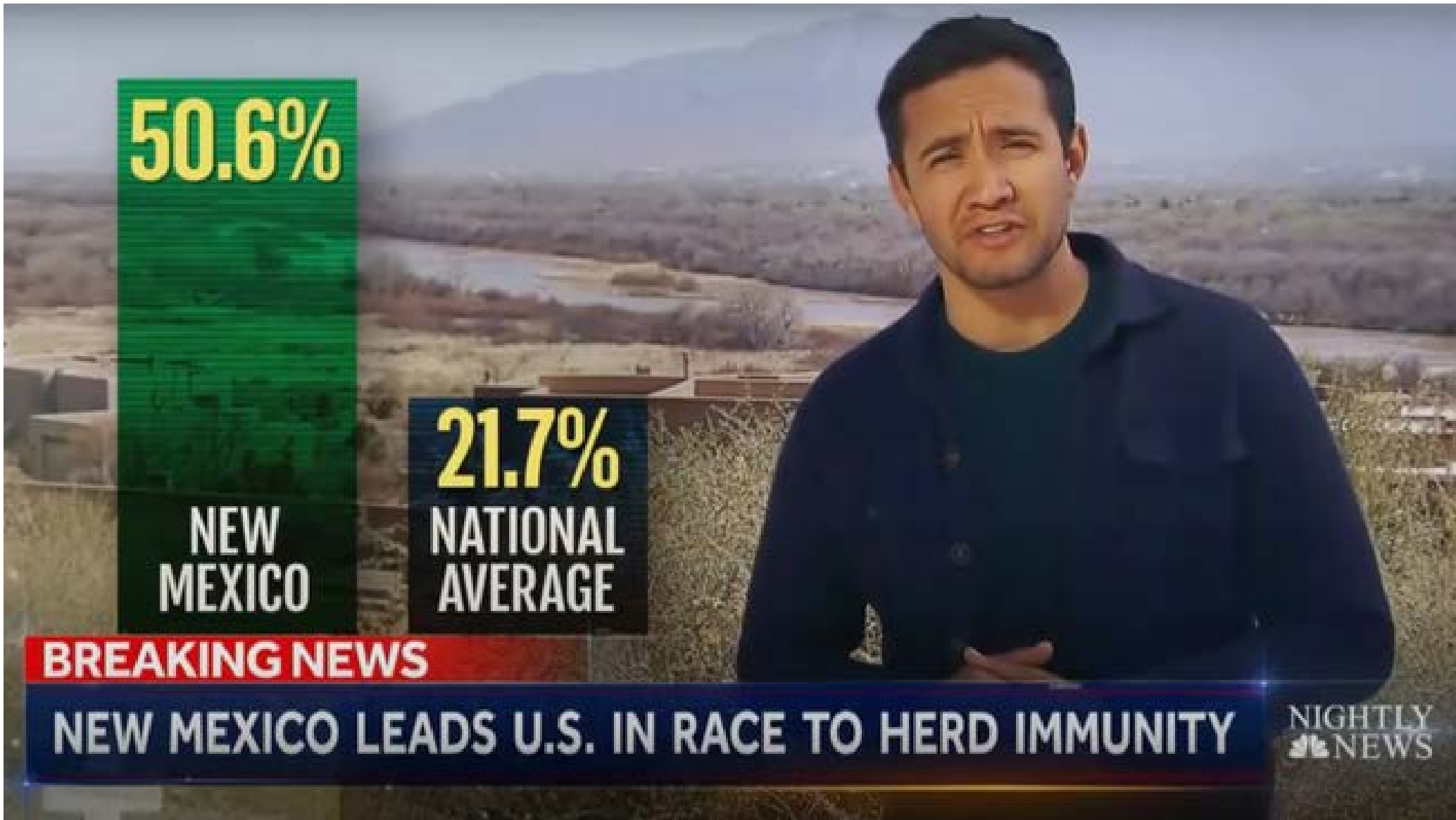
Dr. Tracie Collins  
Cabinet Secretary, Department of Health

# New Mexico remains fastest state for vaccine distribution

- 50% of New Mexicans (16+) have received at least a first shot
- More than 31% of New Mexicans (16+) are fully vaccinated

# Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Select Federal Entities per 100,000 of the Total Population





**50.6%**  
**NEW MEXICO**

**21.7%**  
**NATIONAL AVERAGE**

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# All New Mexicans 16+ are eligible for vaccine

- 100% of in-state Phase 1 registrants have received an invitation to a vaccine appointment.
- If you've been invited and haven't been able to attend an appointment, you will receive another invitation.
- Seniors and those with disabilities can call 1-800-432-2080 for support with registration and scheduling.
- DOH is prioritizing invitations and outreach for 75+, seniors with a chronic condition.

# Vaccine supply

- This week's allocation: 131,200 doses, including 30,800 doses of J&J (35% higher than last week).
- Next week: 109,950 doses, including 3,700 J&J.

# New Mexico has three vaccines

- All vaccines available in the U.S. were highly effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths in clinical trials.
- All vaccines authorized by the FDA are safe and effective.
- All vaccines available in the U.S. are highly effective against severe COVID-19.
- All vaccines are appropriate for all racial and ethnic groups.



# Vaccine trials for children

- 100% efficacy in adolescent Pfizer trial.
- Pfizer trials now underway with children as young as six months.
- Moderna trials beginning with children as young as six months, including in New Mexico this summer.

# Get vaccinated with the first vaccine available

- Vaccines, testing, and COVID-safe practices will keep more of our loved ones from being hospitalized or dying due to COVID-19.
- Please get a vaccine as soon as you are eligible. It could save your life.

# Registration update

- More supply is coming!
- Register at **vaccinenm.org**
- More than 829,000 New Mexicans registered for vaccine.

# Updating profiles on vaccineNM.org

- If you've registered for vaccine but gotten vaccinated elsewhere – either out-of-state or with another provider – please log in to [vaccineNM.org](https://vaccineNM.org) and indicate that you've gotten your shot.
- Doing so will help DOH get invitations to other New Mexicans more quickly. And if you haven't gotten a vaccine yet, don't worry – your invitation is coming soon.

# Self-scheduling appointments

- New Mexicans 75+ can self-schedule their vaccine appointments at [vaccineNM.org](https://vaccineNM.org) – no event code required.
- Aiming to open self-scheduling to 60+ in the coming days – and for all New Mexicans as soon as possible.
- All New Mexicans can also self-schedule their boosters without an event code.

