

# COVID-19 Day 602 Press Update

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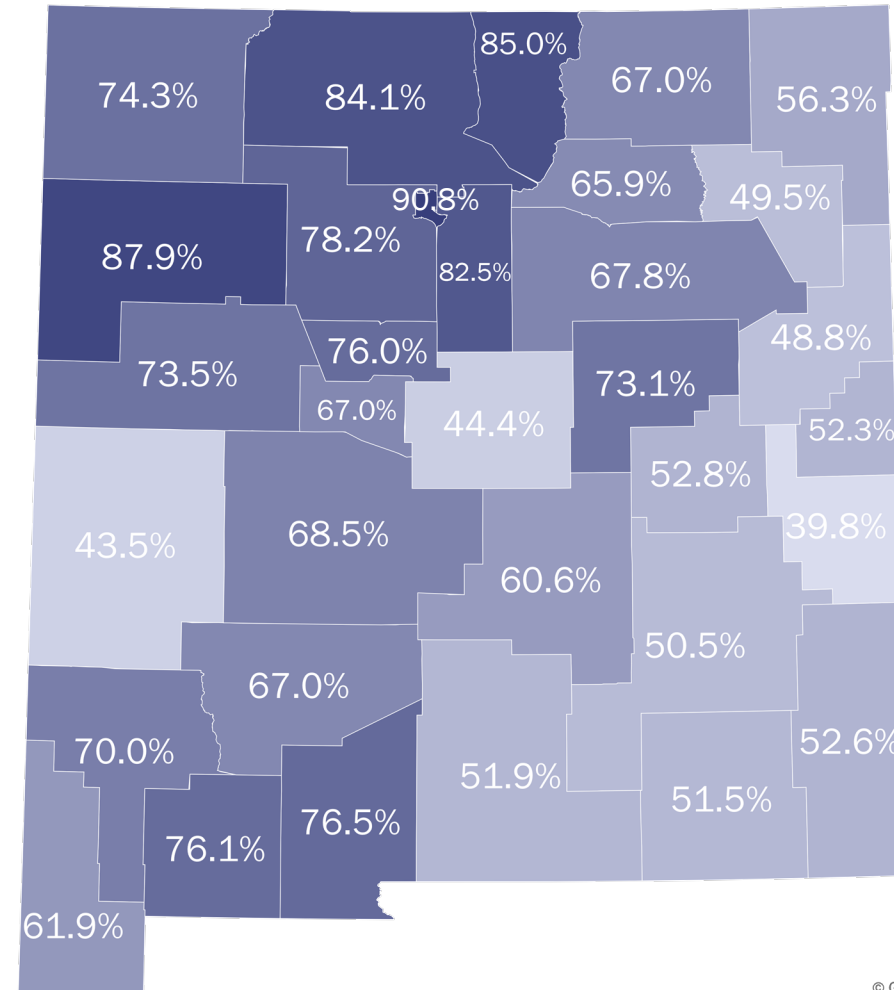
# Today's Epidemiology Report

	Today	Since March 2020	Percent
Cases	1,166	279,670	13.3% of NM population
Hospitalizations	419	18,686	6.7% of cases
Deaths	12	5,085	1.8% of cases

# NM COVID-19 vaccination rates

- **Fully vaccinated:**
  - 72.6% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 54.4% of New Mexicans 12-17
- **Partially vaccinated:**
  - 82.5% of New Mexicans 18+
  - 62.6% of New Mexicans 12-17
- **Received a booster dose:**
  - 171,806 New Mexicans 18+
  - <18 not eligible
- **Next week vaccine statistics for 5-11 year-olds will be on the dashboard**

