

COVID-19 DAY 407 PRESS UPDATE APRIL 21, 2021

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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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Cabinet Secretary, Department of Health

New Mexico remains among nation's vaccine leaders

- 57% of New Mexicans (16+) have received at least a first shot
- 39.4% of New Mexicans (16+) are fully vaccinated

Vaccination is a team effort



Hospitals, health care partners, and volunteers statewide



Thank you to New Mexico's providers for administering vaccine every day!



Vaccine supply

- This week's allocation: 104,440 doses (no Johnson & Johnson).

Johnson & Johnson Update

- Federal government will review pause this week.
- Less than one-in-a-million event.
- 1 in 10 Americans has had COVID.
- 1 in 558 Americans has died of COVID.

Self-scheduling appointments

- New Mexicans 40+ can self-schedule their vaccine appointments at vaccineNM.org – no event code required.
- All New Mexicans can also self-schedule their boosters without an event code.

Vaccine is free for everyone

- Only insurance companies or the federal government can be billed for vaccine administration fees, not patients.
- **You do not need a Social Security Number or government ID to receive free COVID-19 vaccine, treatment, or services.** □
- Your vaccine provider may request this information, but it is only to confirm you don't have insurance so they can get paid by the federal government.
- **You will still be treated, tested, or vaccinated for COVID-19 if you are not able to provide a Social Security Number or government ID.**

Vaccine and the immigrant community

- The state of New Mexico does NOT share immigration status information with the federal government.
- Vaccine sites are safe.
- ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is required to stay away from vaccine sites, except in the most extraordinary circumstances.

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.

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

- We have supply.
- Register at **vaccinenm.org**
- More than 873,000 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 and indicate that you've gotten your shot.

Keep up the great work, New Mexico!



FDA REVOKES EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY BAMLANIVIMAB U.S. FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- On April 16, U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) revoked emergency use authorization (EUA) for bamlanivimab, *when administered alone*, for treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19.
- This decision based on analysis of emerging data suggesting variants resistant to bamlanivimab alone.
- Other treatments remain available including REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab, administered together), and bamlanivimab and etesevimab, administered together.
- NM hospitals quickly adapted to updated FDA guidance and are no longer prescribing bamlanivimab *alone* for COVID-19 treatment.
- If you've tested positive for COVID-19 learn if these treatments are right for you by visiting: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-19-monoclonal-antibody-treatments/> 



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COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatments

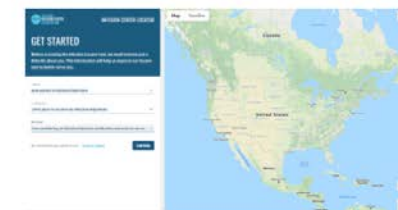
Monoclonal antibody treatment is recommended for some people who have tested positive for COVID-19. There are currently two available treatments, including **REGEN-COV (casirivimab and imdevimab, administered together)**, and **bamlanivimab and etesevimab, administered together**. These treatments are allowed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) while clinical studies continue to look at their usefulness and safety.

Monoclonal antibody treatments may be suitable for COVID-19 positive individuals who:

- are aged 12 and over
- have mild to moderate symptoms
- do not require hospitalization
- have a risk factor(s) for hospitalization

Treatments must be given by IV soon after developing symptoms.

Antibodies are proteins that a person's body makes to fight viruses, such as the virus that causes COVID-19. Antibodies made in a laboratory act a lot like natural antibodies to limit the amount of virus in the body. The treatments