Doses Administered: 23,618  
Clinics Held: 61  
Upcoming Clinics: 20



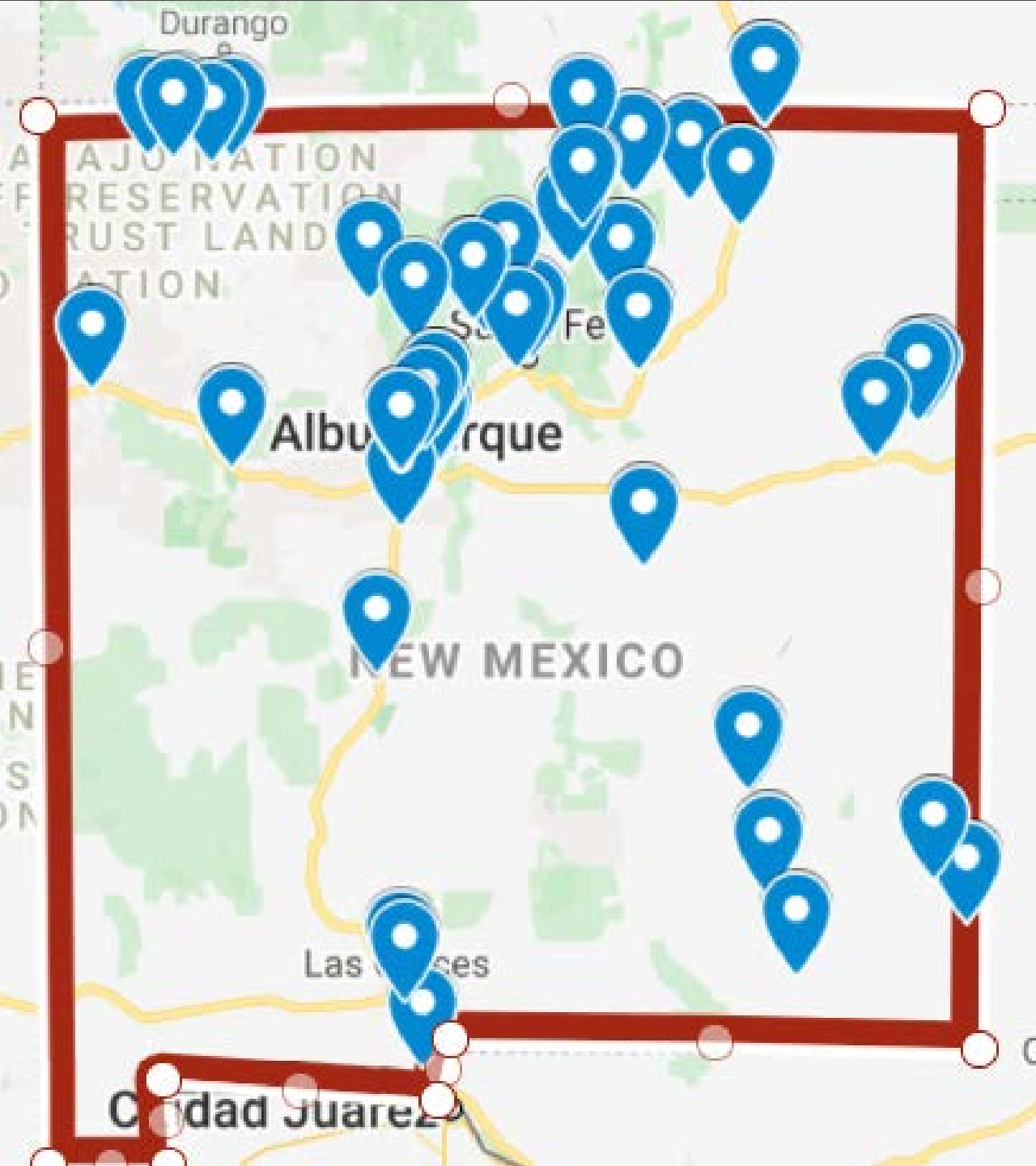
ALTSD: SENIOR VACCINATION CLINICS



# Senior Vaccine Clinics

96-year-old Mrs. Atencio getting her COVID vaccine from her niece in Chamisal, New Mexico





# Senior Vaccine Clinics Across NM

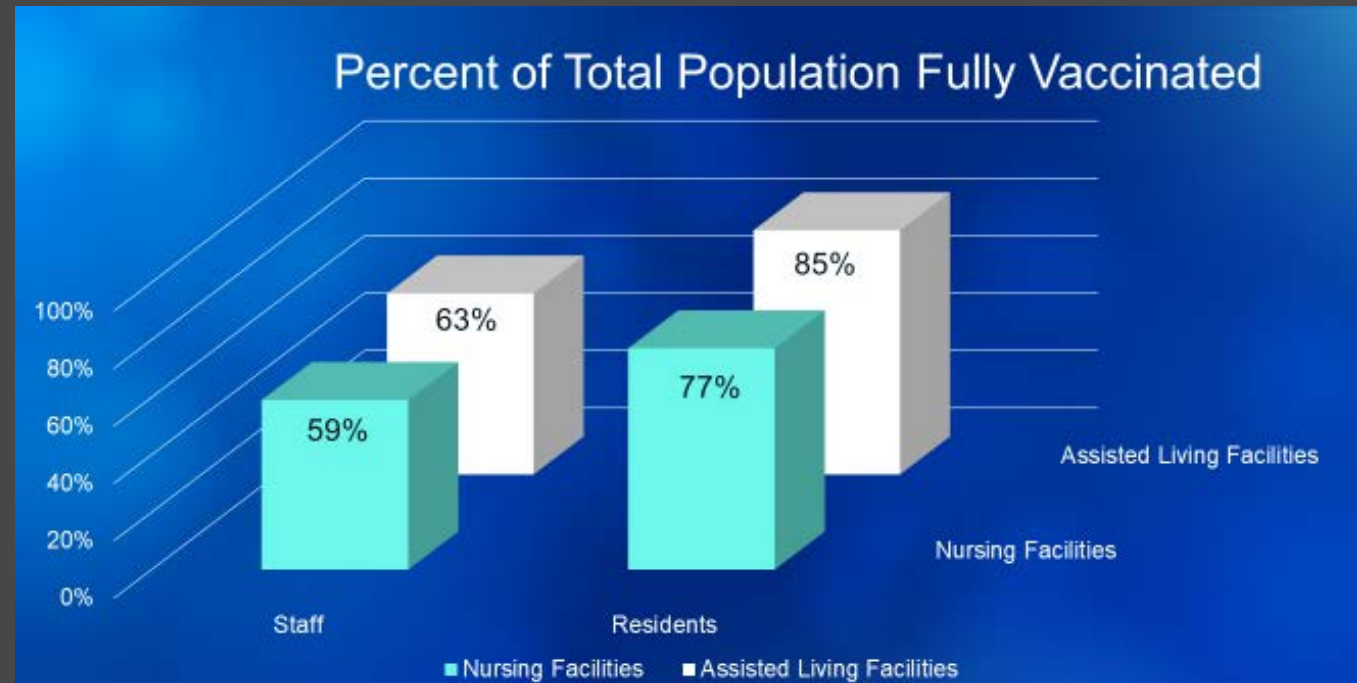
- We're thankful that we're now starting to get more requests from the southern portion of the state and are currently planning 12 additional clinics for southern New Mexico