Percent of New Mexicans 18+ Fully Vaccinated by County, 11/01/21

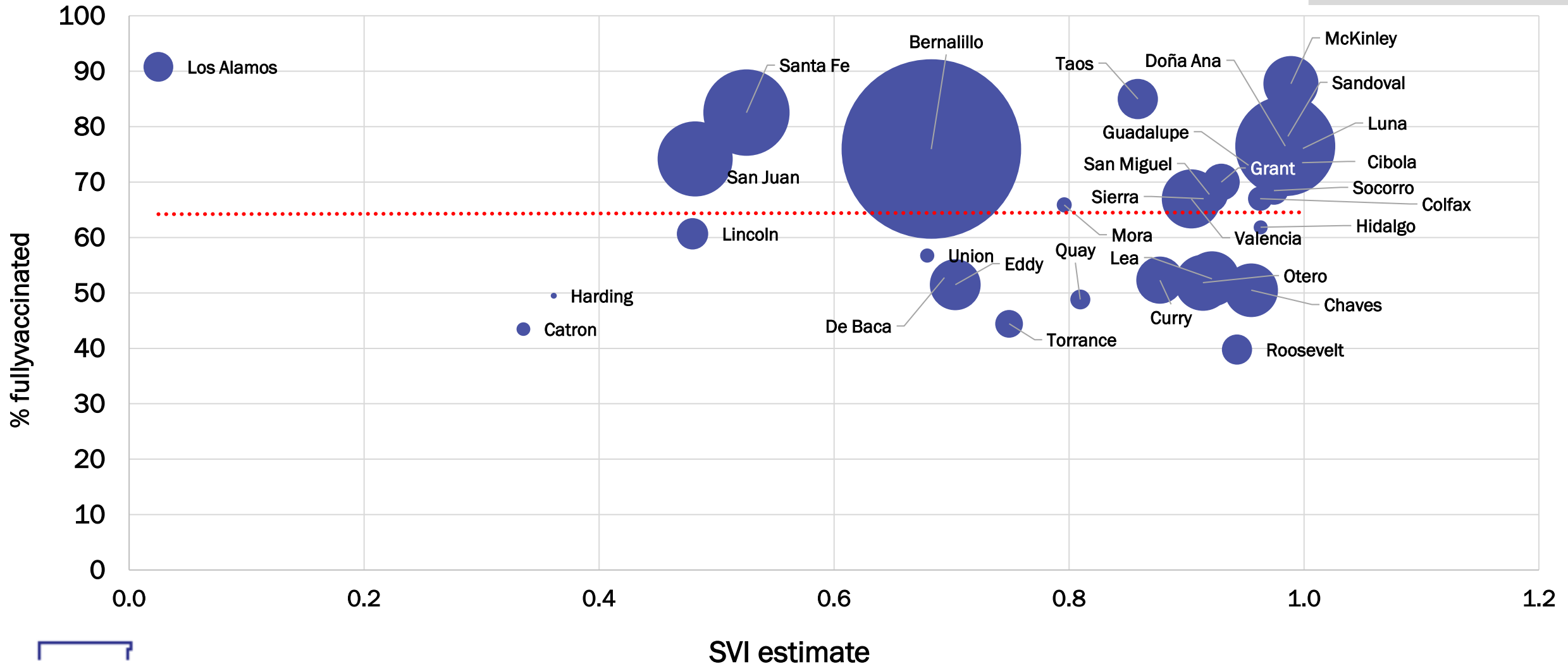


# We have seen an uptick in vaccine administration

Weekly COVID-10 Vaccines Administered in NM since 12/24/20



