

COVID-19 Day 595 Press Update

October 26, 2021

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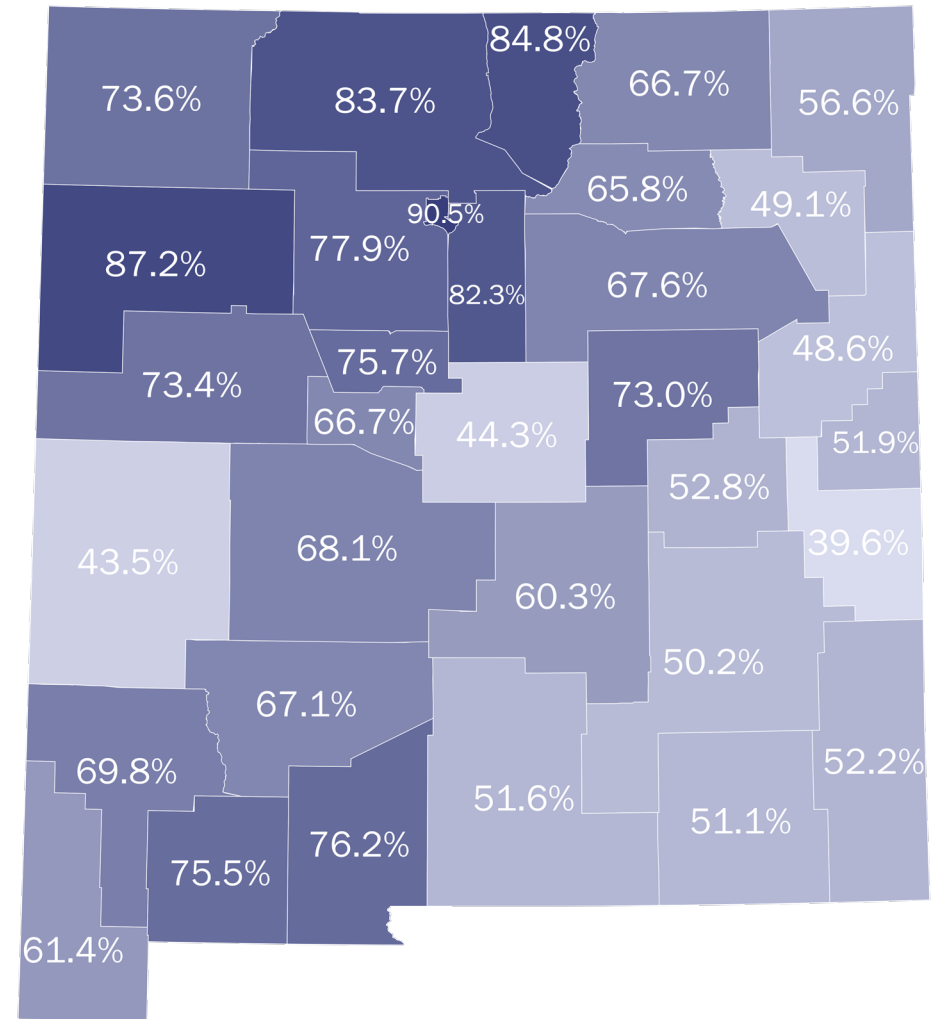
Today's Epidemiology Report

	Today	Since March 2020	Percent
Cases	959	272,855	13.0% of NM population
Hospitalizations	389	18,246	6.6% of cases
Deaths	15	5,027	1.8% of cases

NM COVID-19 vaccination rates

Percent of New Mexicans 18+ Fully Vaccinated by County, 10/25/21

- Fully vaccinated:
 - 72.3% of New Mexicans 18+
 - 54.2% of New Mexicans 12-17
- Partially vaccinated:
 - 81.9% of New Mexicans 18+
 - 62.4% of New Mexicans 12-17
- Received a booster dose:
 - 8.2% of New Mexicans 18+
 - 12-17 not eligible

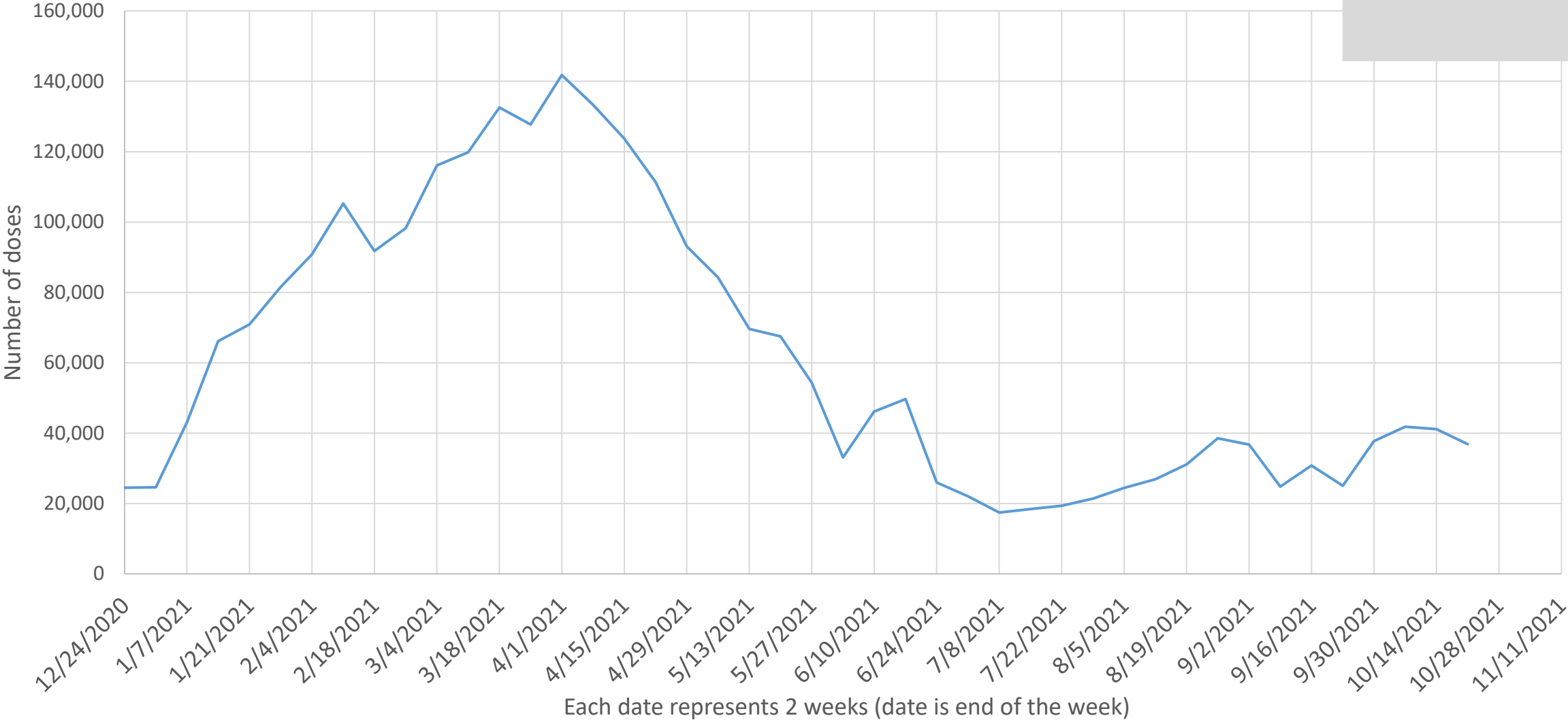


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Weekly COVID-19 vaccines administered in New Mexico since 12/24/20



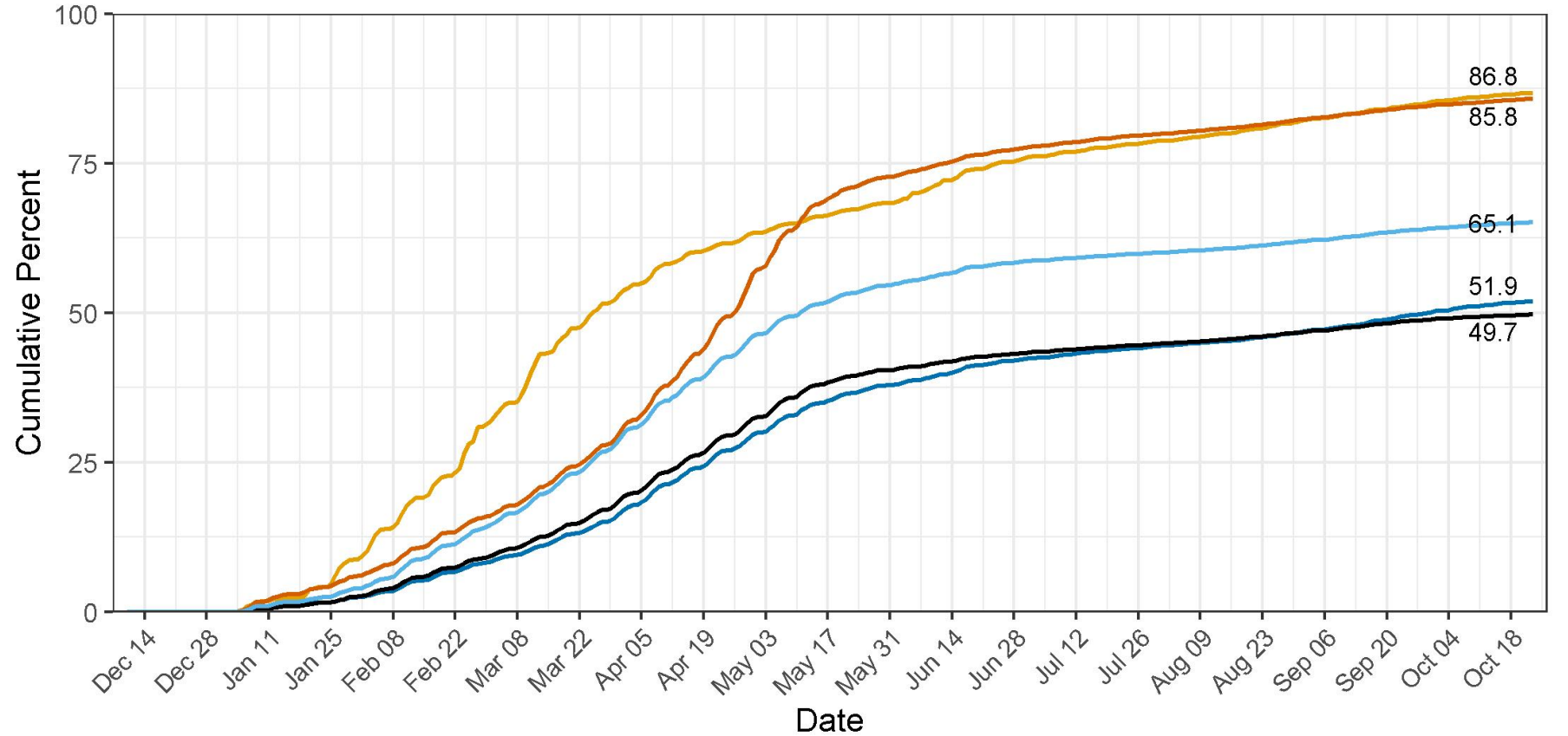
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Many still not vaccinated and at risk

Cumulative Percent Completing Vaccination Series, for 16 and Older



Race/Ethnicity — American Indian or Alaska Native — Black or African American — White
 — Asian or Pacific Islander — Hispanic or Latino



Data are drawn from the New Mexico State Immunization Information System (NMSIIS) and Tiberius and include only residents of New Mexico.

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5-11 Year-old Vaccine Approval Progress

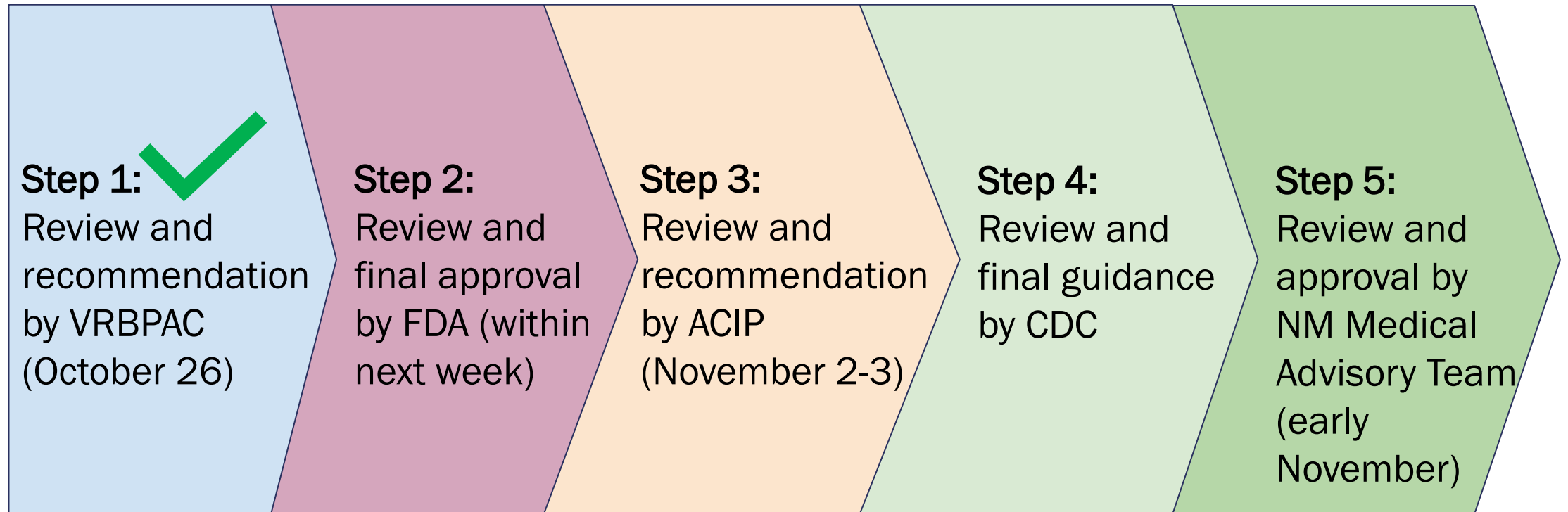
FDA Committee approved Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year-olds; CDC guidance likely coming next week