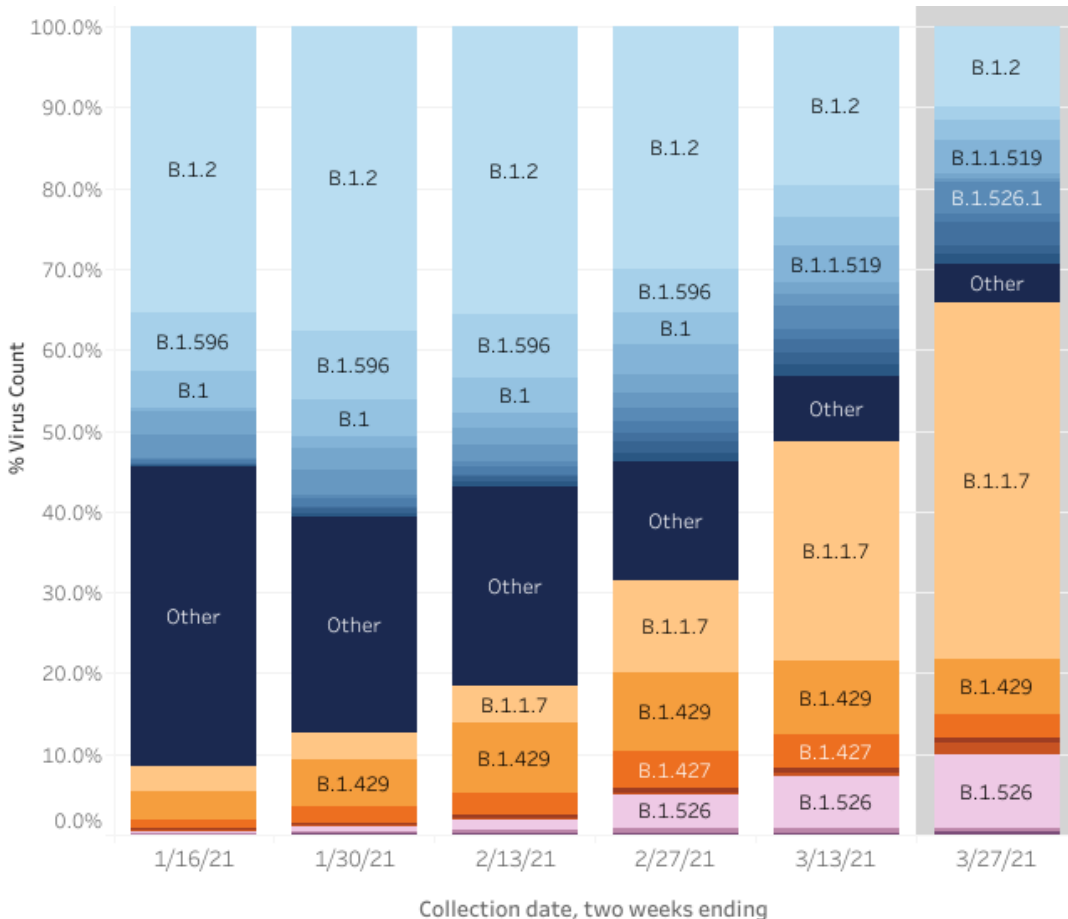
How do I find a location offering monoclonal antibody treatments?

- If you are being treated by a healthcare provider for COVID-19, please discuss treatment with them.
- If you do not have a provider and are positive for COVID-19, contact the hospital in your community to inquire about treatment or use the COVID-19 Infusion Site Locator: <https://covid.infusioncenter.org>

COVID-19 VARIANTS

- Increase in B.1.1.7 and B.1.427/429 variants in NM is similar to national trends.
- NM 7th in U.S. for percent of cases sequenced for variants (1.8%).

SARS-CoV-2 Variants, U.S., 1/3 – 3/27, 2021, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