# NM continues to vaccinate our most vulnerable counties

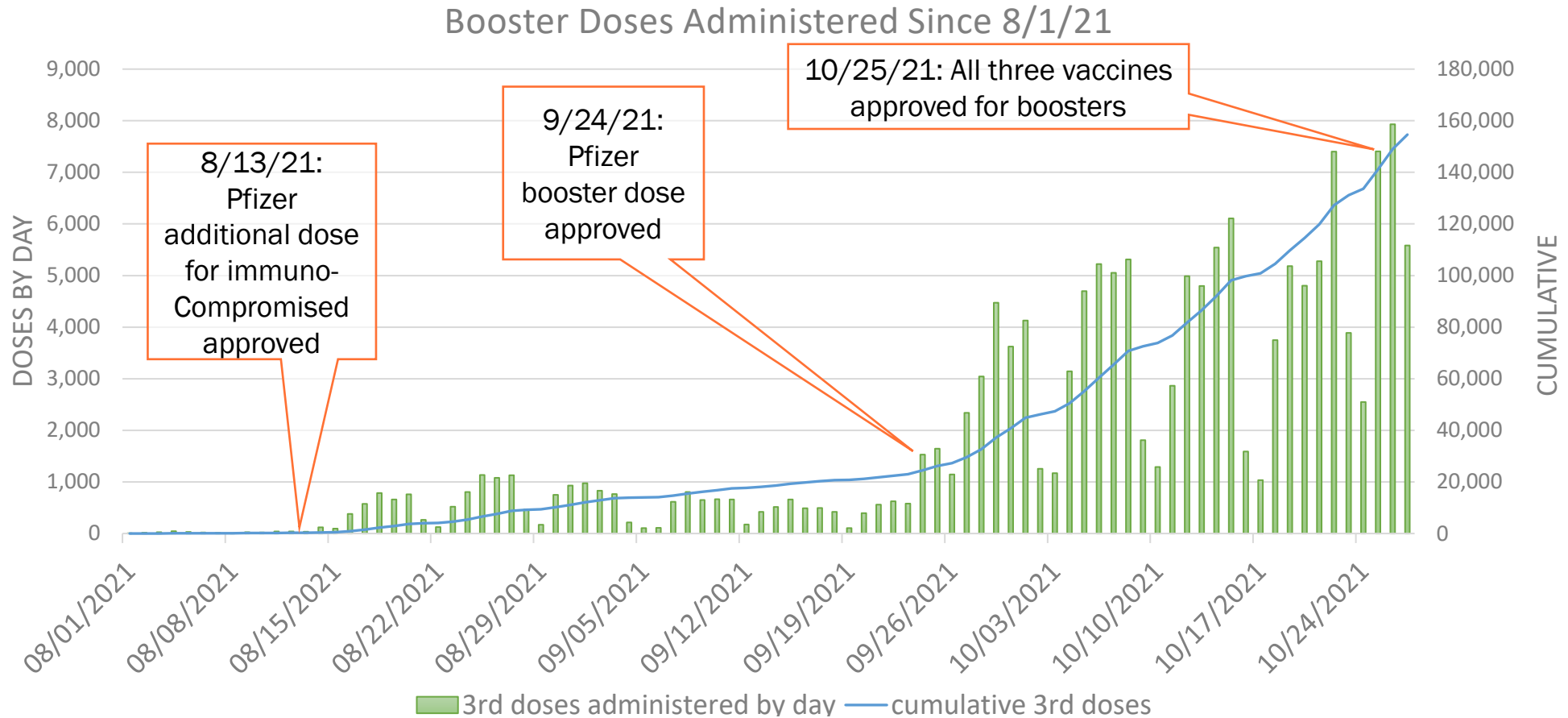


Data sources: NMSIIS and Tiberius; vaccination data as of 11/01/2021.  
County population denominators are for those 18 years and older.