- Panel members voted 17-0 to recommend the shot, with one abstention
- Two doses, three weeks apart
- *“To me the benefit is clear,” Amanda Cohn, a CDC pediatrician who sits on the FDA Committee, “We don’t want children to be dying of Covid, even if it is far fewer children than adults”*



<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/10/26/fda-panel-endorses-covid-19-shot-for-kids-5-11-years-old-517236>

Process for 5-11 year-olds vaccine approvals



FDA = US Food and Drug Administration

VRBPAC = Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (FDA committee)

CDC = Center for Disease Control

ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC committee)

New electronic consent form for child vaccinations is available at VaccineNM.org/kids

Parents/guardians can now link a child's profile to their own to manage the child's profile on their behalf, including:

- update profile info
- schedule appointments
- complete parental consent forms

The screenshot displays the 'Dependents' management interface on the VaccineNM.org website. The user is logged in as Christopher Schroeder, with a confirmation code of 4623627. The page title is 'Dependents' and it includes a brief explanation: 'You may link a dependent's profile to your own to manage it on their behalf. From here, you'll be able to update profile info, schedule appointments, and complete parental consent forms.' Below this, there are input fields for 'DEPENDENT'S CONFIRMATION CODE' and 'DEPENDENT'S DATE OF BIRTH'. A checkbox allows the user to attest as the legal guardian. An 'Add Dependent' button is present, along with a link to create a new profile for dependents who do not yet have one. Under the 'Current Dependents' section, a dependent named 'Abigail Schroeder' is listed with a 'View Profile' link. A 'Manage/Schedule Appointment' button is also visible. The status for 'UPCOMING APPOINTMENT' is 'None' and 'CONSENT FORM PENDING' is 'No'. An 'Unlink Profiles' link is located at the bottom of the dependent's profile card.

How to link dependents to your profile

CV.NMHealth.org **NMHealth.org** Schedule by Phone: 1-855-600-3453 Select Language

NMDOH Create Profile Access My Profile Schedule Appointment Dashboard

Adding Dependents to Your Profile

How to add dependents to your profile.

From this page you will learn how to link a dependent's profile to your own in order to manage it on their behalf. You'll be able to update profile info, schedule appointments, and complete guardian consent forms.

Step 1: Access the Dependents Screen
Once you've logged into your profile, click on the "Dependents" link on the left side, or scroll down to the "Add or Manage Dependents" section on the Registration Details section and click the blue button that reads

Step 2-a: Add a Dependent that already has a profile created on VaccineNM.org
If your dependent already has a profile on VaccineNM.org, enter their confirmation code, date of birth, and check the legal attestation. Click the blue button that reads "Add Dependent".

Step 2-b: Add a Dependent that does NOT have a profile created on VaccineNM.org
If your dependent does not have a profile on VaccineNM.org, click the link that reads "If your dependent does not yet have a Vaccine NM profile, click here to create one". Complete the profile form and click the button that reads "Submit My Registration" to create a new profile for your dependent.

VaccineNM.org/kids

Booster doses are now available for all three COVID-19 vaccines

Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccines

Eligible New Mexicans include:

- 65 years and older
- 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
- 6 months or more after completion of their initial series

Moderna boosters are a half dose, but immunocompromised people receiving a third shot for additional immunity will continue to receive a full dose



J and J booster vaccine

Eligible New Mexicans include:

- 18 years and older
- 2 months or more after a single dose primary vaccination



Boosters can be mix and match

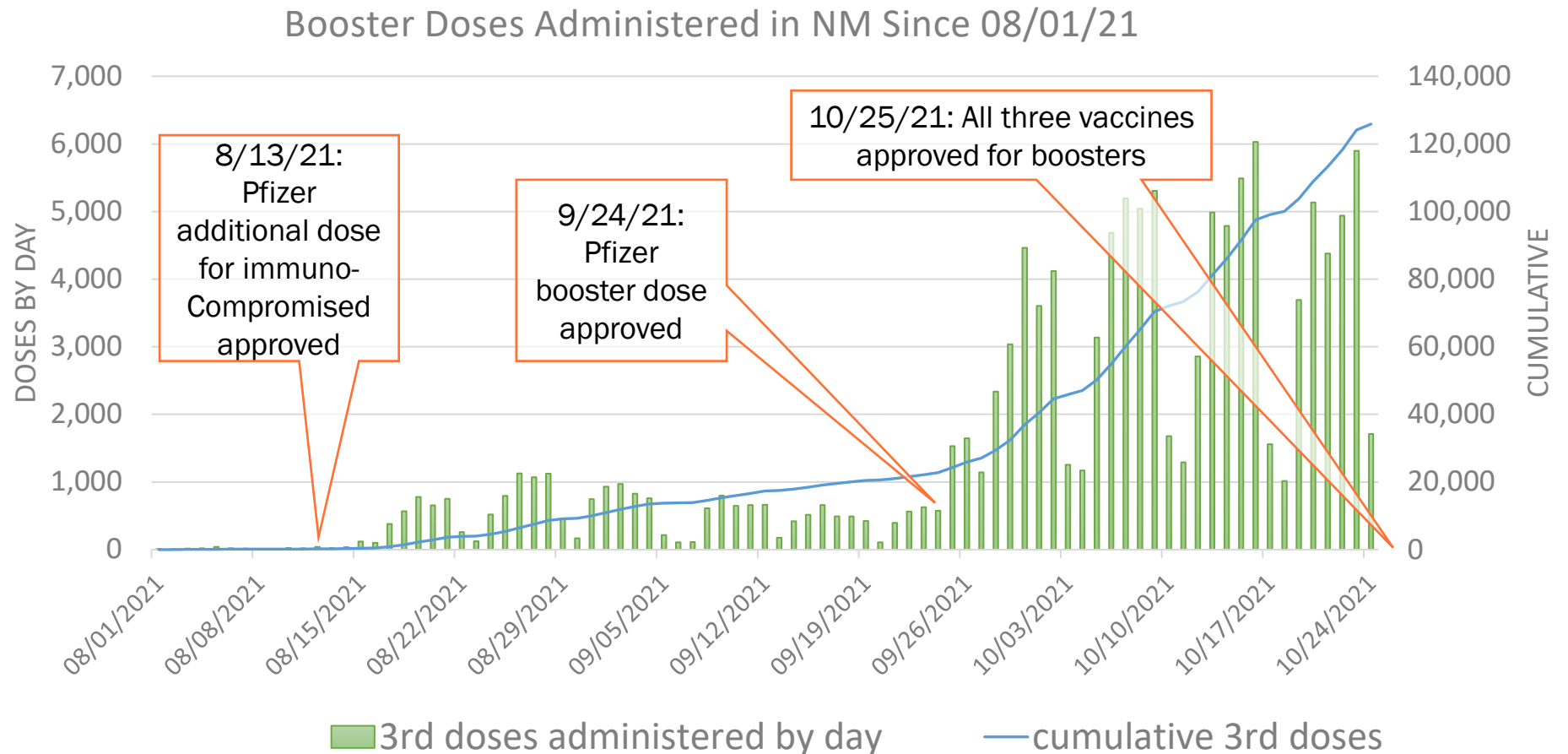
Mix and match boosters were approved by FDA/CDC:

- If you got Pfizer or Moderna for your primary, you can get any booster at 6 months
- If you got J and J as your primary, you can get any booster at 2 months



Booster dose administration progress

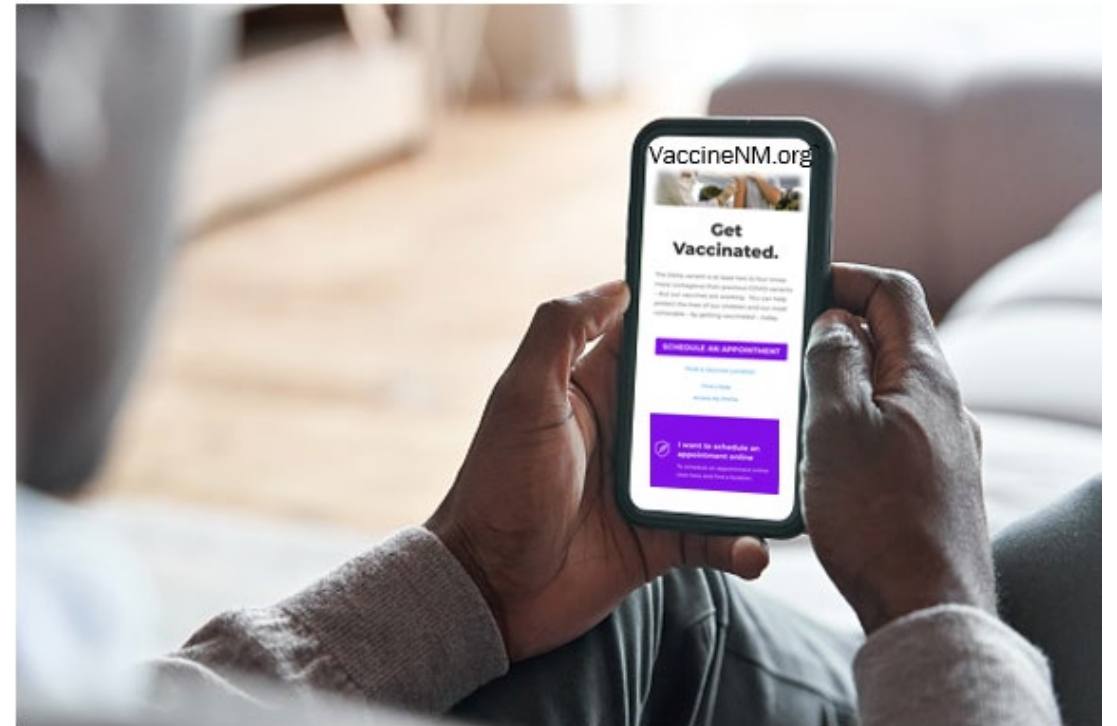
125,843 total booster doses administered 8/1-10/24



Full vaccination is still NM's first priority

Make a vaccine appointment today

- COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available at VaccineNM.org
- Or schedule an appointment with your primary care provider or a pharmacy
- Get a flu shot at the same time
- Talk to your provider if you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine or your eligibility for a booster dose



NMDOH Call Center is here for New Mexicans without access to website

- **Call Center Purpose:** To advance equity by supporting people without internet or capacity to schedule online
- Option 3 or 9 takes callers directly to Spanish speaker
- **8 AM to 8 PM, Monday-Sunday**



I want to schedule an appointment by phone

To schedule your appointment by phone, call 1-855-600-3453, option 3 any day



Quiero programar una cita por teléfono

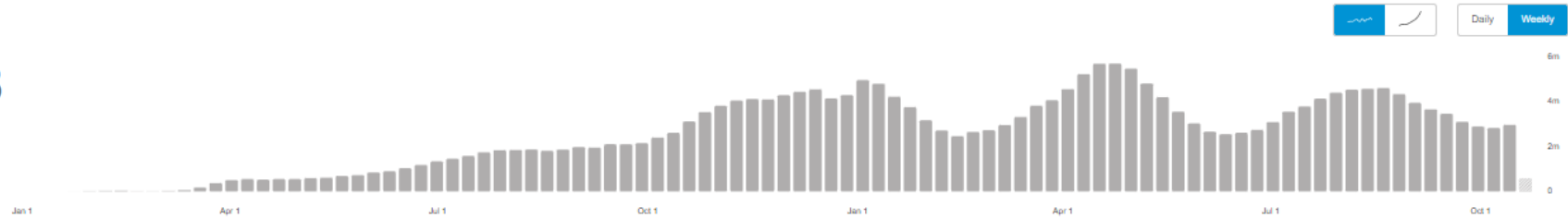
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COVID-19 Epidemiology Update

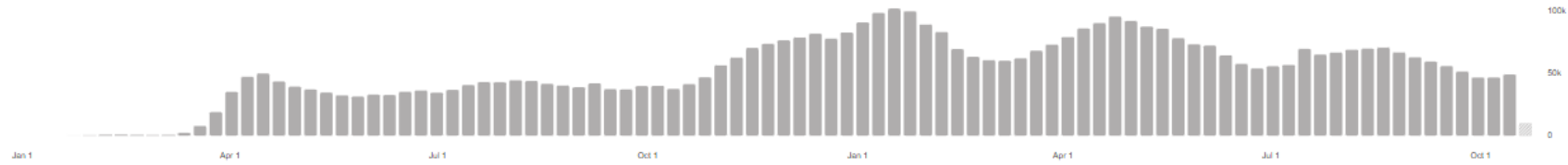
COVID-19 Global Situation Update

Global Situation

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confirmed cases



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deaths

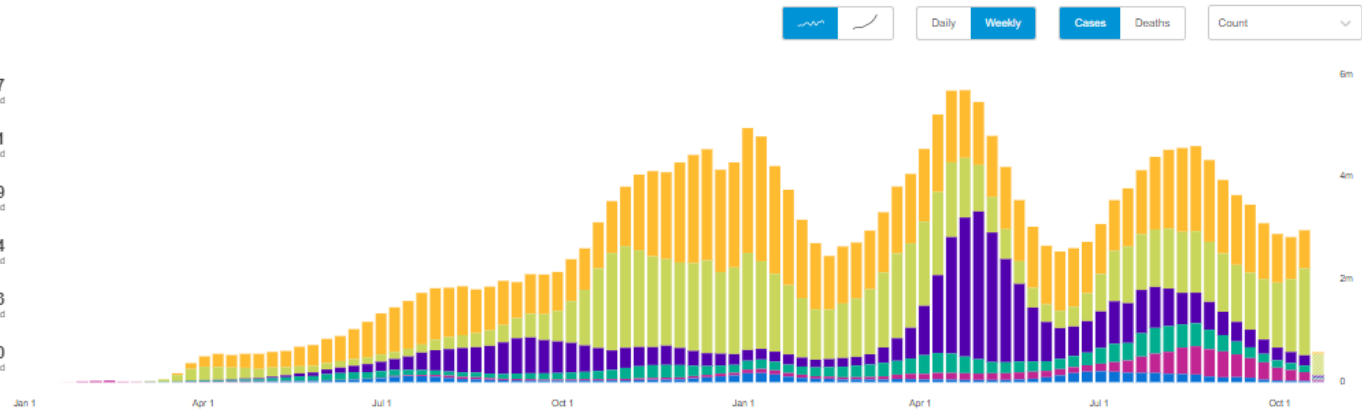


Source: World Health Organization
Data may be incomplete for the current day or week.