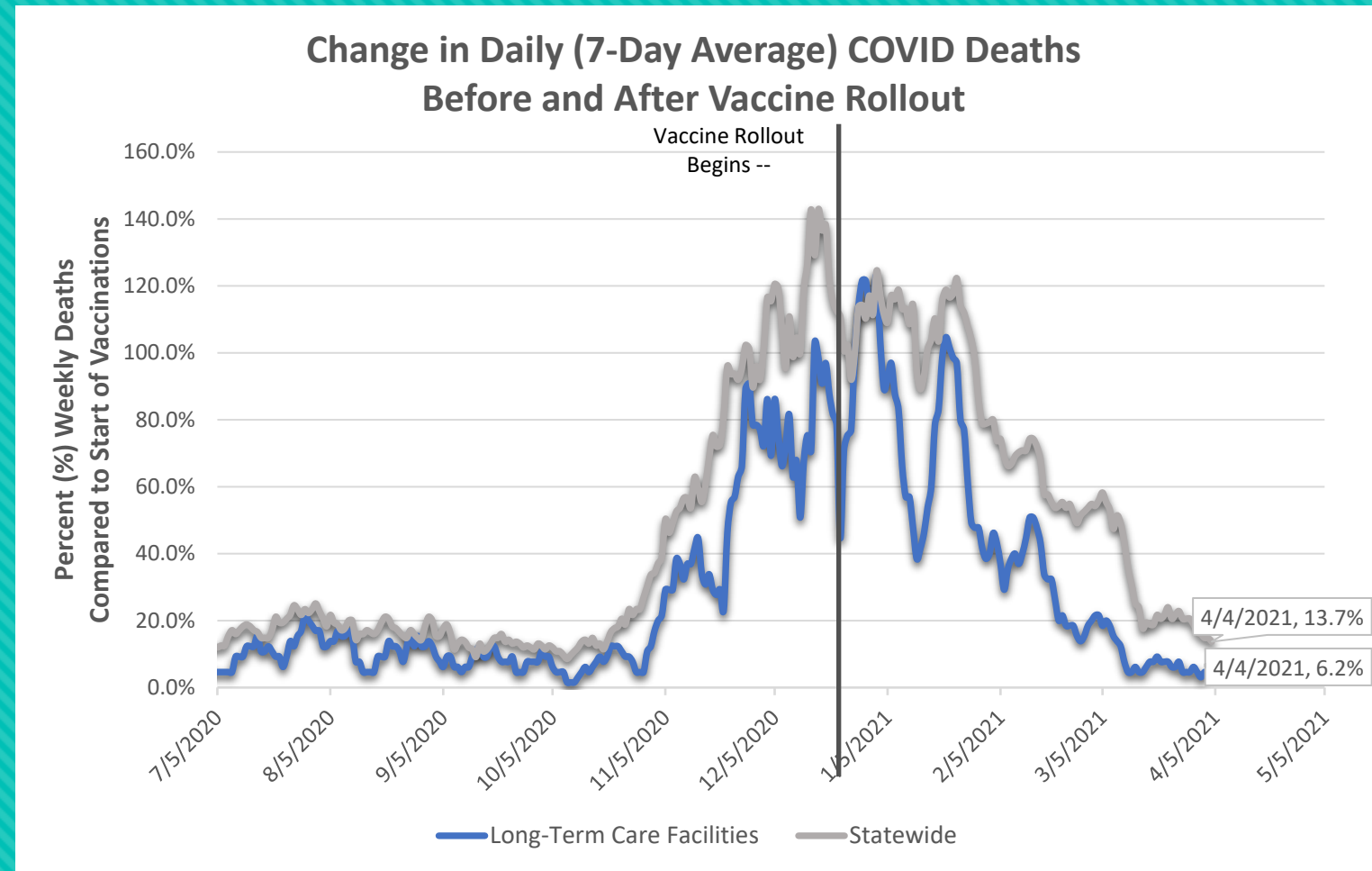


# Long Term Care Vaccines

- We've completed all three of the clinics for Long Term Care staff and residents
- High acceptance rates for residents in both Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities
- We're already seeing data to support that the vaccine is working...



- Since the beginning of vaccine rollout, the *average* number of daily deaths in all LTCs has dropped from nearly 10 deaths a day, to less than one death per day.



# Drop in Deaths in Long Term Care

# Changes to visitation due to decreases in cases and deaths in Long Term Care Facilities

On March 24<sup>th</sup> along side our partners at DOH we announced visitation changes for Long Term Care Facilities

- Visitation is allowed unless the facility is experiencing an outbreak
- Outdoor visitation is preferred
- Indoor visitation can occur in designated visitation rooms with social distancing, mask wearing and ventilation
- Communal dining and social activities are allowed, but are linked to the County's RYG

# Homebound Vaccination Pilot

**I GOT  
MY COVID-19  
VACCINE!**



- Partnership with Presbyterian Hospital
  - Over the past 10 days they have vaccinated 300 homebound members in the Albuquerque metro to date
  - Gearing up to expand to Santa Fe, Valencia, and Sandoval Counties
- ALTSD is setting up additional pilot programs with additional providers and hospitals
- These efforts are in addition to the homebound vaccination efforts between DOH and local EMS across the state



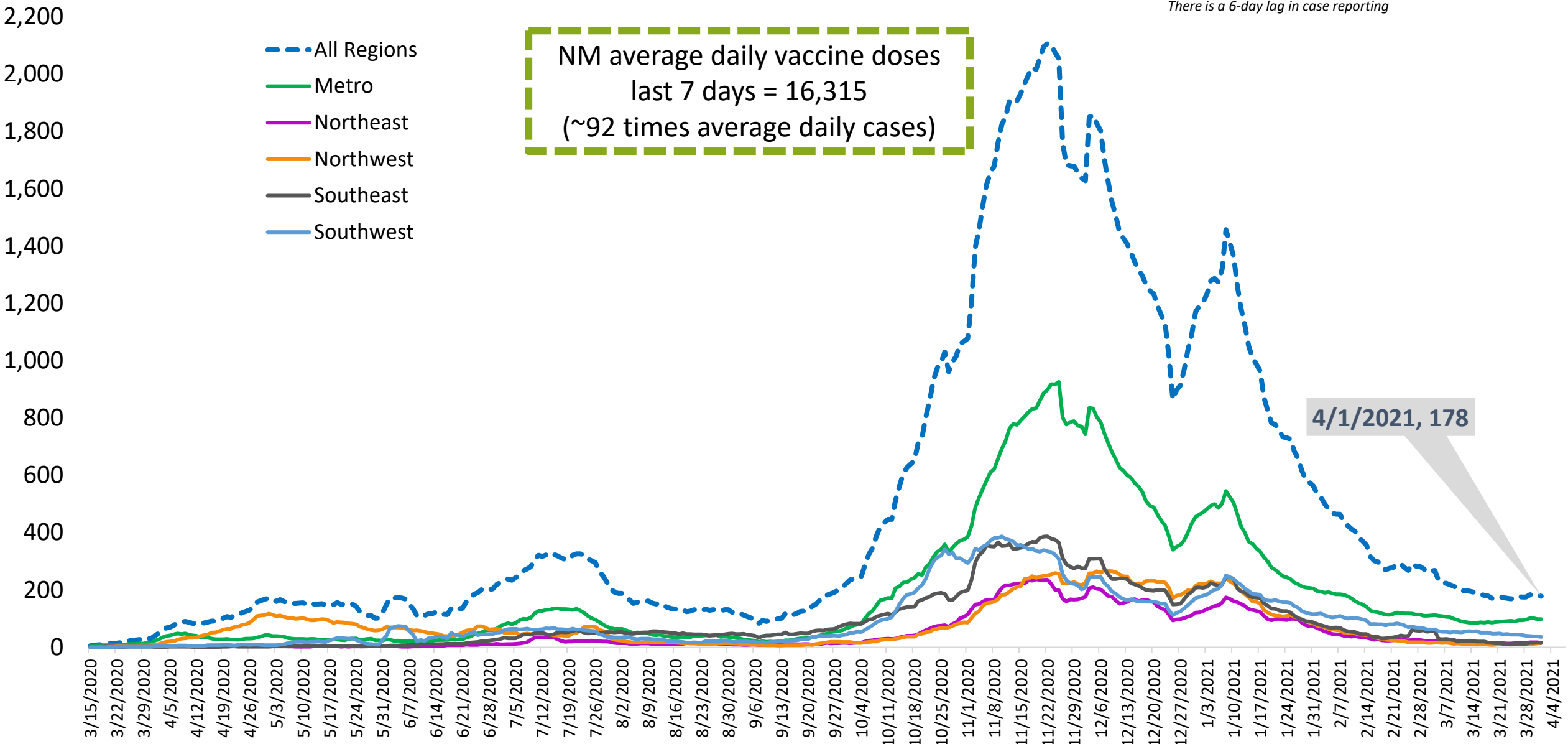
# NEW MEXICO EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- State will provide ~\$170 million of federal aid to New Mexicans for rental and utility assistance to households experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- If you live/rent in Bernalillo County, outside of ABQ city limits, apply here: <https://www.bernco.gov/rent>.
- If you live/rent in Doña Ana County, apply here: <https://www.donaanacounty.org/rent-utilities-assistance>.
- All other residents may apply here: [www.RentHelpNM.org](http://www.RentHelpNM.org)