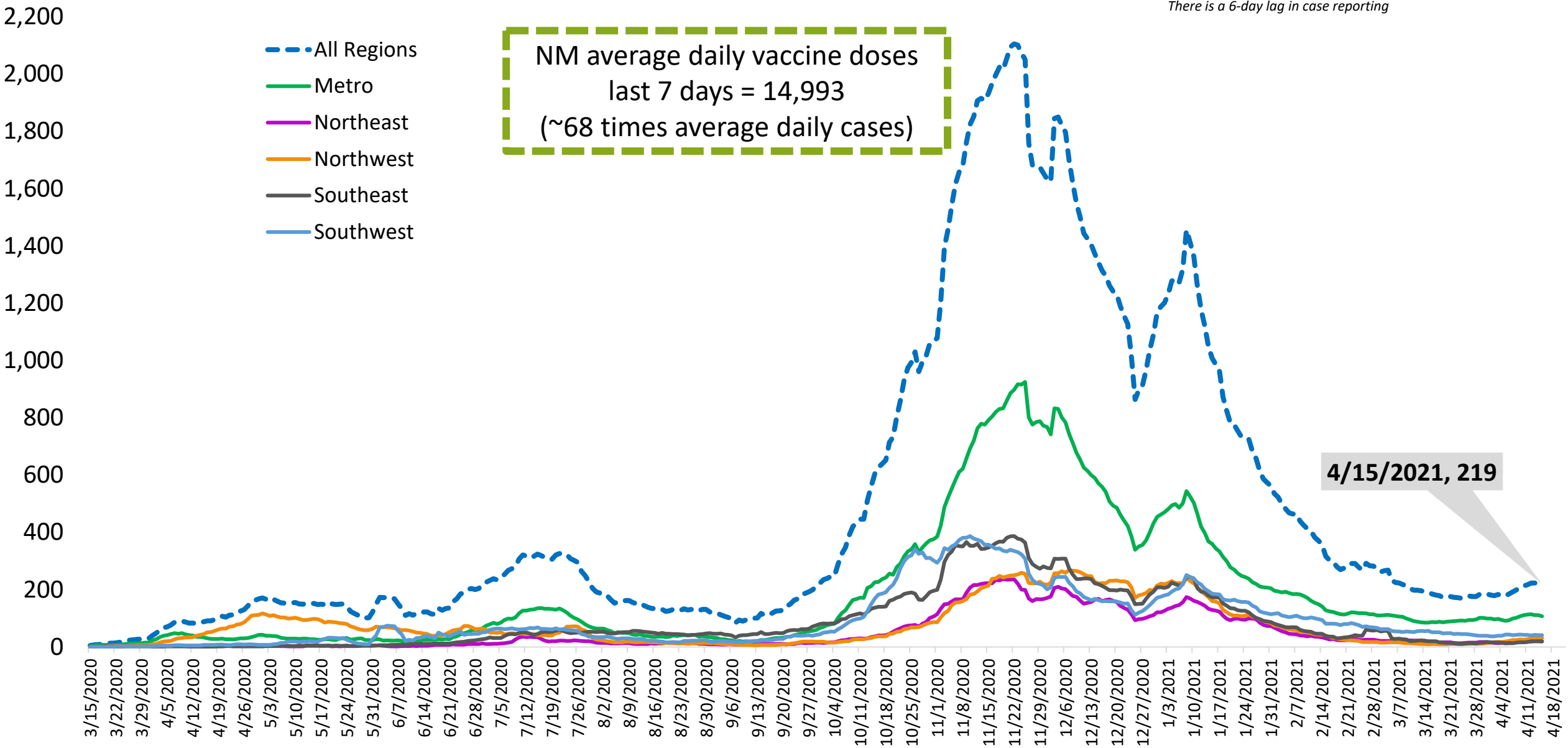
COVID-19 Variants of Concern in NM as of April 20, 2021

| Lineage | Cumulative Total for NM |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| B.1.1.7 (U.K.) | 142 |
| B.1.427 (CA) | 103 |
| B.1.429 (CA) | 224 |
| B.1.351 (S. Africa) | 0 |
| P.1 (Brazil) | 0 |