Situation by WHO Region

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[WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard](#) | [WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard With Vaccination Data](#)

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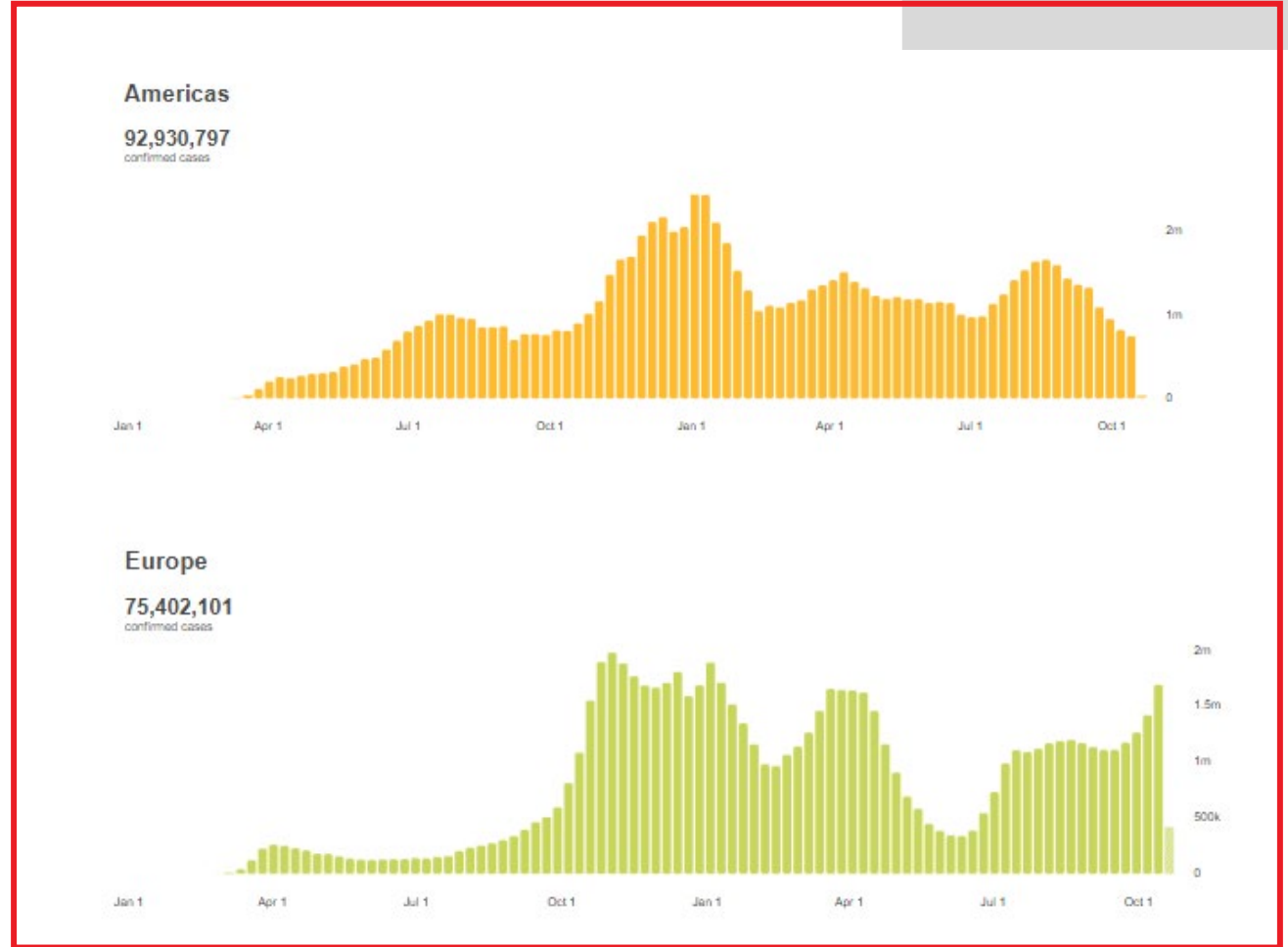
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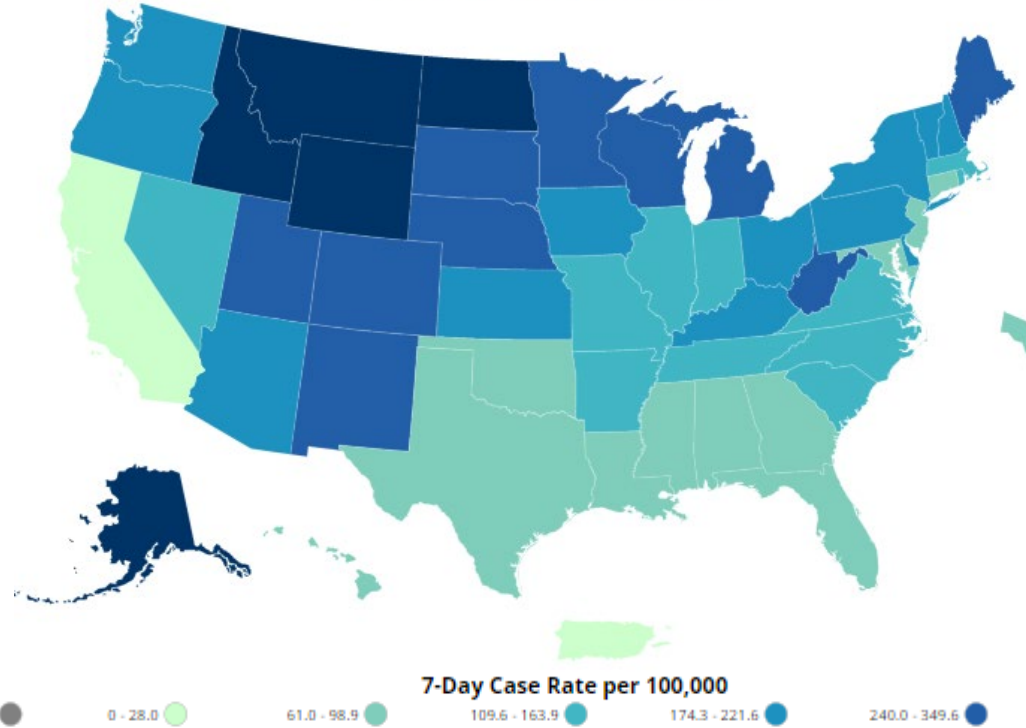
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COVID-19 National Situation Update

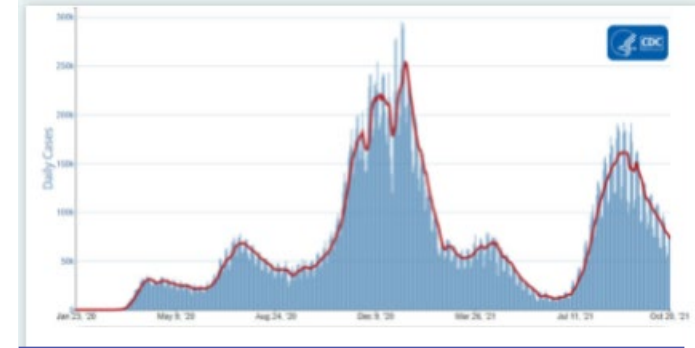


US COVID-19 7-Day Case Rate per 100,000, by State/Territory



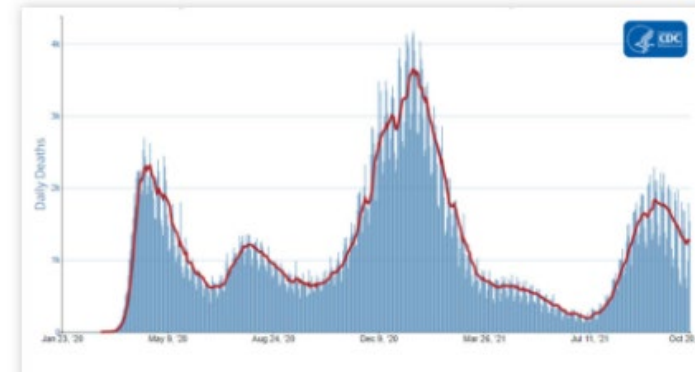
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7-Day moving average



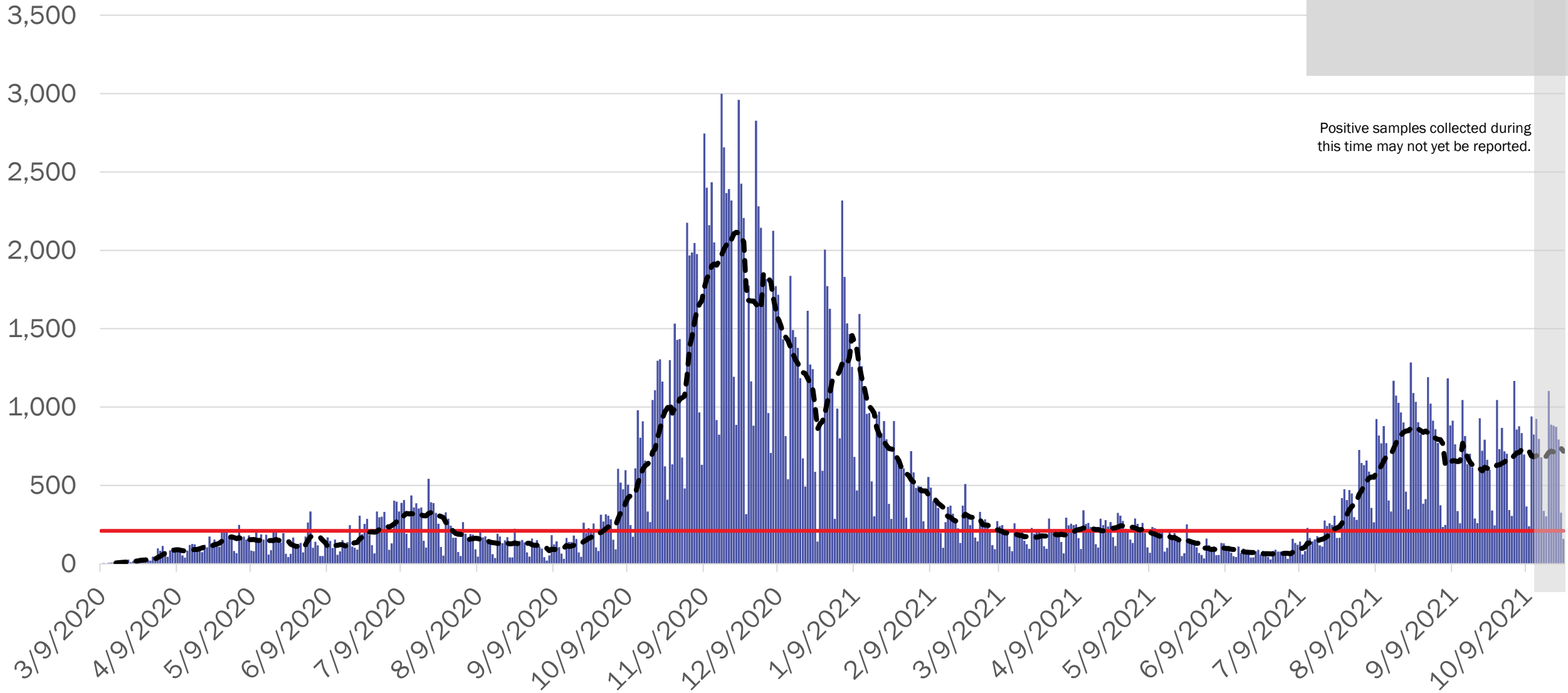
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New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection

October 25, 2021



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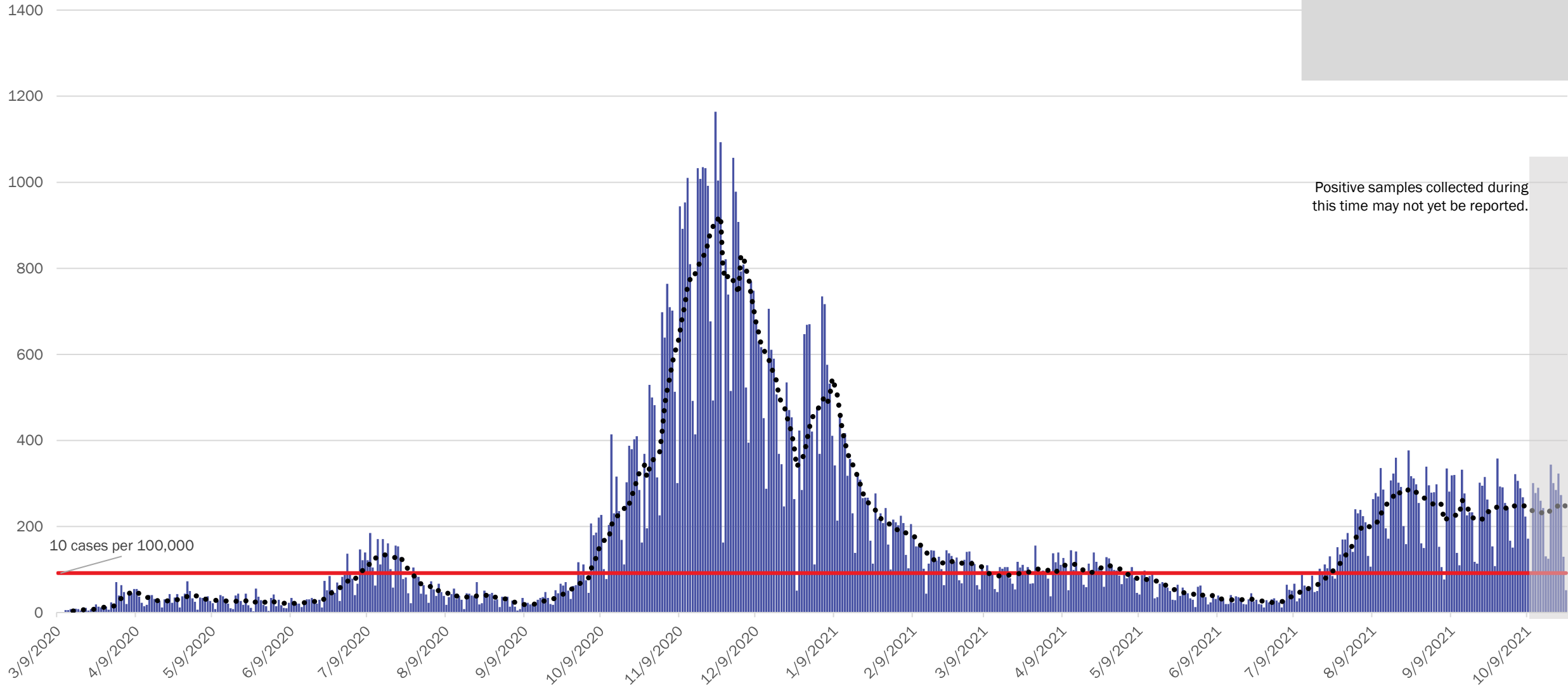
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— 10 cases per 100,000 — Total NM cases — Total NM 7-day rolling average

Metro Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average

October 25, 2021



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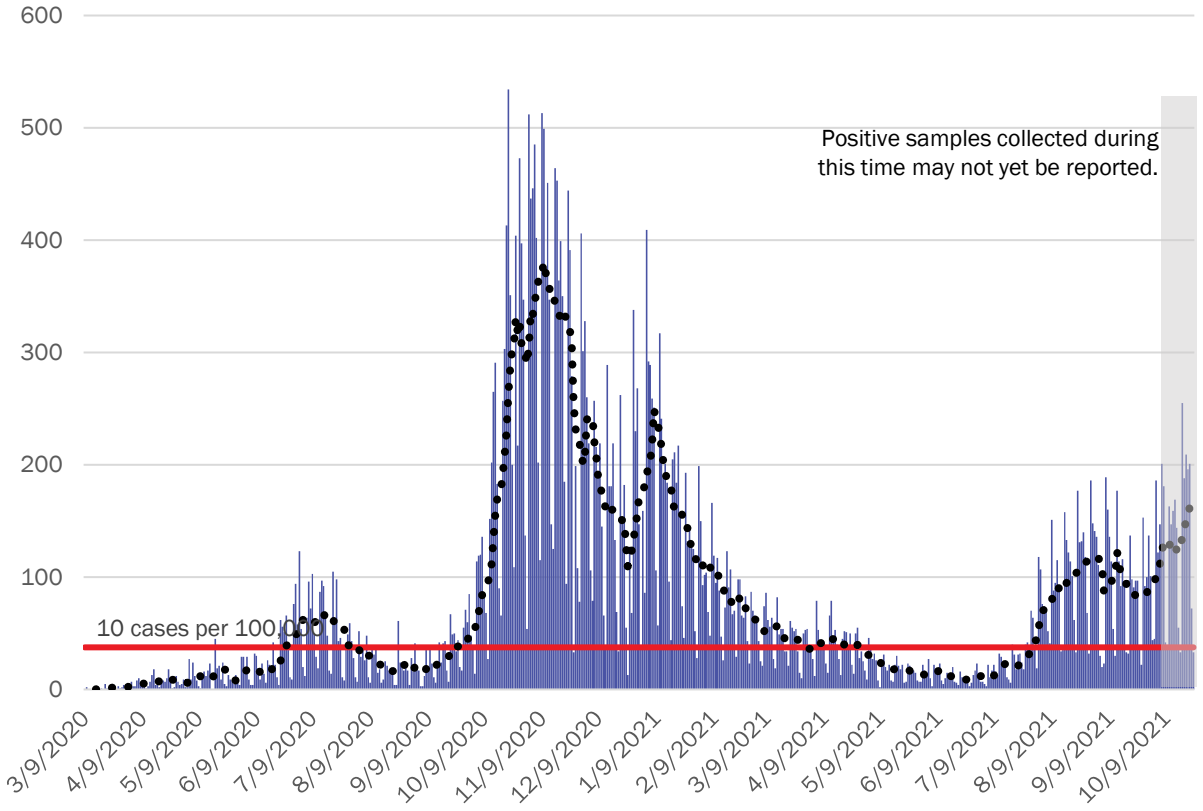
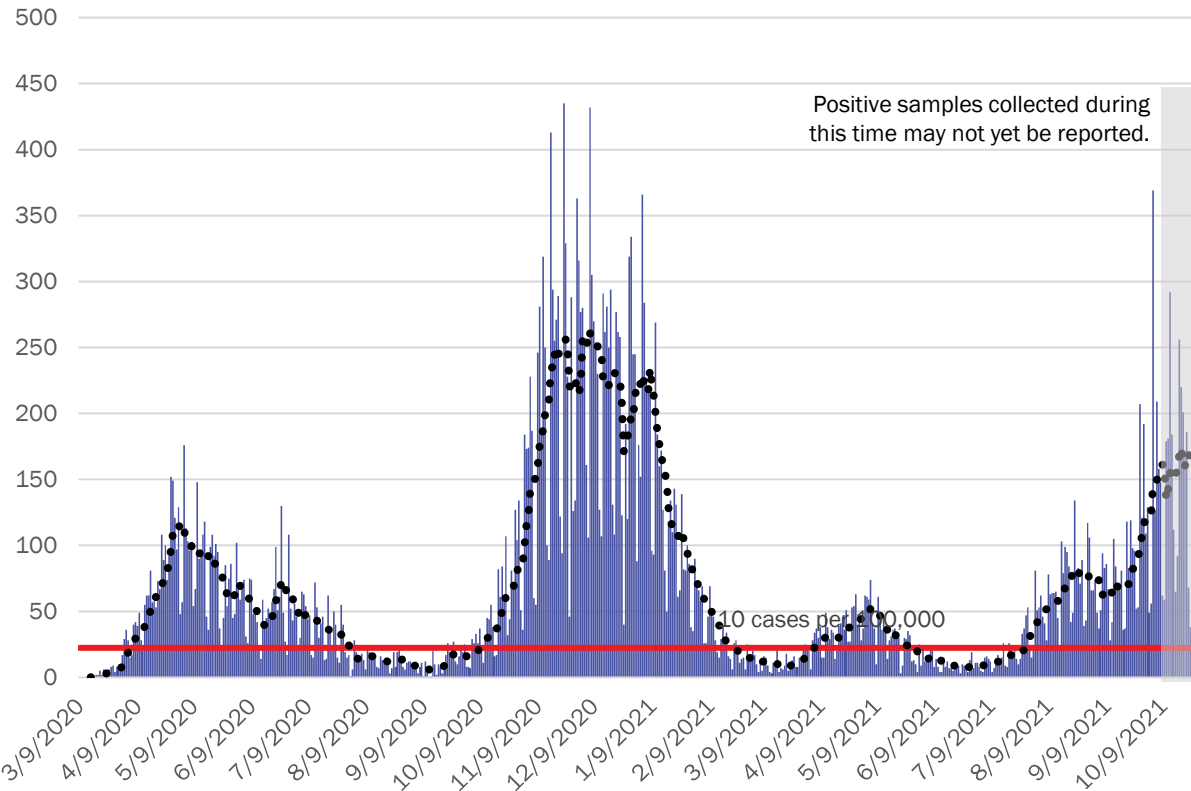
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Worrisome case trends in western NM

Northwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
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Southwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
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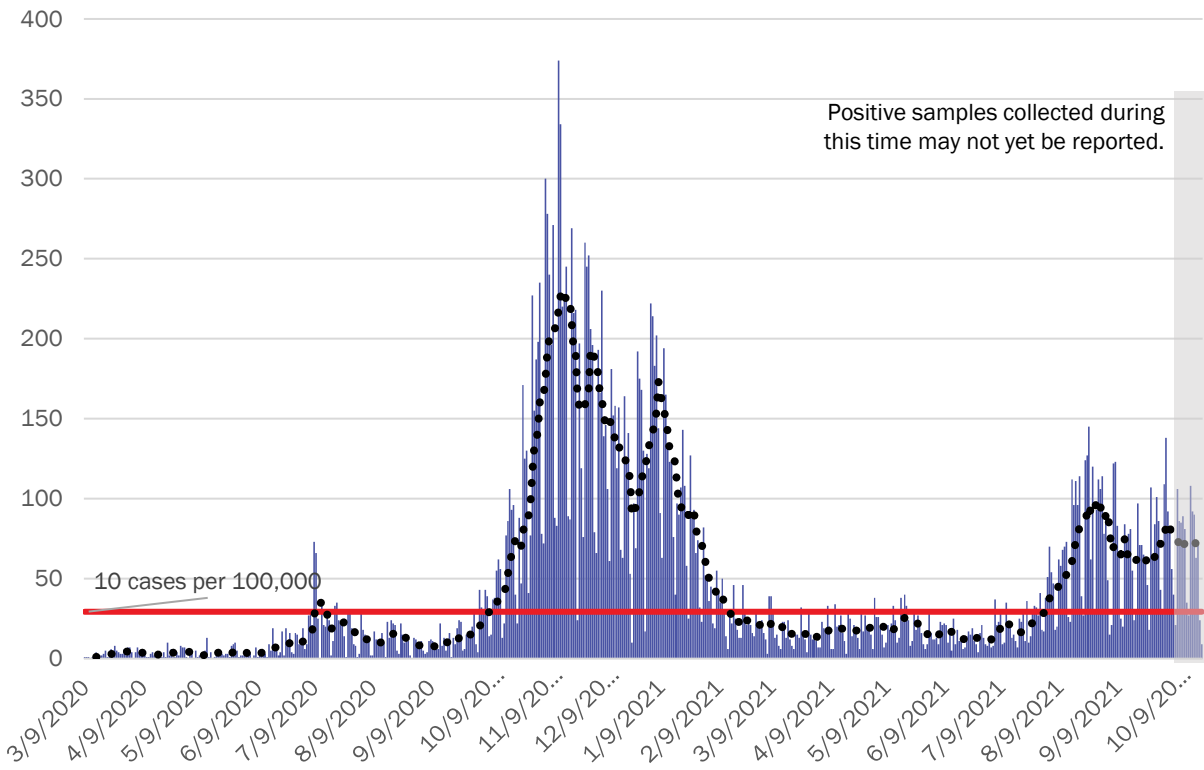
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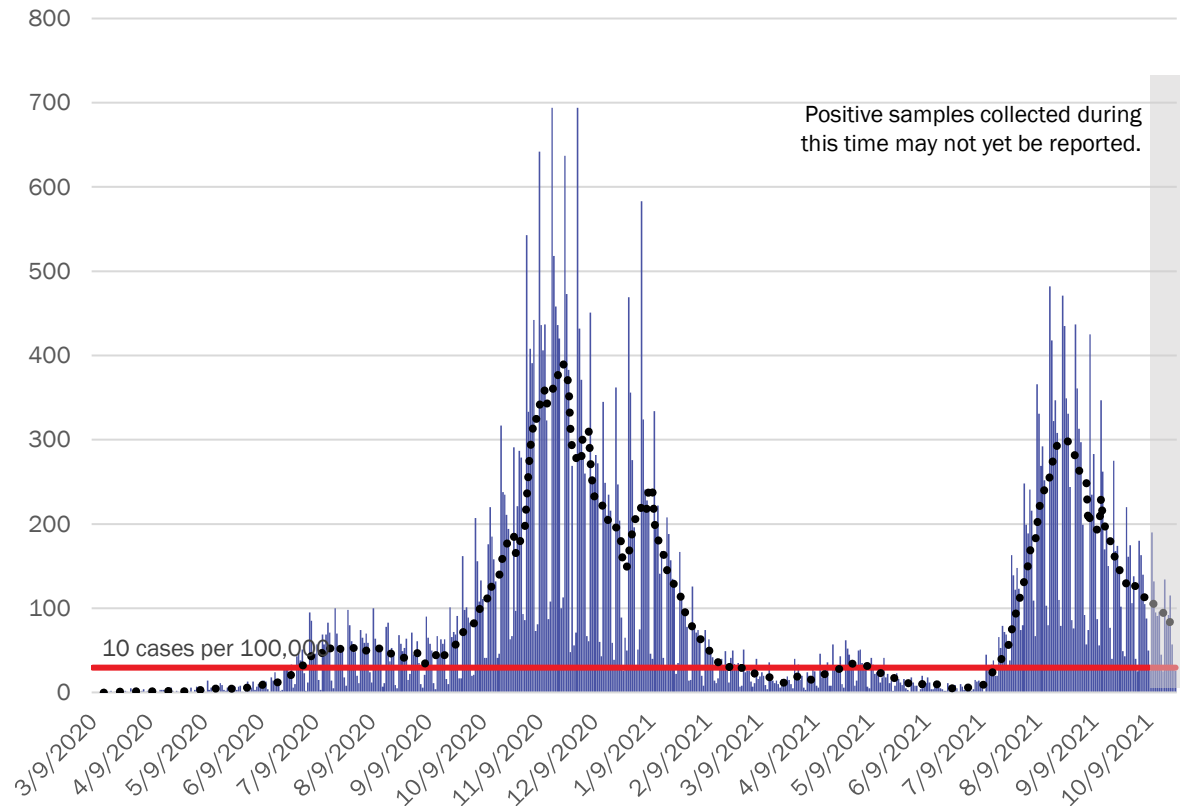
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Positive case trends in southeast NM

Northeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
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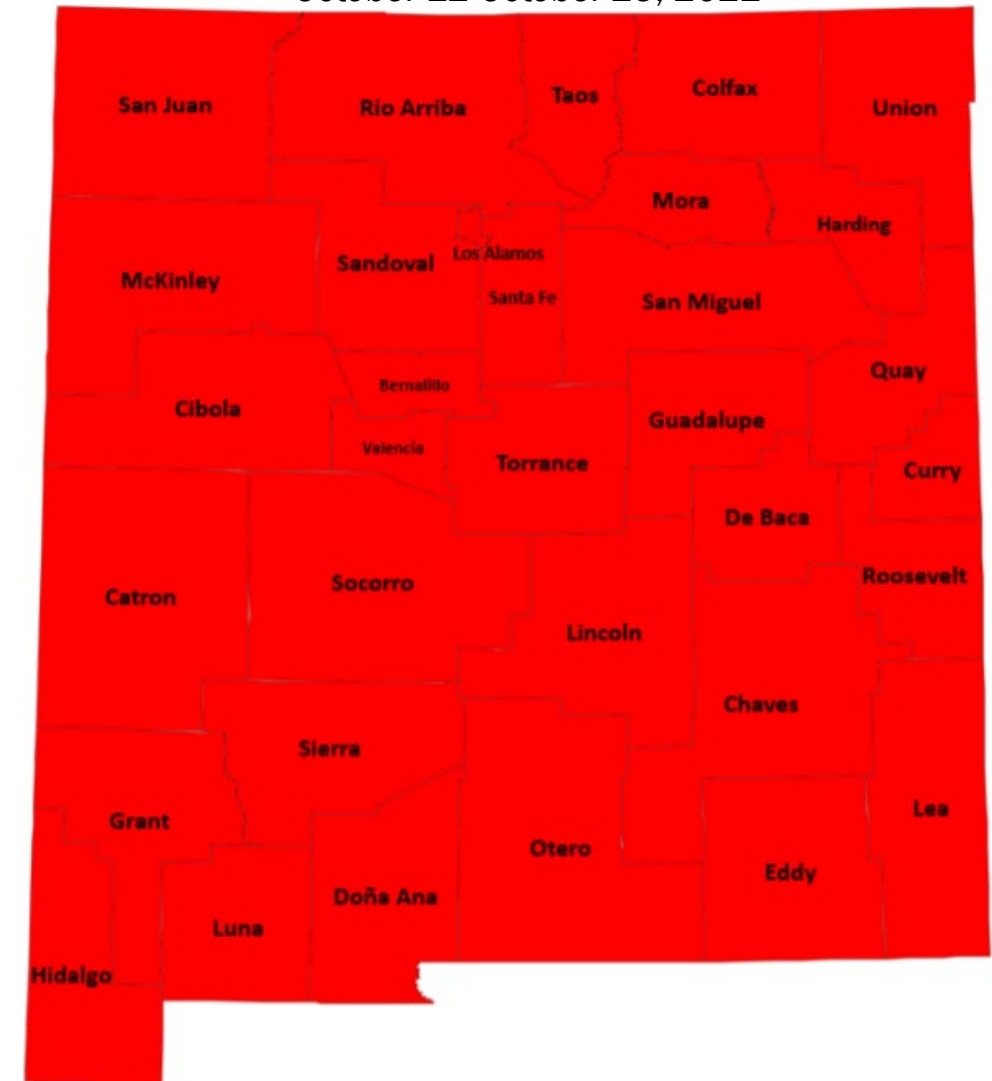
Southeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
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COVID-19 community transmission levels continue to be high in ALL of New Mexico

County	Population Count	Number of Cases (14 days)	Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)	Total New Cases per 100,000 persons	Percentage of Tests that are Positive During the Past 14 days
San Juan	126122	1695	10069	96.0	16.83%
Grant	27862	311	2808	79.7	11.08%
Otero	67700	622	4613	65.6	13.48%
Lincoln	19860	178	1290	64.0	13.80%
Catron	3533	29	124	58.6	23.39%
McKinley	70330	556	4077	56.5	13.64%
Colfax	11903	90	826	54.0	10.90%
De Baca	1840	12	121	46.6	9.92%
Rio Arriba	38716	251	2197	46.3	11.42%
Chaves	64104	373	3139	41.6	11.88%
Mora	4566	25	233	39.1	10.73%
Hidalgo	4242	22	177	37.0	12.43%
Luna	24444	121	1398	35.4	8.66%
Cibola	26801	129	1875	34.4	6.88%
Torrance	15923	76	708	34.1	10.73%
Quay	8396	39	478	33.2	8.16%
Sandoval	146415	668	9689	32.6	6.89%
Doña Ana	218836	990	12043	32.3	8.22%
Valencia	75427	339	4024	32.1	8.42%
Eddy	58252	256	2605	31.4	9.83%
Roosevelt	19901	85	1052	30.5	8.08%
Union	4090	17	277	29.7	6.14%
Sierra	11076	44	729	28.4	6.04%
Socorro	17193	67	1100	27.8	6.09%
San Miguel	27969	108	2109	27.6	5.12%
Bernalillo	679590	2498	38045	26.3	6.57%
Curry	49915	154	2185	22.0	7.05%
Harding	657	2	32	21.7	6.25%
Taos	32513	97	1538	21.3	6.31%
Lea	71570	211	2915	21.1	7.24%
Guadalupe	4419	13	198	21.0	6.57%
Los Alamos	18856	51	1550	19.3	3.29%
Santa Fe	149635	386	9619	18.4	4.01%

Levels of Community Transmission by County, October 12-October 25, 2021



After Delta became the most common variant,*
fully vaccinated people had reduced risk[†] of...

INFECTION

5X

HOSPITALIZATION

>10X

DEATH

>10X

**Vaccination offers strong
protection against COVID-19**



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* June 20-July 17, 2021

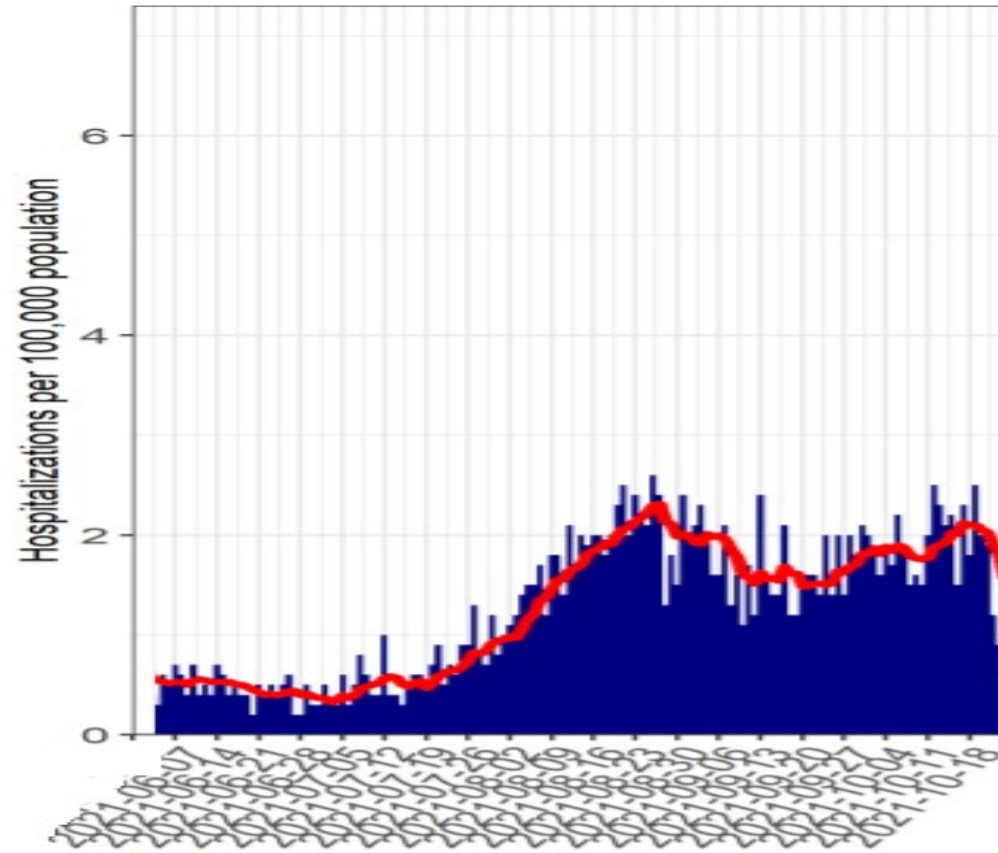
[†] Compared with people not fully vaccinated

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NM COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Deaths

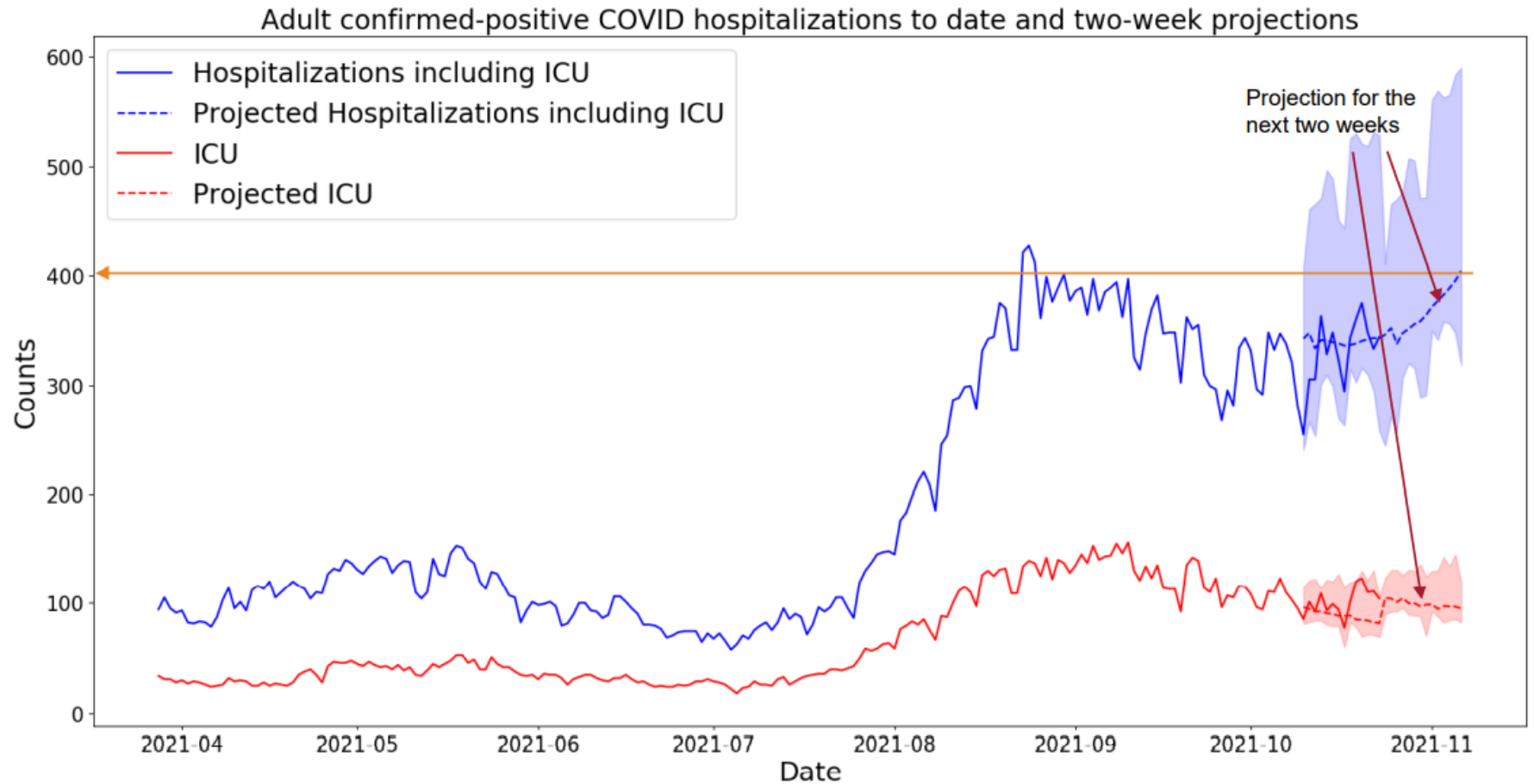
Hospitalizations remain high

New Mexico new hospital admissions per 100,000 population each day with a 7-day rolling average