# 7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions 4/7/2021

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



# AS VARIANTS SPREAD, PROGRESS AGAINST COVID-19 IN U.S. STALLED <sup>23</sup>

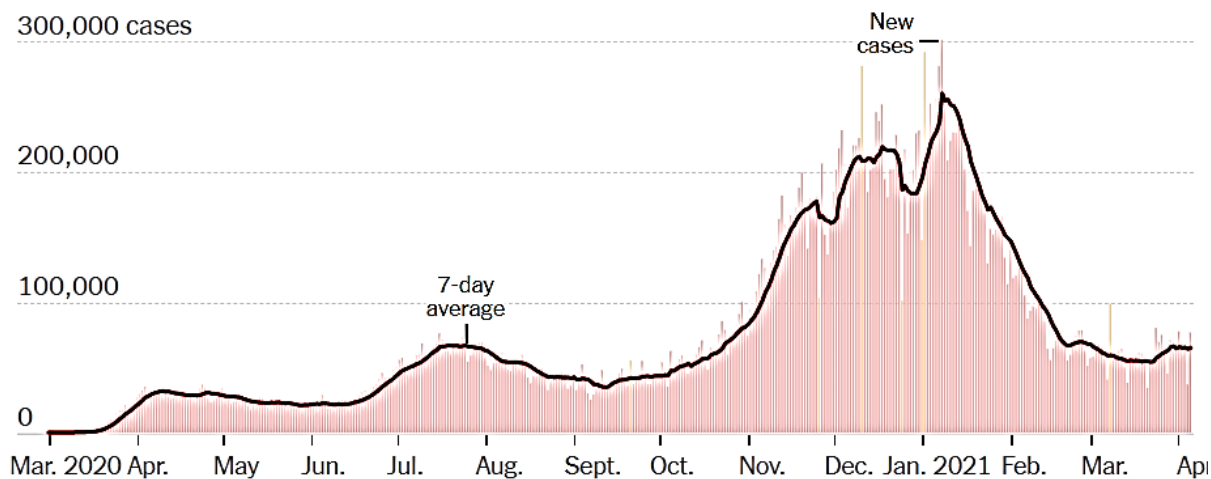
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- After months of progress, cases have risen again in most states.
- NM is an exception.

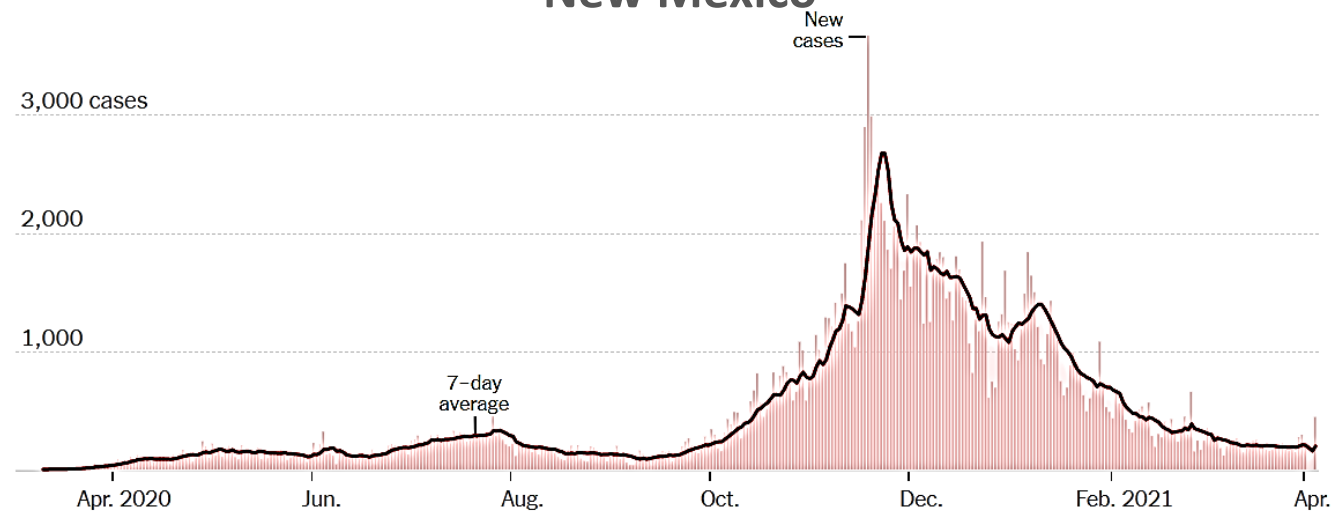
## CDC Variant Classification

- Variants of interest: B.1526/B.1525, P.2
- Variants of concern: B1.427/B1.429, B.1.1.7, B1.351, P.1.
- Variants of high consequence: None