# Booster Dose Administration in NM

# Booster dose administration progress

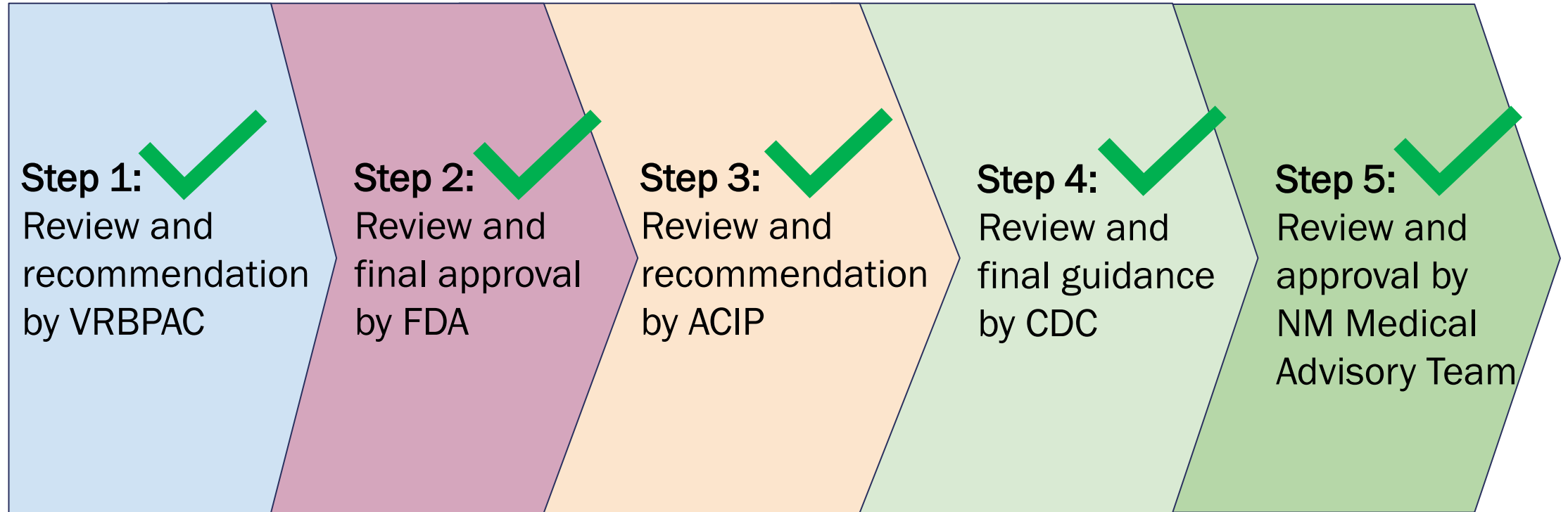
171,806 total booster doses administered 8/1-10/30