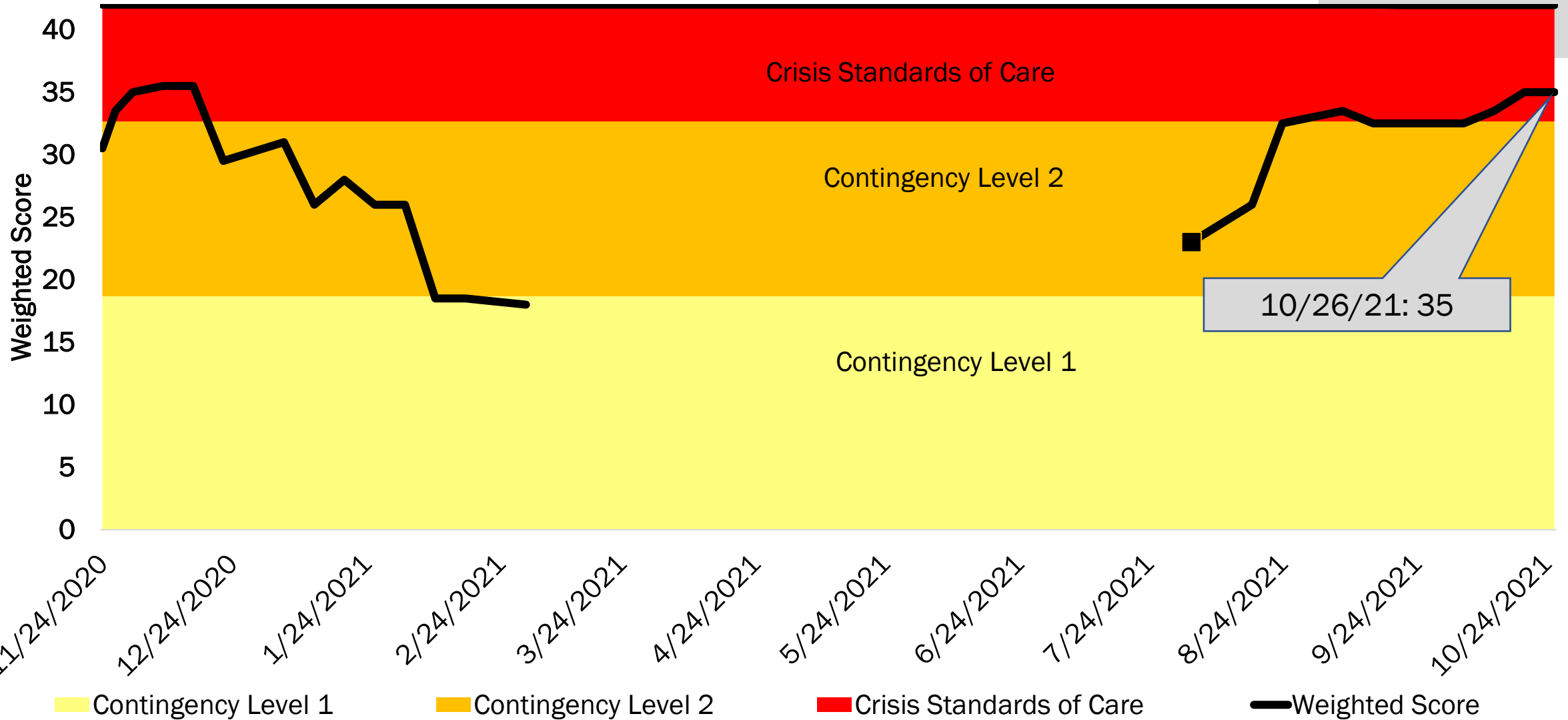


Hospital relief is NOT in sight

- Presbyterian's 10/25/21 modeling predicts and increase in hospitalizations over the next two weeks



NM Hospital Systems Capacity Self-Evaluation



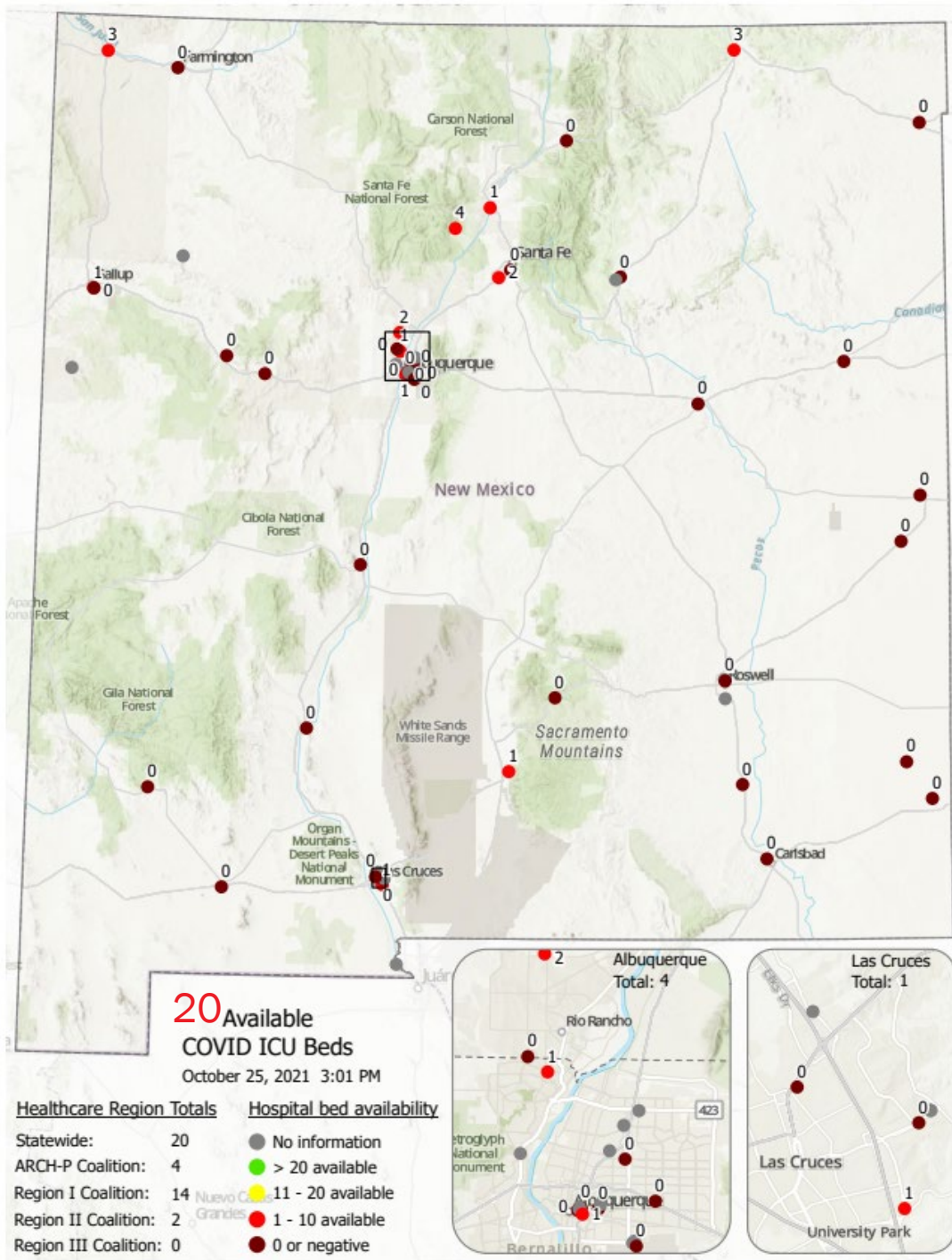
Self-evaluation data not collected between 3/3/21 and 8/17/21.



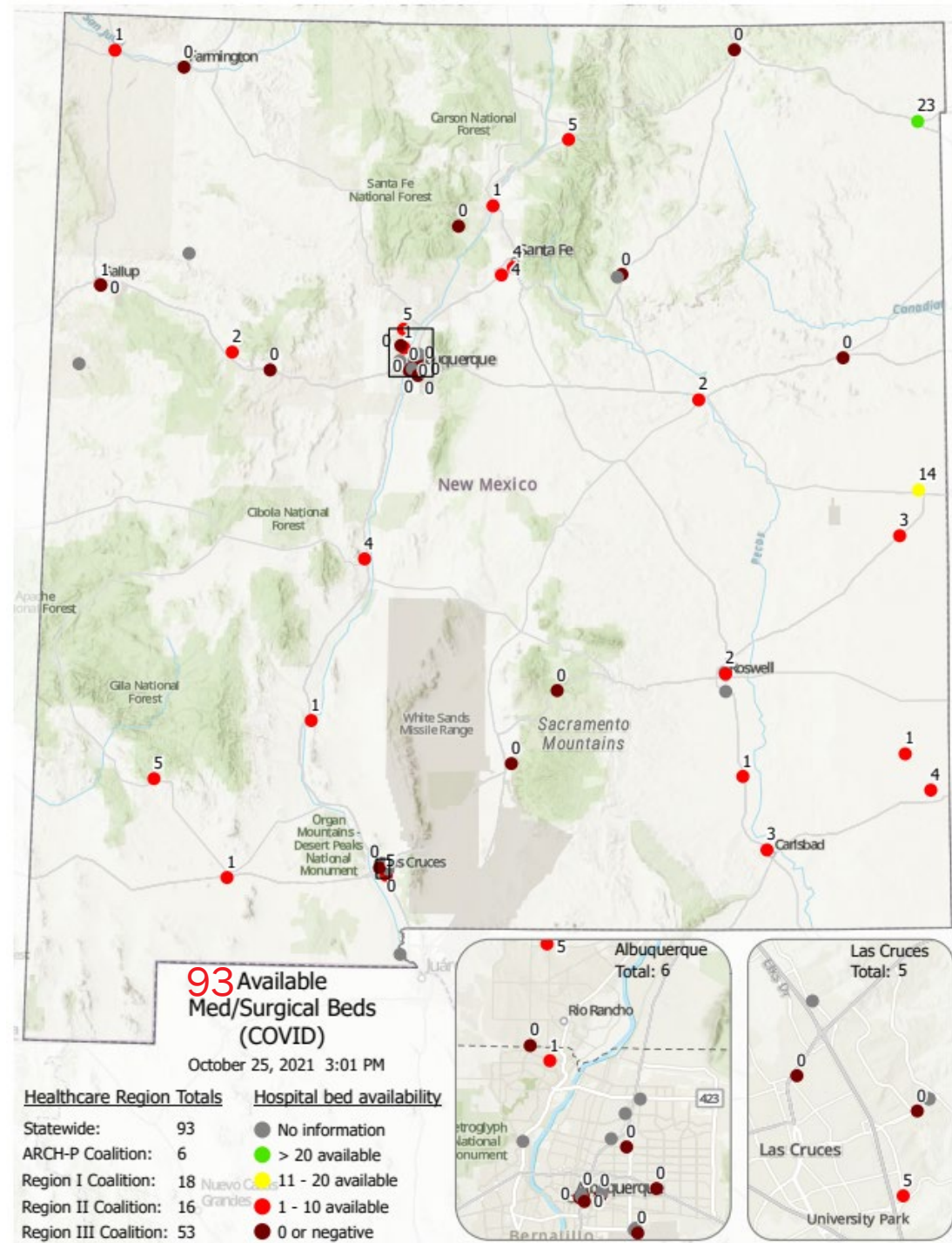
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ICU Beds

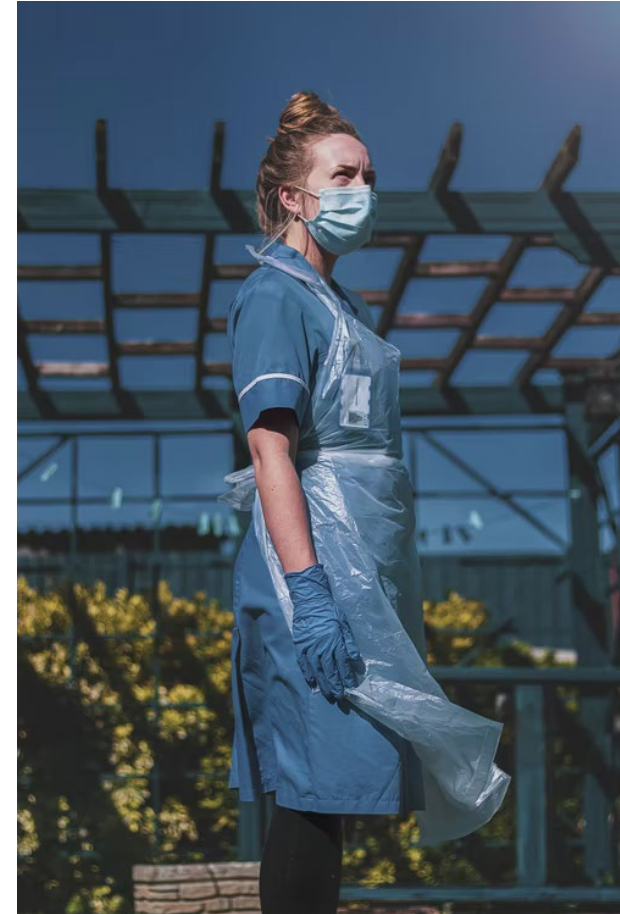


Med/Surgical Beds



FEMA assistance for NM hospitals during Crisis Standards of Care

- National Disaster Medical System assessment:
 - Assess NM hospitals and develop full situational picture for federal Health and Human Services
 - Generate assessment report and recommendations
 - Findings:
 - State transfer system and Hub & Spoke coordination was identified as a statewide best practice
 - All facilities found to be at max capacity with staffing being the limiting factor
 - Extremely limited Federal assets available for deployment
- Staffing support:
 - 290 medical support staff being recruited
 - Wide variety of clinical capabilities
 - 100% FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement

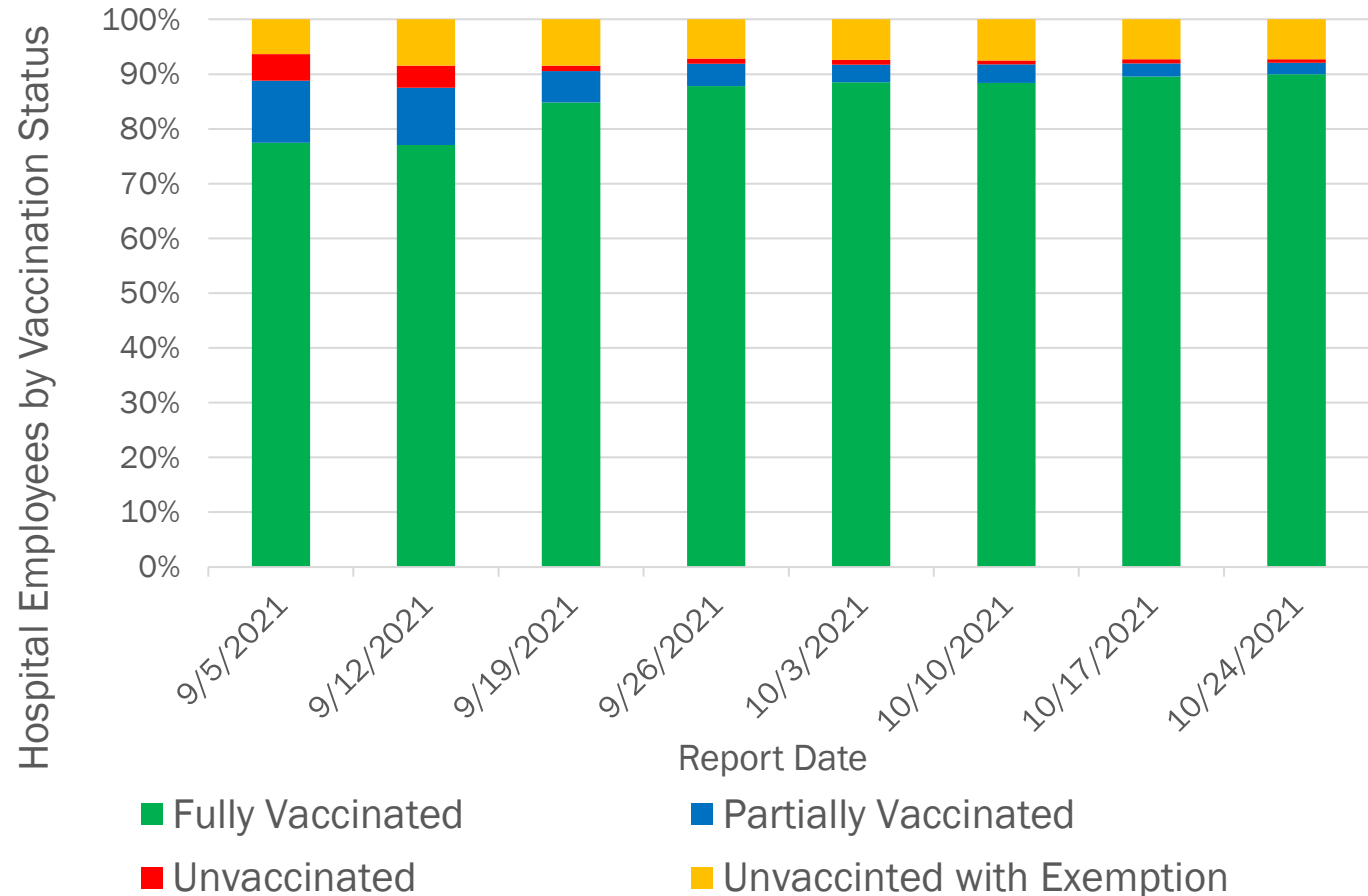


NM hospital employee vaccination rates

As of October 24, 2021:

- 90.0% of New Mexico's **hospital employees** are fully vaccinated
- 2.1% are partially vaccinated
- 7.3% have an approved exemption
- 0.6% remain unvaccinated

NM Hospital Employees Vaccination Status

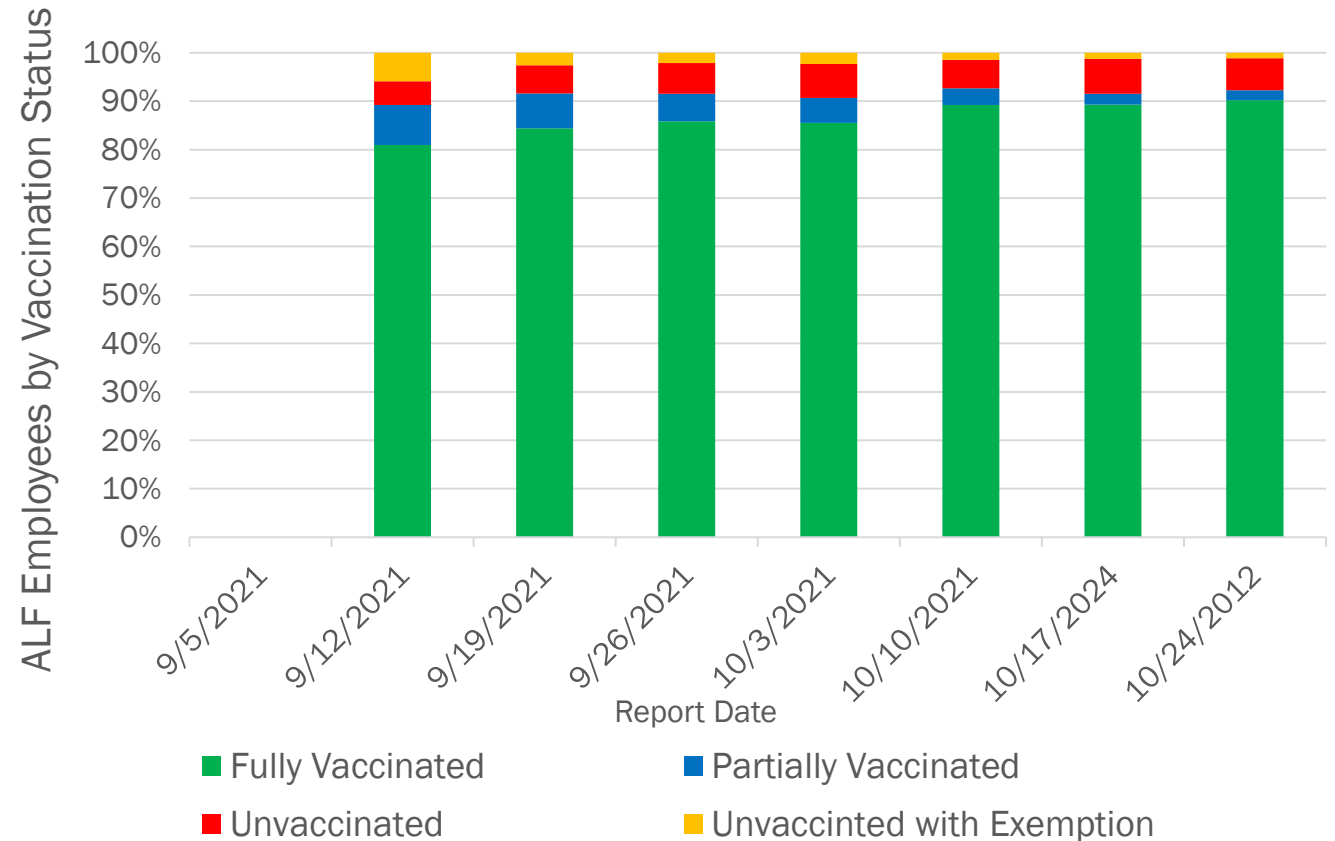


NM assisted living facility employee vaccination rates

As of October 24, 2021:

- 90.2% of New Mexico's **assisted living facility employees** are fully vaccinated
- 2.1% are partially vaccinated
- 1.2% have an approved exemption
- 6.6% remain unvaccinated

NM Assisted Living Facility Employees Vaccination Status

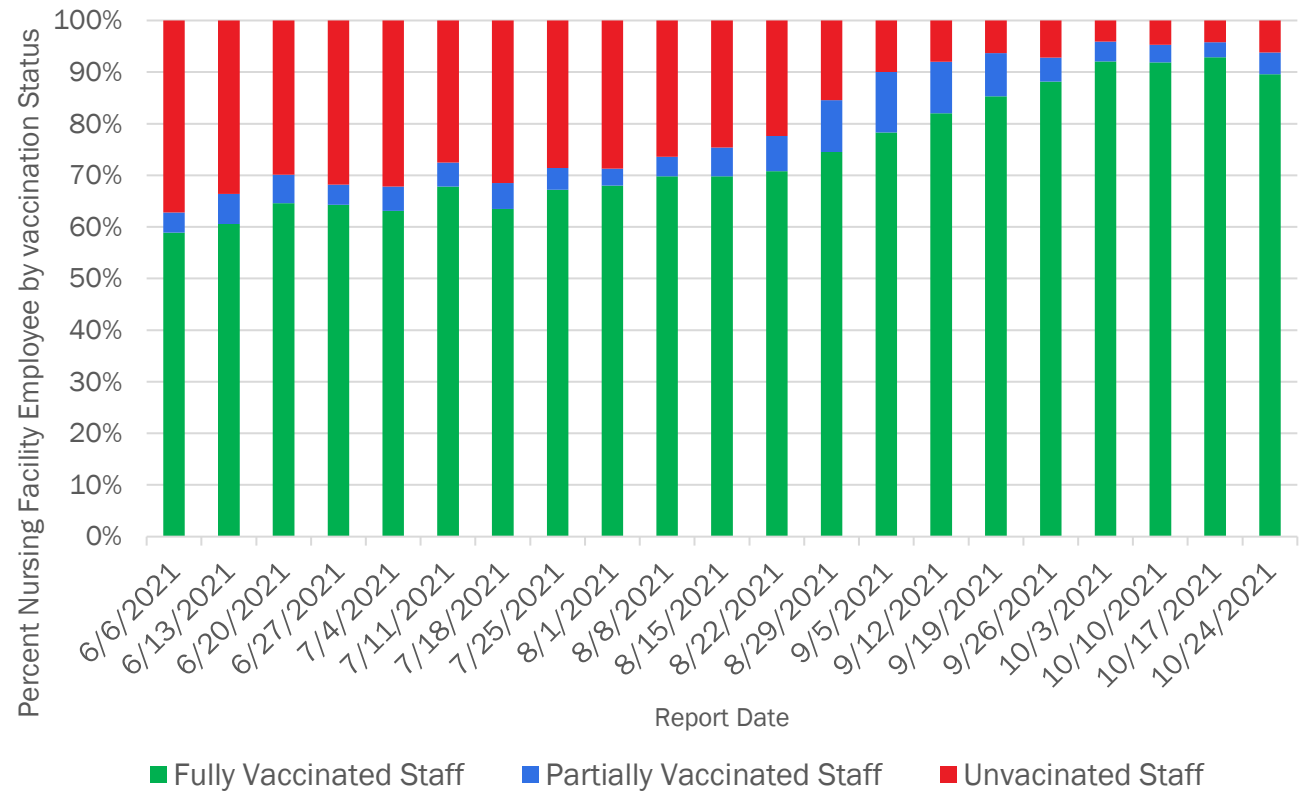


NM nursing facility employee vaccination rates

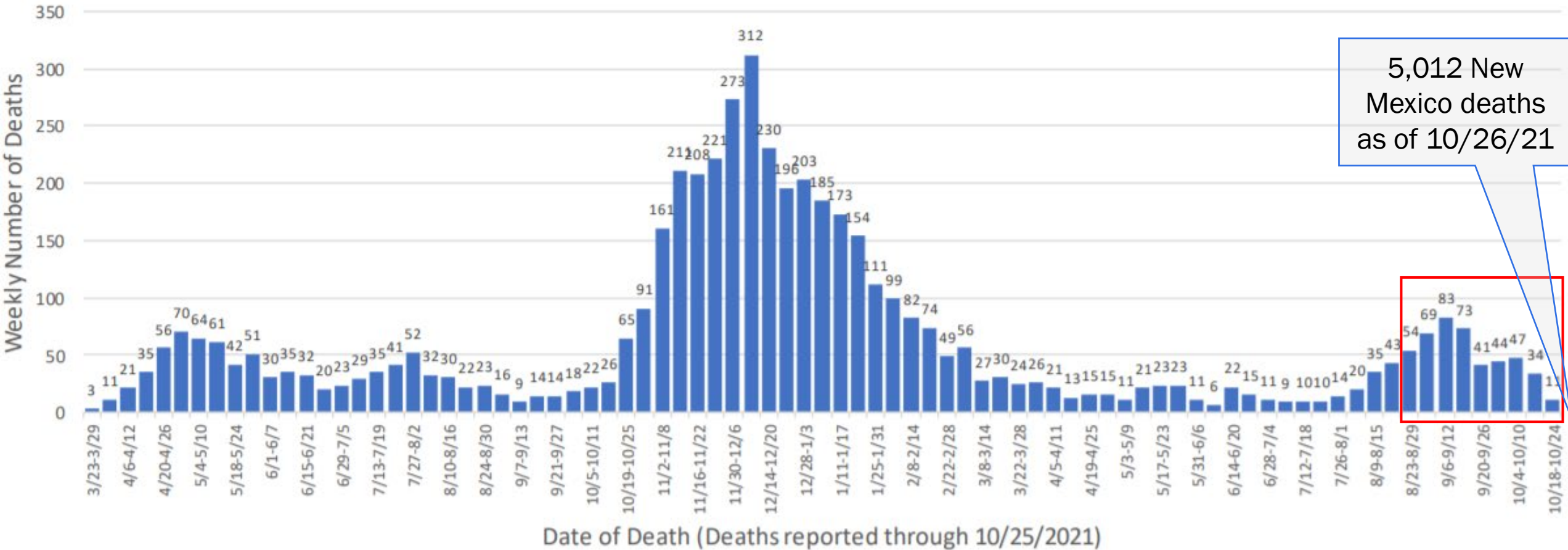
As of October 24, 2021:

- 89.6% of New Mexico's **nursing facility employees** are fully vaccinated
- 4.2% are partially vaccinated
- 6.2% remain unvaccinated

NM Assisted Living Facility Employees
Vaccination Status



We may finally be seeing a plateau in COVID-19 deaths



5,012 New Mexico deaths as of 10/26/21

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Mortality Report <https://cv.nmhealth.org/epidemiology-reports/>

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Get vaccinated to protect yourself and our state's most vulnerable

- Mary Martinez lost her husband and her father to COVID-19 within a four-day period in December last year
- The vaccine was not yet available, and both had underlying medical conditions which put them at higher risk
- NM reached 5,000 deaths to COVID-19 this week — 5,000 human lives lost — and in this case, the loved ones lost in the Martinez family
- Seeing coronavirus patients on the news, Mary said, is a constant reminder of the loss the Martinez family has endured
- New Mexicans should get vaccinated and obtain booster shots if they are eligible



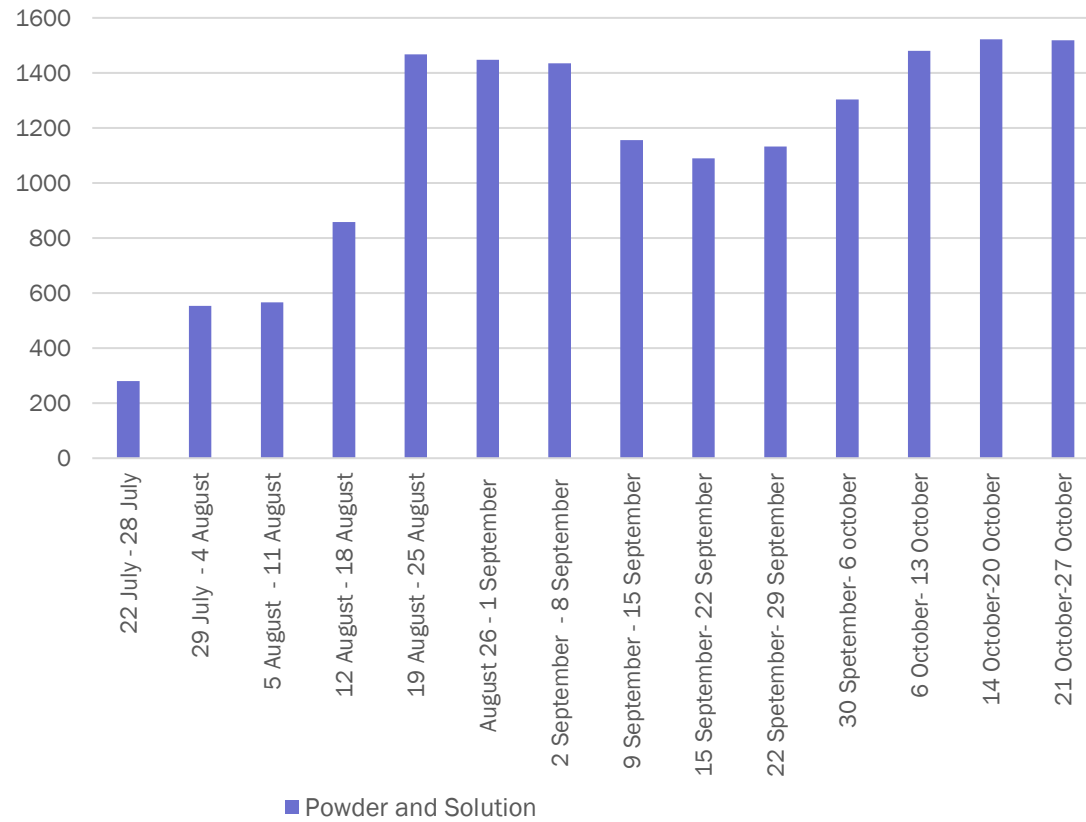
Mary Martinez holds up an urn containing the ashes of her husband, Eric 'Suavecito' Martinez, for her grandson, Elijah Eric Wright, at their Santa Fe home Wednesday evening. A picture of her late husband, Eric Martinez, is on the pillow at right. She lost her husband and her father to the coronavirus in a four-day period in December.

Gabriela Campos/The New Mexican

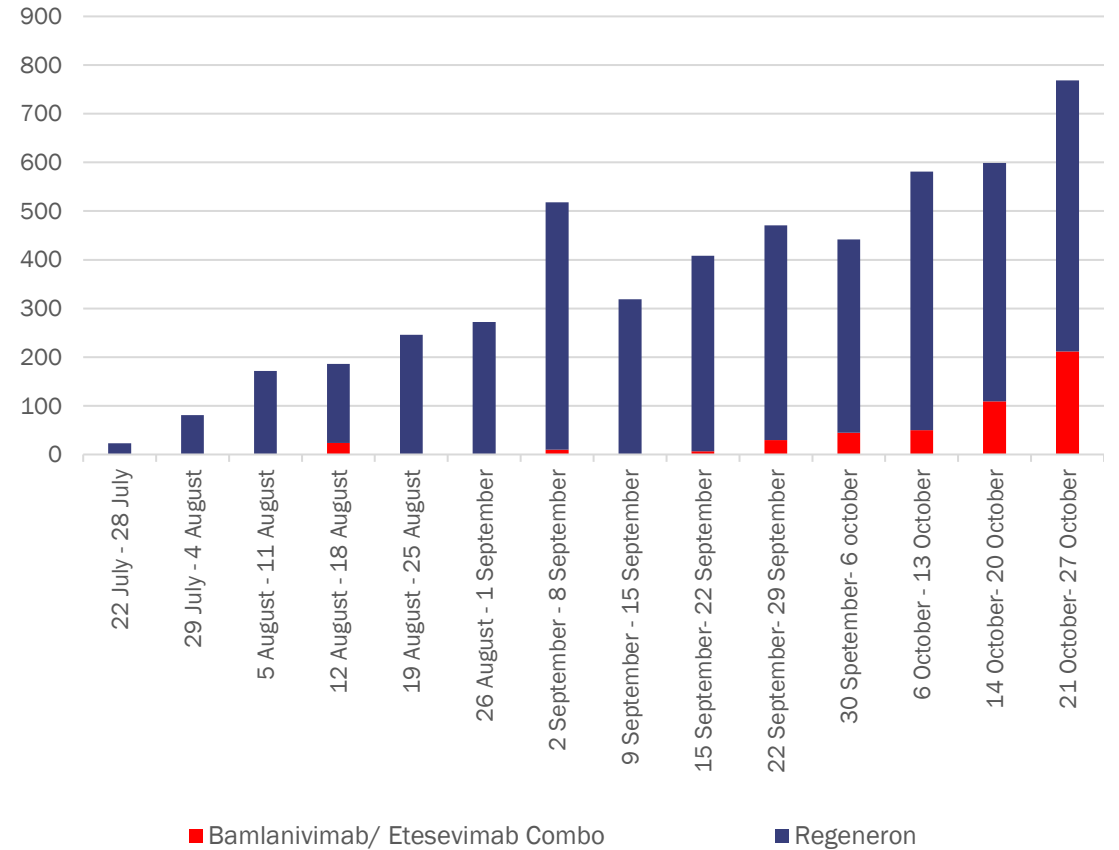
COVID-19 Treatments

Inpatient and outpatient mAbs treatment rates continue to rise, reaching another record of 2,286 treatments given from October 21-27

Remdesivir (moderately ill, given in hospital)



mAbs (symptoms + >64, obese, OR one risk factor, given as outpatient)



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mAbs provider spotlights

Below are the top outpatient mAbs providers from October 21-27. “Thank you!” to these facilities and all other NM mAbs providers:

- Presbyterian Healthcare System – 156
- Covenant Health Hobbs aka LRMC – 85
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center – 52
- Gallup Indian Medical Center – 49
- Memorial Medical Center – 42
- Eastern New Mexico Medical Center – 41





October marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- The best protection is early detection
- 41% of Americans have delayed medical care including their annual cancer screenings since the pandemic started
- Even before the pandemic, only 63 percent of women were up to date on their annual mammograms
- This year, breast cancer surpassed lung cancer as the leading cancer diagnosed worldwide



Breast cancer is diagnosed

EVERY 29 SECONDS

around the world.

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New Mexicans continue to need expanded services from the State due to the pandemic

HSD's Programs have had the following social impact:

385,275,290 meals provided to New Mexicans through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) since January 2021



946,718 individuals provided the ability to visit a doctor, afford medication and immunizations through Medicaid in September 2021



63,378 homes heated and cooled for New Mexico families through Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in Federal Fiscal Year 2021



last updated: 10/15/2021

12,650 families provided shelter and necessities through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program in September 2021

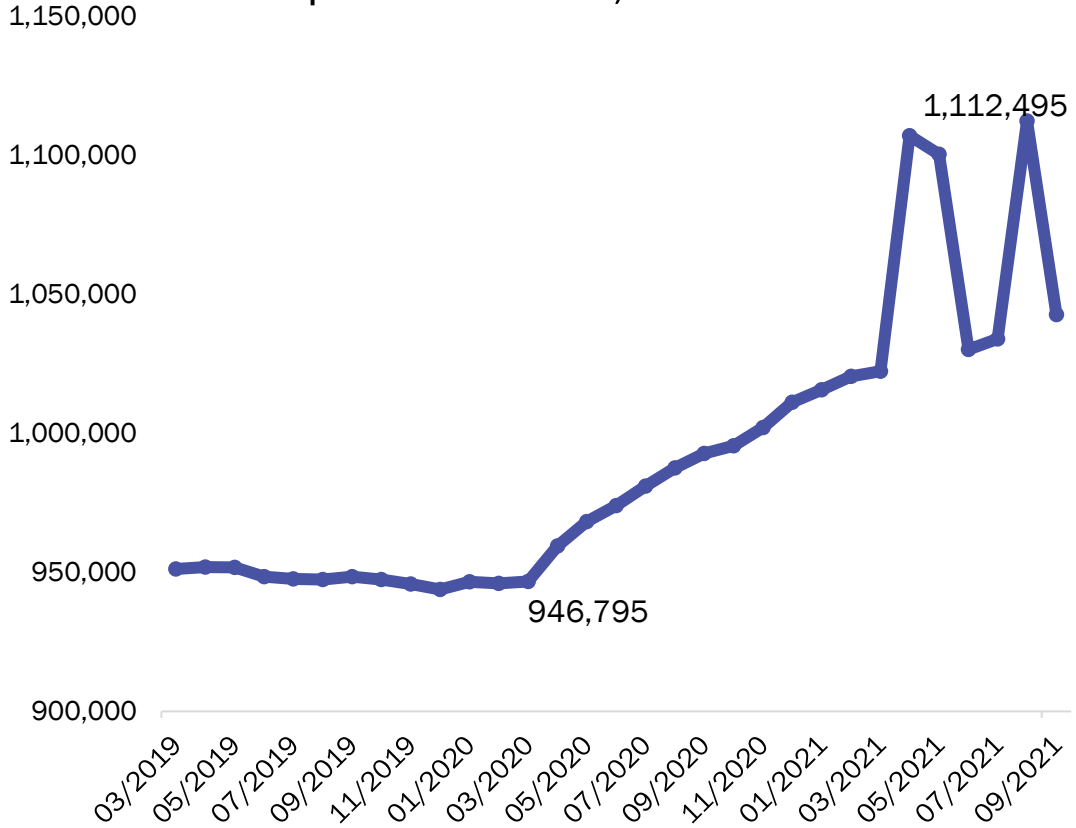


\$134.74* per month on average through child support to help kids be happy and healthy over the last 12 months



*collections include current support and arrears debt to the custodial parent and/or the state.

Unique HSD Customers, October 2021



NM working with CDC on testing program that allows kids to stay in school

- \$64M from CDC to improve school testing: all public, nonpublic, charter, and tribal schools eligible
- Each registered district receives:
 - \$70,000 base, \$30/enrolled student
- 65% of PED school districts, 684 total schools have registered so far; **goal = 100%**
- Test to Stay: NM is collaborating with CDC and IL, KY, and GA to evaluate a program that allows students to remain in the classroom and in school related activities



Delta is >2x more infectious; we need to be >2x more careful

- Get tested if you think you have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who is positive.
- If you have a COVID-19 positive test, symptoms and risk factors, seek out monoclonal antibody treatment.
- Be especially careful indoors no matter where you live in NM.

CASE COUNTS REMAIN TOO HIGH. WE ALL STILL MUST FIGHT THE VIRUS.

- Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue/elbow.
- Everyone mask up and maintain social distancing (minimum 6').
- Get needed preventive healthcare.
- Get vaccinated!