### United States



### New Mexico



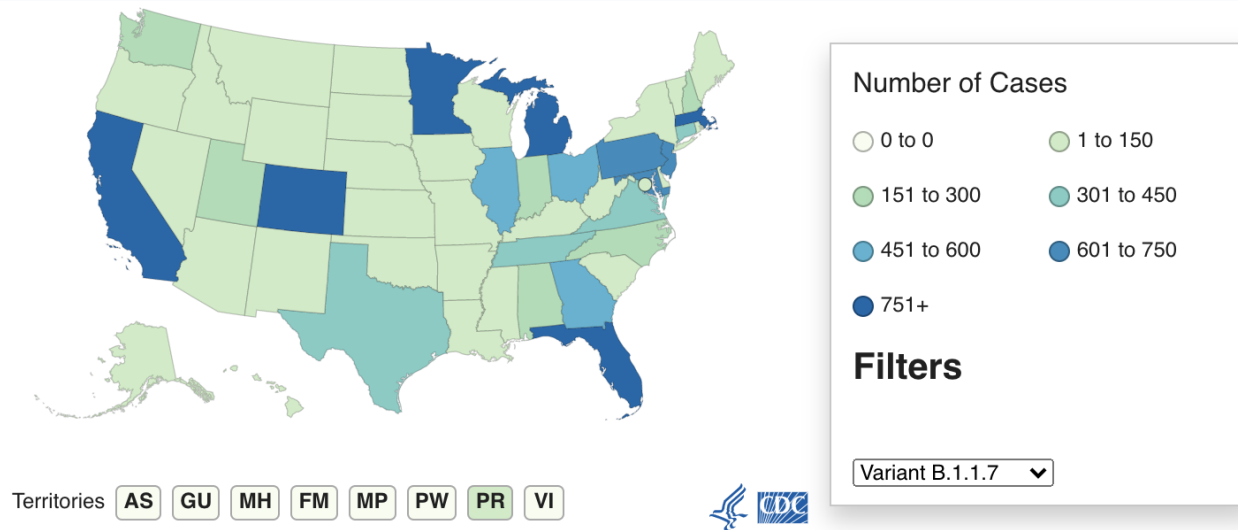
|                     | TOTAL REPORTED | ON APRIL 5 | 14-DAY CHANGE |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| <b>Cases</b>        | 30.8 million+  | 76,594     | +20% →        |
| <b>Deaths</b>       | 555,109        | 530        | -24% →        |
| <b>Hospitalized</b> |                | 40,823     | +2% →         |

|              | AVG. ON APR. 5 | 14-DAY CHANGE | TOTAL REPORTED |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cases        | 195            | -3%           | 192,595        |
| Tests        | 4,244          | -11%          | —              |
| Hospitalized | 111            | -28%          | —              |
| Deaths       | 4              | -28%          | 3,955          |

# COVID-19 VARIANTS GROWING RAPIDLY IN SOUTHWEST

| Variant | Reported Cases in US | Number of Jurisdictions Reporting |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| B.1.1.7 | 16,275               | 52                                |
| B.1.351 | 386                  | 36                                |
| P.1     | 356                  | 25                                |

Cases of Variants of Concern in the United States\*†



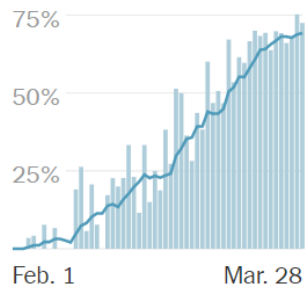
| State | B.1.1.7 (U.K.) | P.1 (Brazil) | B.1.351 (S. Africa) |
|-------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| NM    | 39             | 0            | 0                   |
| TX    | 414            | 3            | 3                   |
| OK    | 9              | 1            | 1                   |
| CO    | 894            | 0            | 23                  |
| UT    | 225            | 3            | 0                   |
| AZ    | 121            | 6            | 3                   |



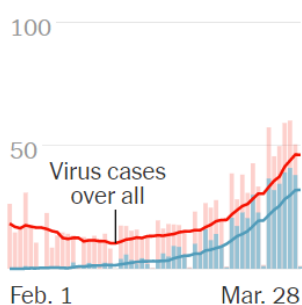
# CASES ARE UP IN STATES WITH STRONG B.1.1.7 VARIANT PRESENCE

## Michigan

Estimated share of cases from B.1.1.7

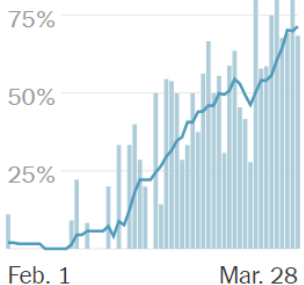


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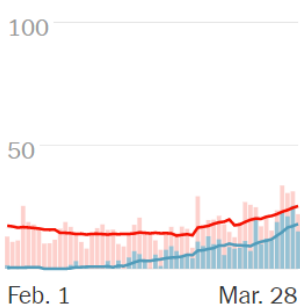


## Minnesota

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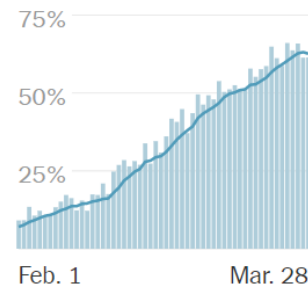


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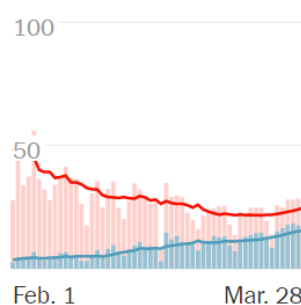


## Florida

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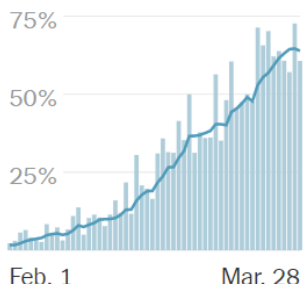


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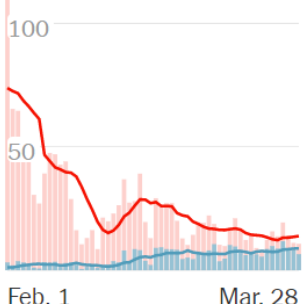


## Texas

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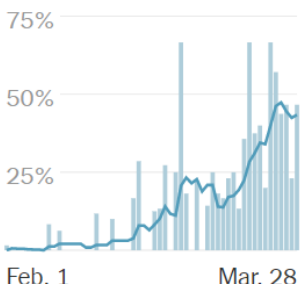


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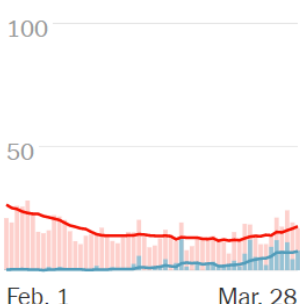


## Illinois

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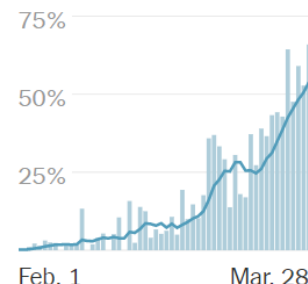


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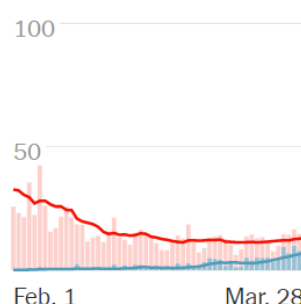