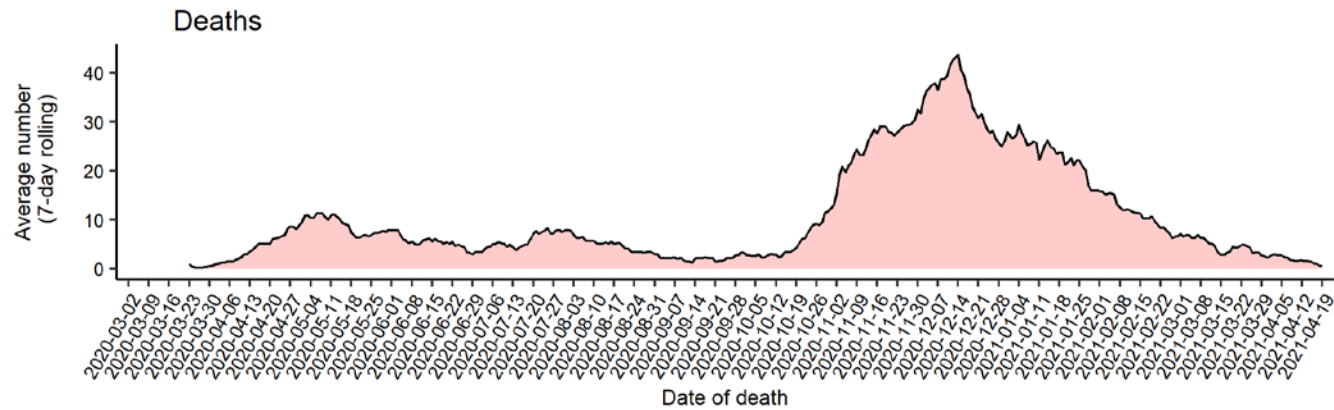
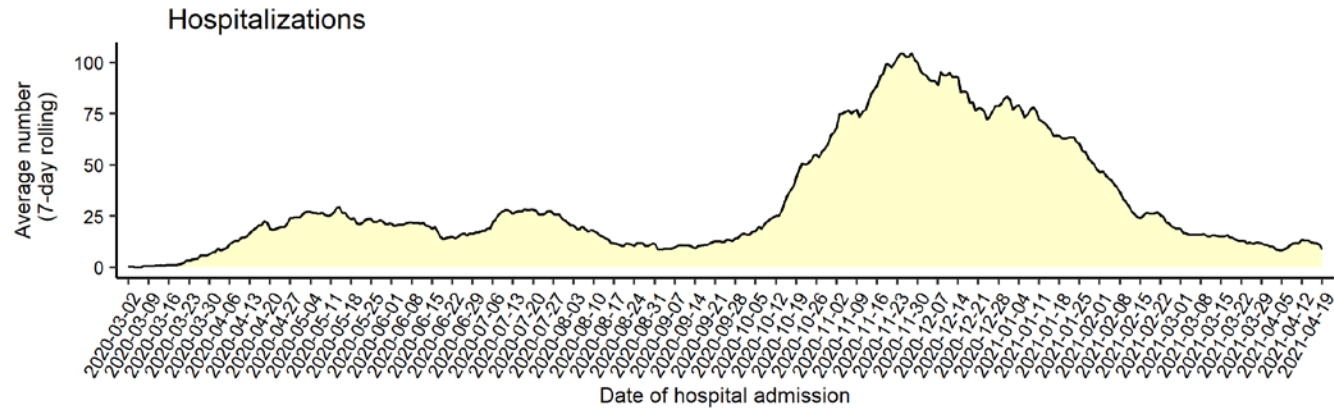
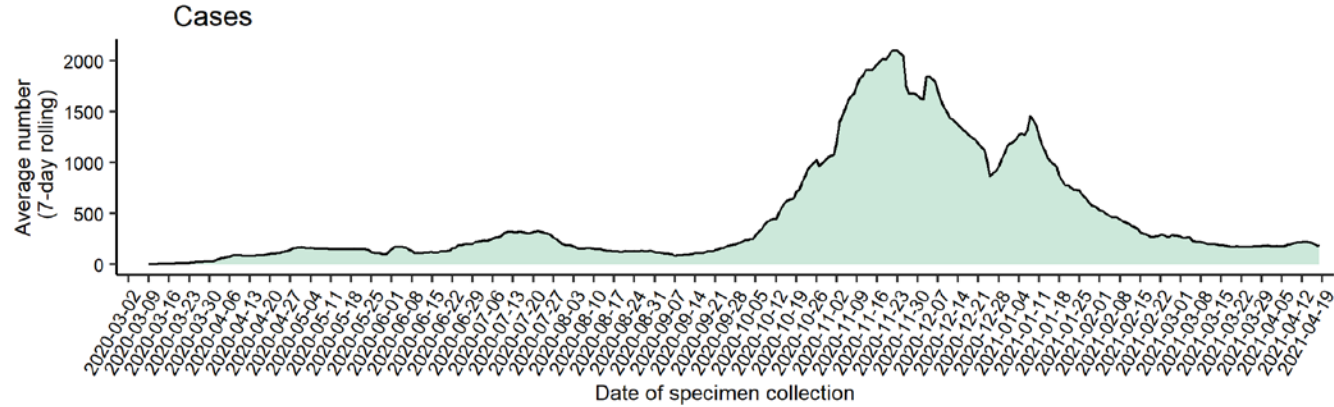
Sources: left, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions>; right, NM State Laboratory data as of 4/20/21