# 5-11 Year-old Vaccines



# 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

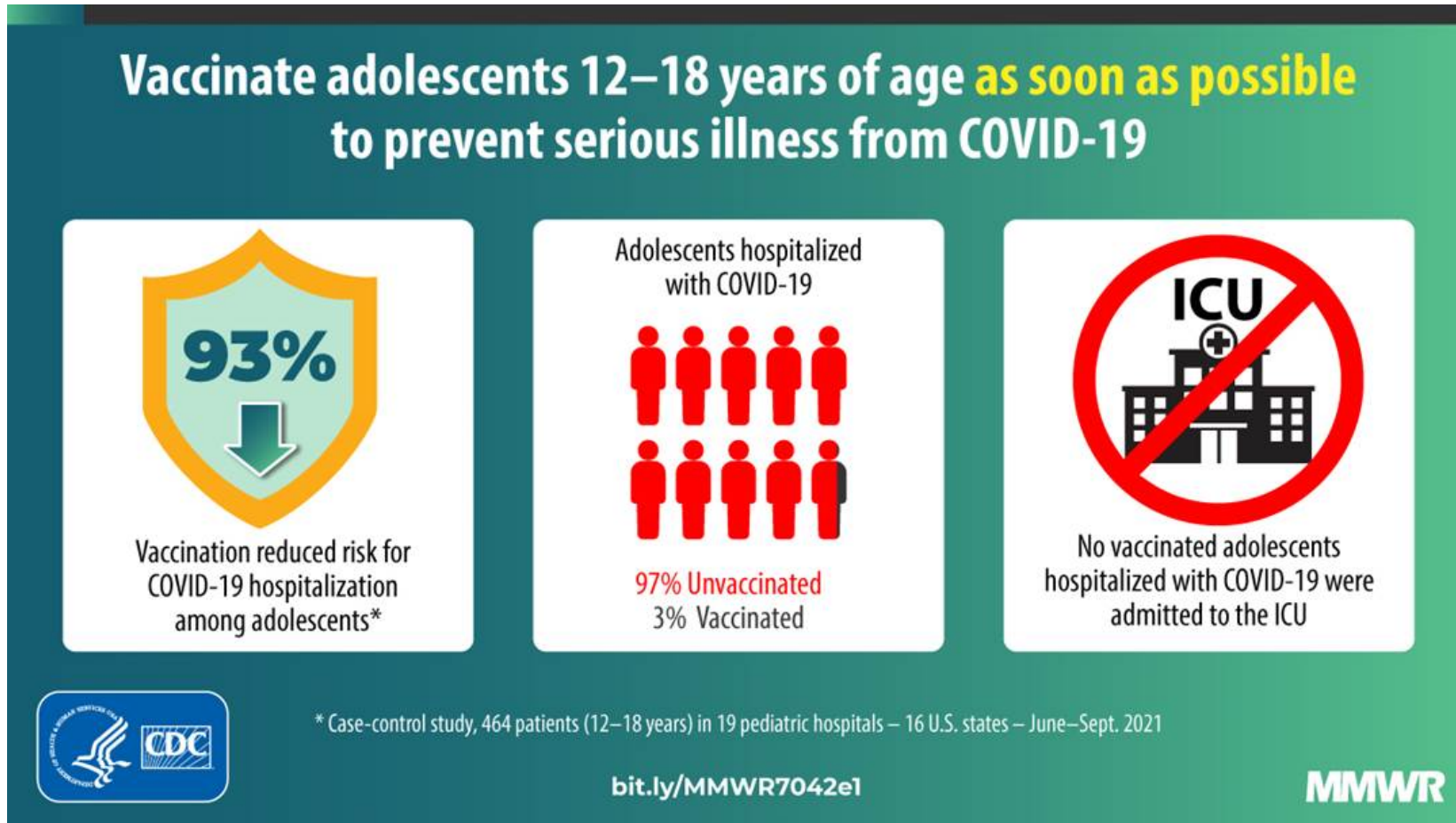
ACIP = Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (CDC committee)

# Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year-olds is available for New Mexicans

- The CDC estimates that we need to vaccinate only 10 children to prevent a single case of COVID-19 in children 5-11
- Pfizer vaccine for 5-11 year-olds:
  - smaller dosage ( $\frac{1}{3}$  of the adult dose)
  - 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine with 3 weeks in between each dose
- Vaccines for 5-11 year-olds are being delivered to NM
- We appreciate New Mexicans' patience as doses arrive



# Vaccines keep kids healthy



# Side effects in 5-11 year-olds are milder than older children

On the arm where you got the shot:



- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:



- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html>

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# Register your child today 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

**Scheduling opened this morning and thousands already have an appointment**

The screenshot shows the 'Dependents' page for a user named Christopher Schroeder. The page header displays the patient name and confirmation code (4623627). The main content area includes a 'Dependents' section with instructions on how to link a dependent's profile. Below this, there are input fields for the dependent's confirmation code and date of birth, a checkbox for attesting as the legal guardian, and an 'Add Dependent' button. A link is provided for creating a new profile if the dependent does not yet have one. The 'Current Dependents' section shows a profile for Abigail Schroeder with a 'Manage/Schedule Appointment' button. Below this, it displays 'UPCOMING APPOINTMENT: None' and 'CONSENT FORM PENDING: No'. There is also an 'Unlink Profiles' link.