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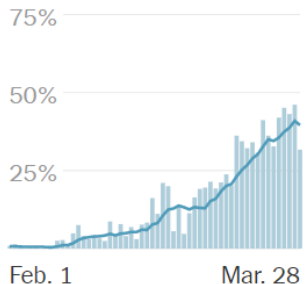


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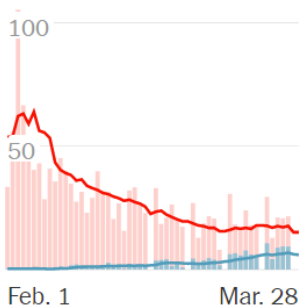


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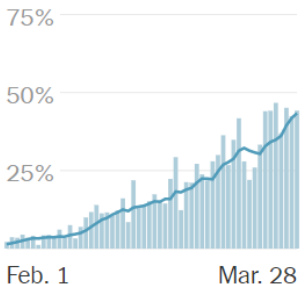


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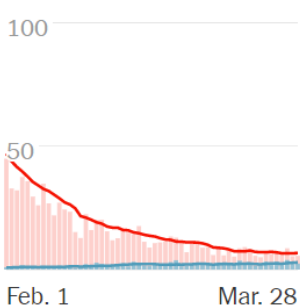


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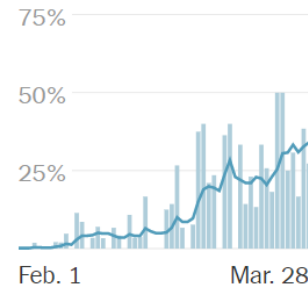


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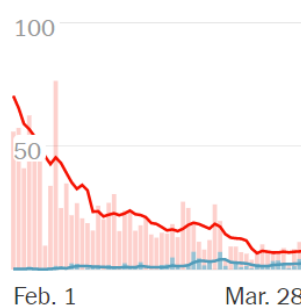


## Arizona

Estimated share of cases from B.1.1.7



New cases per 100,000



# WHY ARE VARIANTS SO IMPORTANT?

|   | B.1.1.7 (U.K.)                          | P.1 (Brazil)  | B.1.351 (S. Africa)   |
|---|---|---|---|
| More Rapid Spread?                          | Yes                                     | Yes   | Yes   |
| Resistant to Monoclonal Antibody Treatment? | No                                      | Yes, with exception. (Casivirimab and imdevimab together remain effective). | Yes, with exception. (Casivirimab and imdevimab together remain effective). |
| Resistant to Vaccine(s)?                    | No (Pfizer, Moderna, Astra Zeneca, J&J) | No (J&J)<br>Maybe not (Pfizer, Astra Zeneca, Moderna)                       | Yes (Astra Zeneca)<br>No (Pfizer, J&J)<br>Unknown (Moderna)                 |
| Increased mortality?                        | Yes                                     | Unknown   | Unknown   |

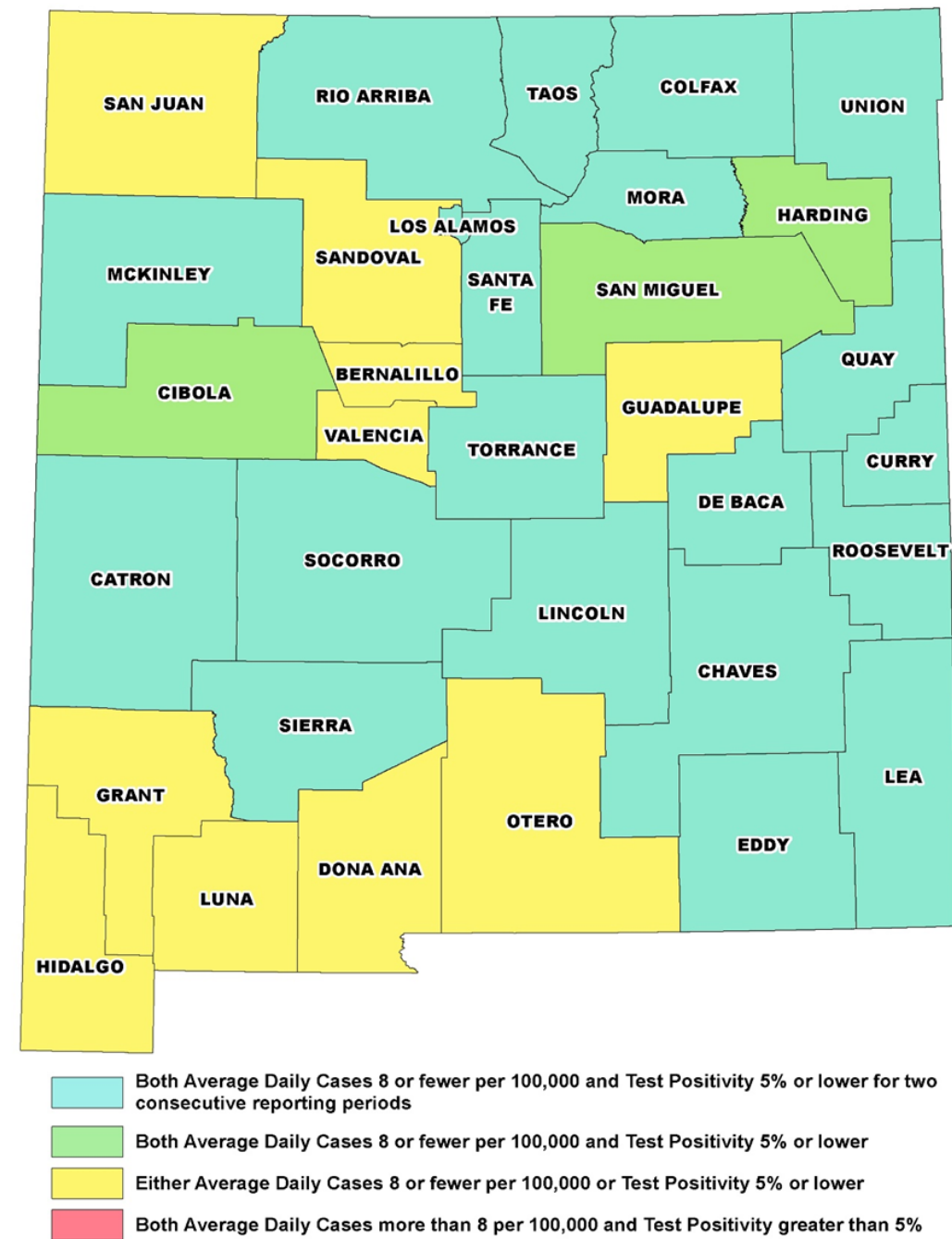
# STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH GATING CRITERIA FOR REOPENING <sup>27</sup>

| Criterion   | Measure  | Gating Target | Current Status       |
|---|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Spread of COVID-19                                  | Rate of COVID-19 Transmission (10-day Rolling Average)   | 1.05 or less  | 0.96 on 4/6/21       |
|   | NM daily cases (7-day rolling average)   | 168           | 178 on 4/1/21        |
| Testing Capacity: general and targeted populations* | Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average)  | 5,000 / day   | 8,522 on 4/5/21      |
|   | Test Positivity Rate (7-day rolling average)   | 5.0% or less  | 2.7% on 4/5/21       |
| Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity              | Time from positive test result to:<br>-isolation recommendation for case<br>-quarantine rec. for case contacts | 24 hrs        | Week ending 4/1 = 16 |
|   |  | 36 hrs        | Week ending 4/1 = 21 |
| Statewide Health Care System Capacity               | Availability of scarce resources in 7 Hub Hospitals:<br>-Adult ICU beds occupied                               | 439 or less   | 264 on 4/7/21        |
|   | -PPE   | 7-day supply  | 7 on 4/5/21          |