7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions 4/21/2021

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 4/19/21



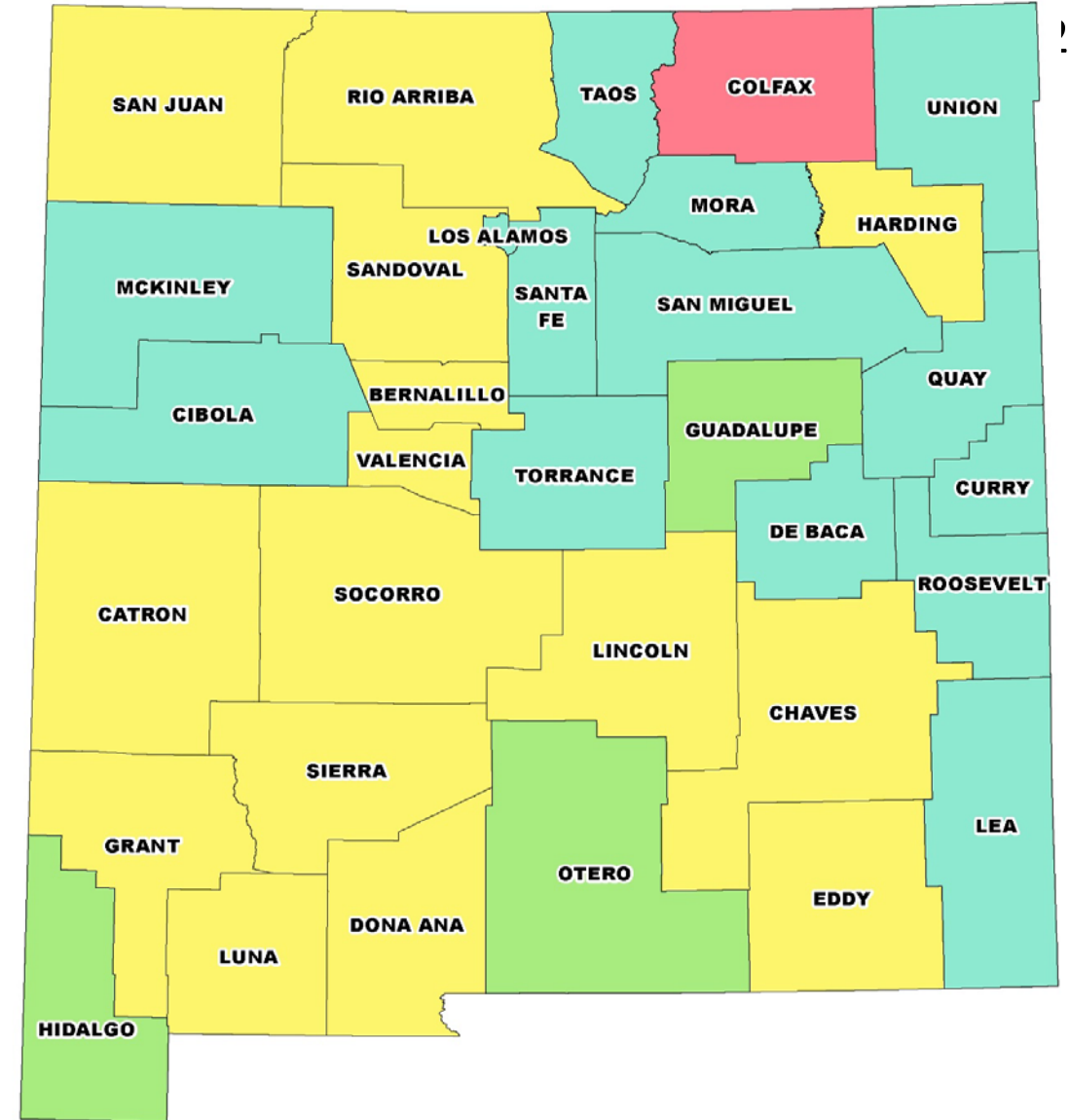
STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH GATING CRITERIA FOR REOPENING