# 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".

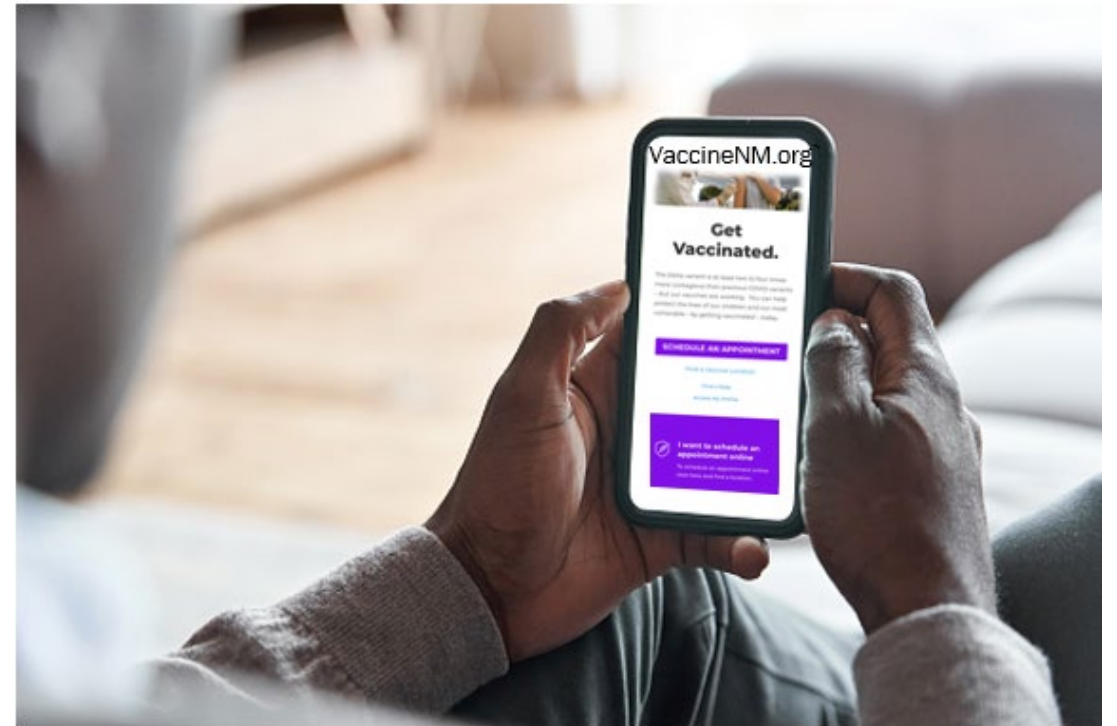
**Step 2-b: Add a Dependent that does NOT have a profile created on VaccineNM.org**  
If your dependent does not have a profile on VaccineNM.org, click the link that reads "If your dependent does not yet have a Vaccine NM profile, click here to create one". Complete the profile form and click the button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

**VaccineNM.org/kids**

# Full vaccination is still NM's first priority

# Make a vaccine appointment today

- COVID-19 vaccine appointments are available at [VaccineNM.org](https://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



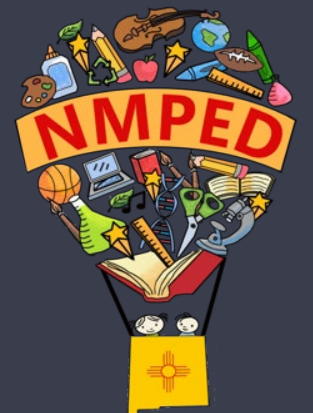
## Quiero programar una cita por teléfono

Para programar su cita por teléfono, llame al 1-855-600-3453, opción 3 cualquier día

# Test to Stay in School

(Modified Quarantine)

*Safely Providing In-person Learning in Classrooms and Supporting Front-line Education Employees*



# Test to Stay: What Is It?

*Test to Stay* (T2S), or modified quarantine, allows unvaccinated students and school staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 in a school setting to continue attending school and school-related activities

- Replaces the mandatory 10-day quarantine when a student or staff member is identified as a close-contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19
- Close contact receives a rapid COVID test on days one, three, and five following exposure
- If tests are negative and the individual is asymptomatic, he or she may stay in school and participate in extracurricular activities



# Test to Stay: Goals

- Keep New Mexico students, staff, and communities safe
- Minimize quarantine times for staff and students
- Keep New Mexico students engaged in in-person learning and activities
- Offer local flexibility, when possible