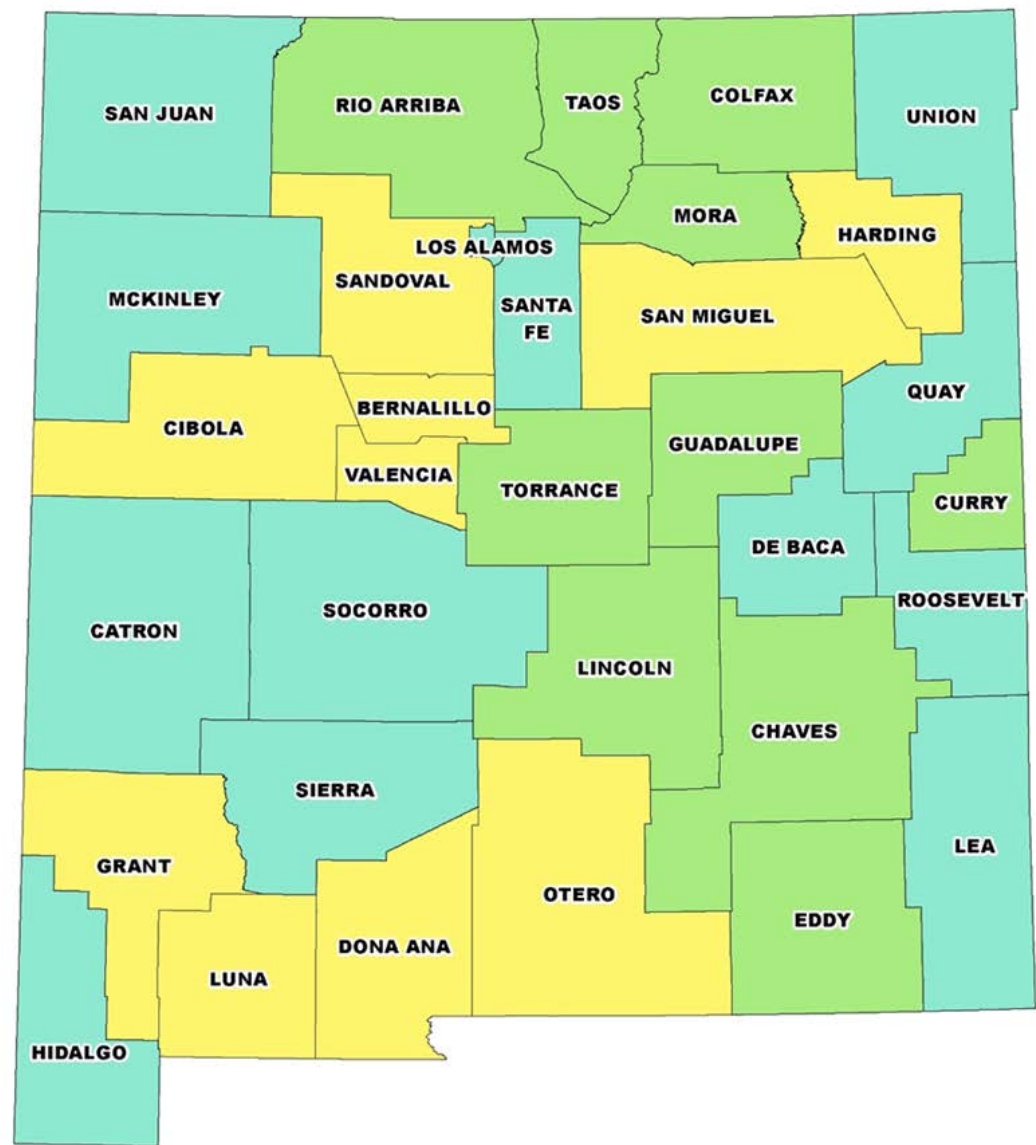
**ALL 4 CRITERIA DRIVEN BY SOCIAL DISTANCING BEHAVIORS OF NEW MEXICANS**

# COUNTY UPDATE

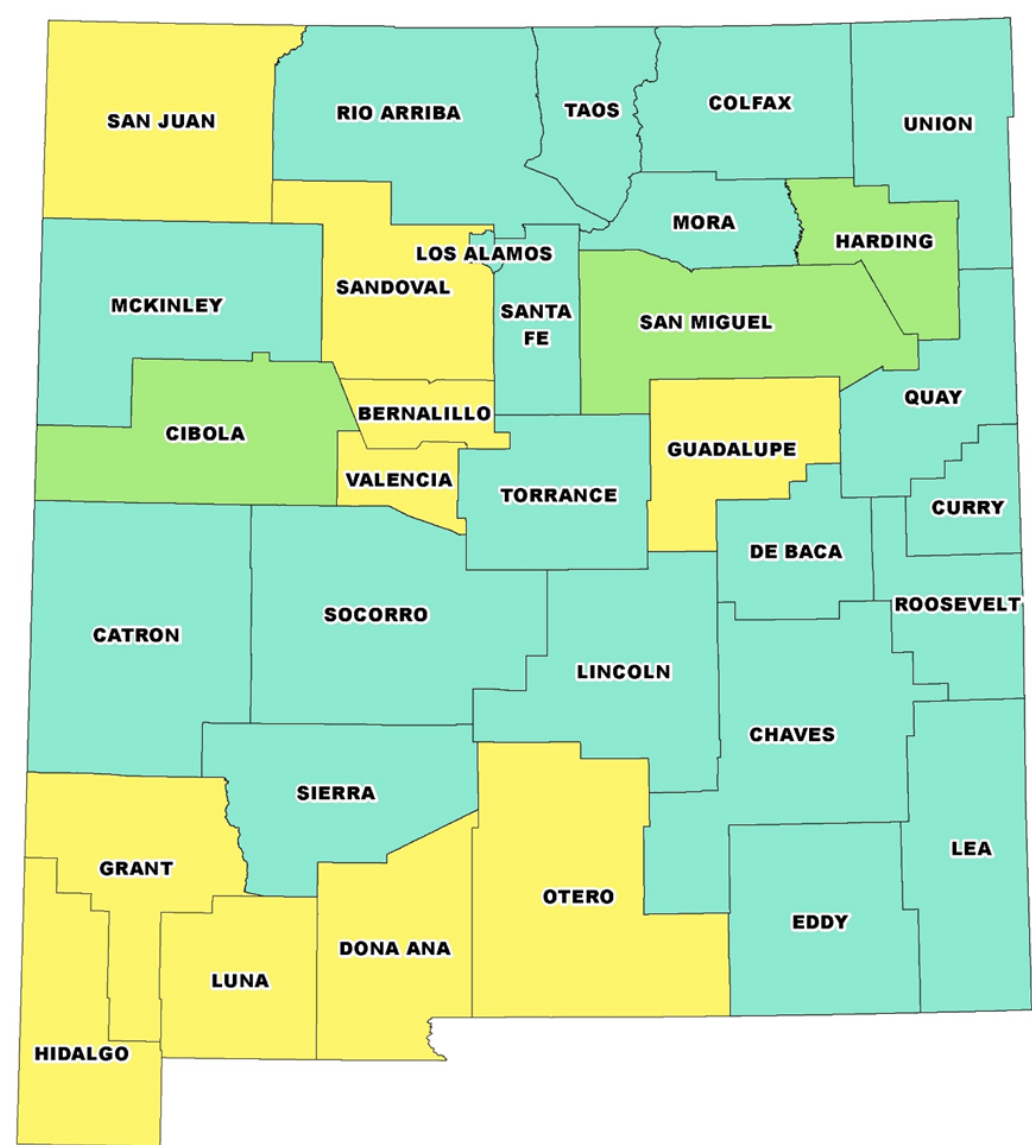
- Nearly a month since we had any Red counties (last was Guadalupe on March 10).
- Over last 3 biweekly map updates, we've grown from 7 Turquoise counties (March 10) to 13 Turquoise (March 24) to now 20 (today) -- this is the right kind of "exponential" growth!
- Majority of counties that have reached Turquoise have stayed Turquoise.
- All of this shows us progress is not only achievable -- it is sustainable.



COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rates by Test Positivity, New Mexico Counties, March 23 - April 5, 2021



**COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rates by Test Positivity,  
New Mexico Counties, March 9 - March 22, 2021**



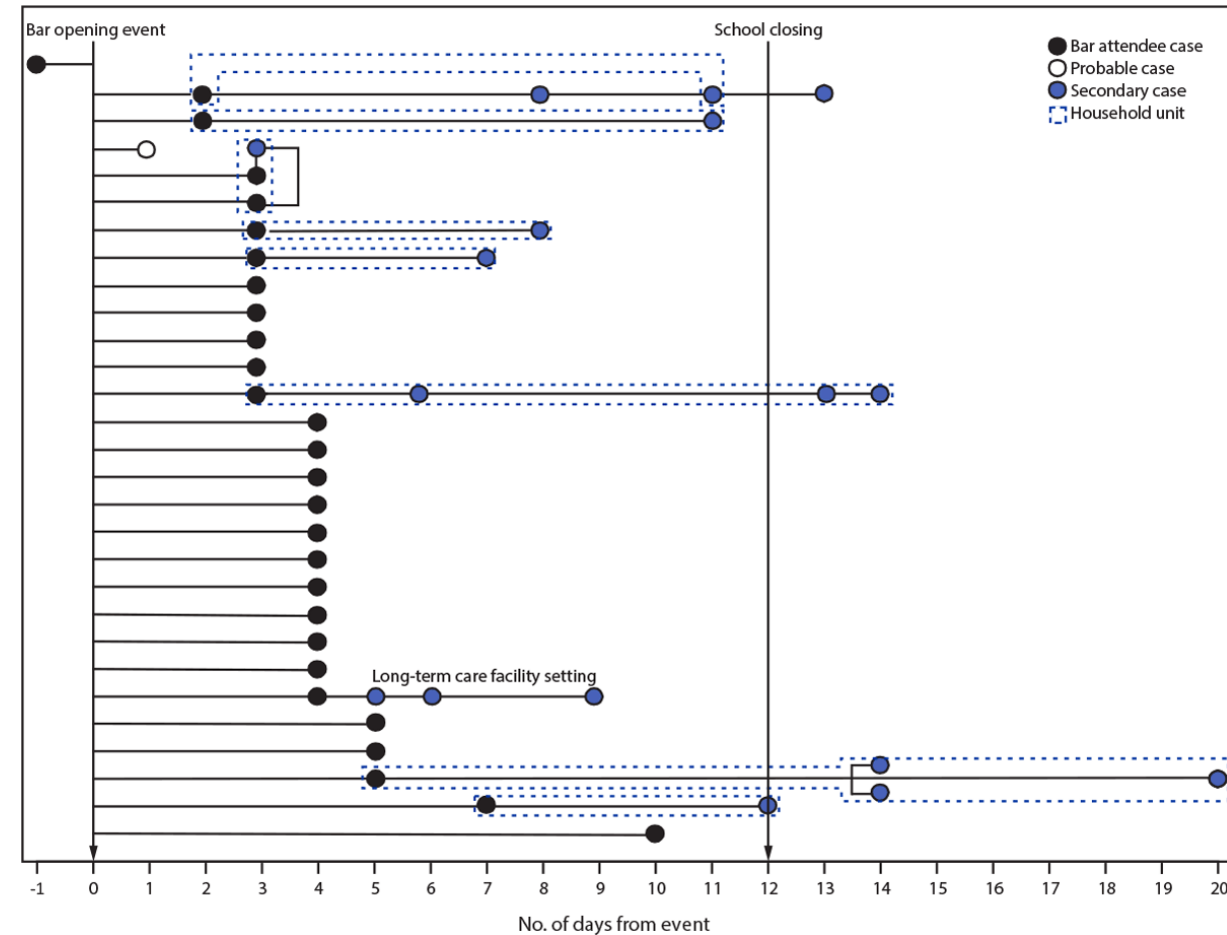
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# COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF SARS-COV-2 ASSOCIATED WITH LOCAL BAR OPENING EVENT – ILLINOIS, FEBRUARY 2021

CDC

- During February 2021, bar in rural Illinois held opening event indoors with 100 individuals, leading to outbreak.
  - Attendees included 1 person with asymptomatic infection who received COVID-19 diagnosis day before the event.
- 46 COVID-19 cases linked to event (29 customers/staff and 17 secondary cases). Secondary cases included:**
  - 12 cases in 8 households with children,
  - 2 on school sports team; and,
  - 3 in long-term care facility, including one hospitalization.
  - Transmission resulted in one school closure affecting 650 children (9,100 lost person-days of school).
- High percentage (82.6%) of symptomatic persons linked to event suggests total number of cases higher than reported.**



Bar attendee (N = 29) and secondary (N = 17) confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases associated with local bar opening event, by timing of specimen collection relative to event — Illinois, February 2021.

# WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT - THE VIRUS IS CHANGING!

- **Get registered. Get vaccinated.**
- New COVID variants may spread more rapidly, be more lethal, and resist treatments and/or vaccines.
- 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.
- 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).

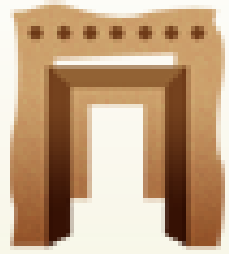


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