| Criterion | Measure | Gating Target | Current Status |
|---|--|---------------|-----------------------|
| Spread of COVID-19 | Rate of COVID-19 Transmission (10-day Rolling Average) | 1.05 or less | 1.01 on 4/20/21 |
| | NM daily cases (7-day rolling average) | 168 | 219 on 4/15/21 |
| Testing Capacity: general and targeted populations* | Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average) | 5,000 / day | 9,234 on 4/19/21 |
| | Test Positivity Rate (7-day rolling average) | 5.0% or less | 2.8% on 4/19/21 |
| Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity | Time from positive test result to: -isolation recommendation for case | 24 hrs | Week ending 4/16 = 15 |
| | -quarantine rec. for case contacts | 36 hrs | Week ending 4/16= 27 |
| Statewide Health Care System Capacity | Availability of scarce resources in 7 Hub Hospitals: -Adult ICU beds occupied | 439 or less | 262 on 4/21/21 |
| | -PPE | 7-day supply | 7 on 4/14/21 |

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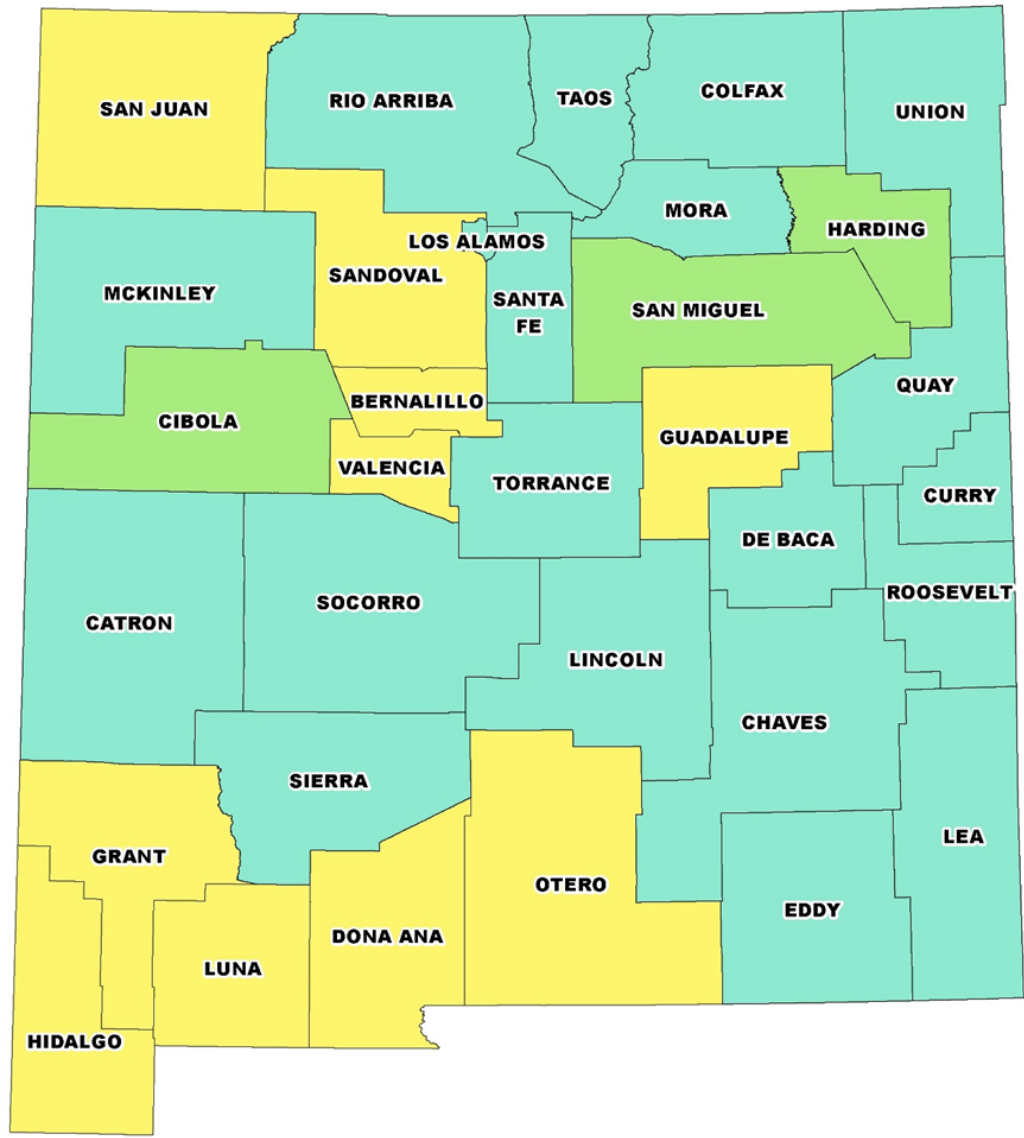
COUNTY UPDATE

- 24 counties maintained their status or improved, NM remains steady.
- Although 9 counties regressed, each has shown in previous weeks they can get the virus under control in short order and begin quick march back to Turquoise.
- Incorporating vaccination criterion, which we expect will happen soon, will benefit some larger counties.



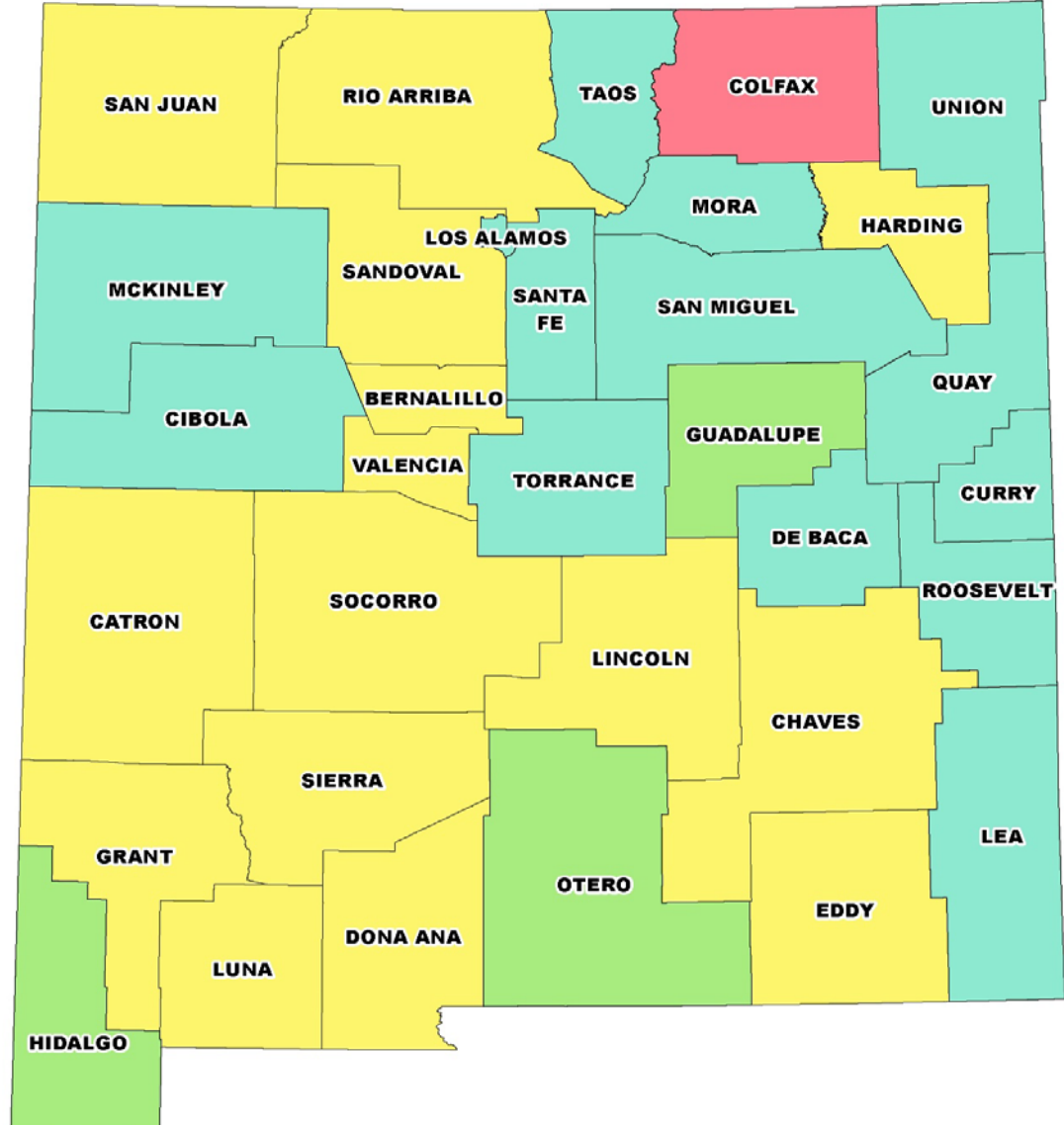
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COVID-19 Average Daily Case Rates by Test Positivity, New Mexico Counties, April 6 - April 19, 2021



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



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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.

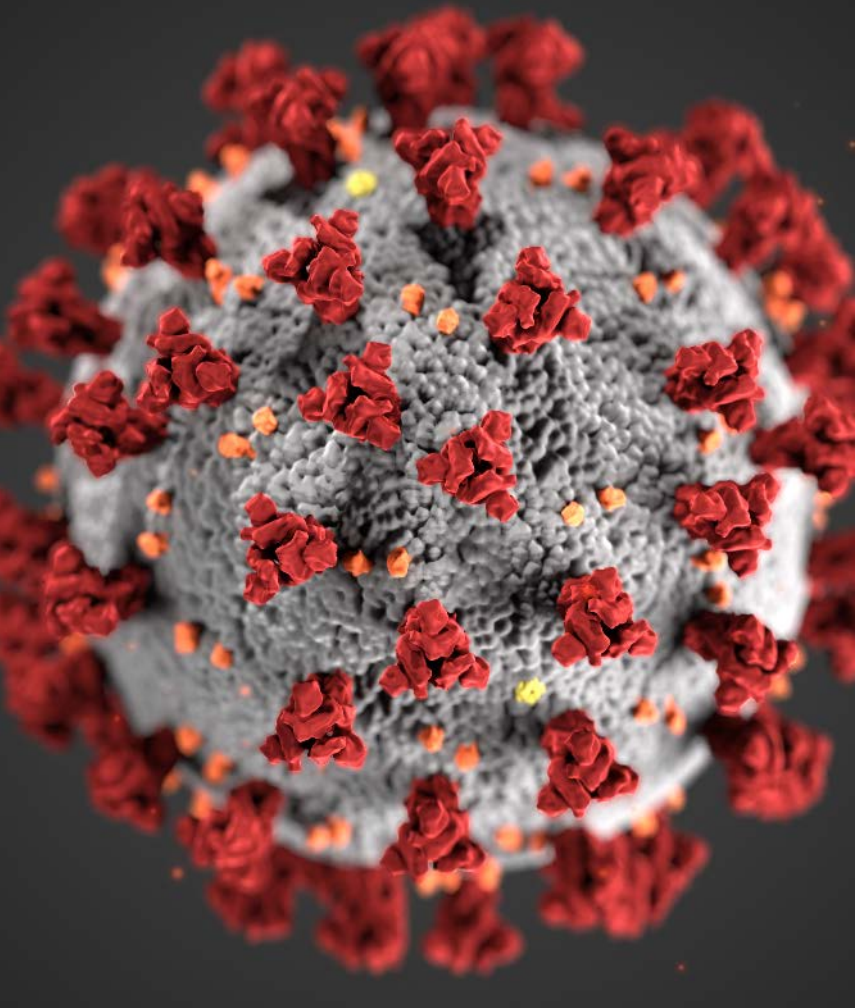
WE ALL STILL MUST FIGHT THE VIRUS.

- 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).




Crisis And Access Line
Call for support and resources

1-855-NMCRISIS (662-7474)
Toll Free 24/7/365



QUESTIONS

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