# Test to Stay: How It Is Working in Alamogordo

- T2S programs use rapid antigen and other tests at school
- Eligible T2S participants must be tested on days 1, 3, and 5 following exposure
  - Day 0 is exposure
  - Day 1 is the first day after exposure is known
  - For school closures or student absence, testing sequence resumes the next school day



# Test to Stay: Benefits



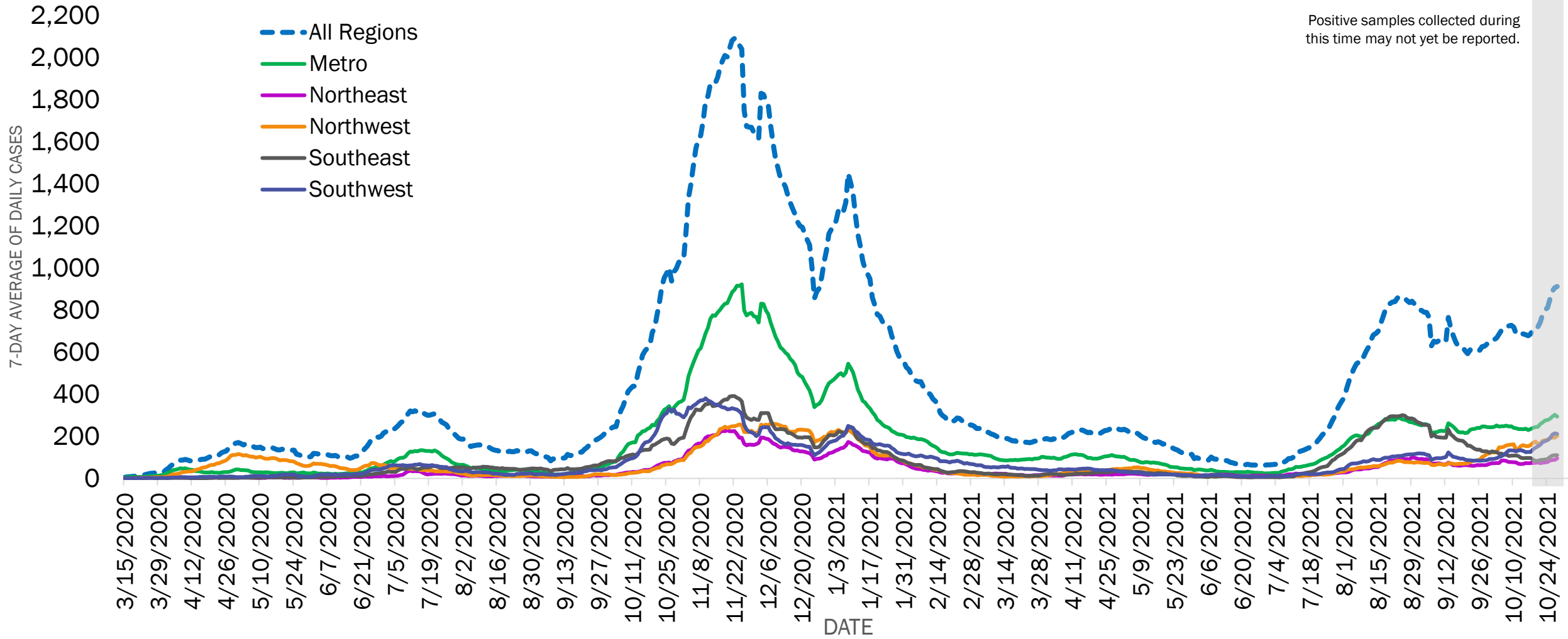
Students and staff in T2S programs may participate in all school activities and services, including:

- In-person learning
- School transportation
- Out-of-school time activities
- After care
- Extra-curricular activities (including competitions)

# COVID-19 Epidemiology Update

# 7-Day Average of Daily COVID-19 Positive Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, NMDOH Regions 11/3/2021

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.



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

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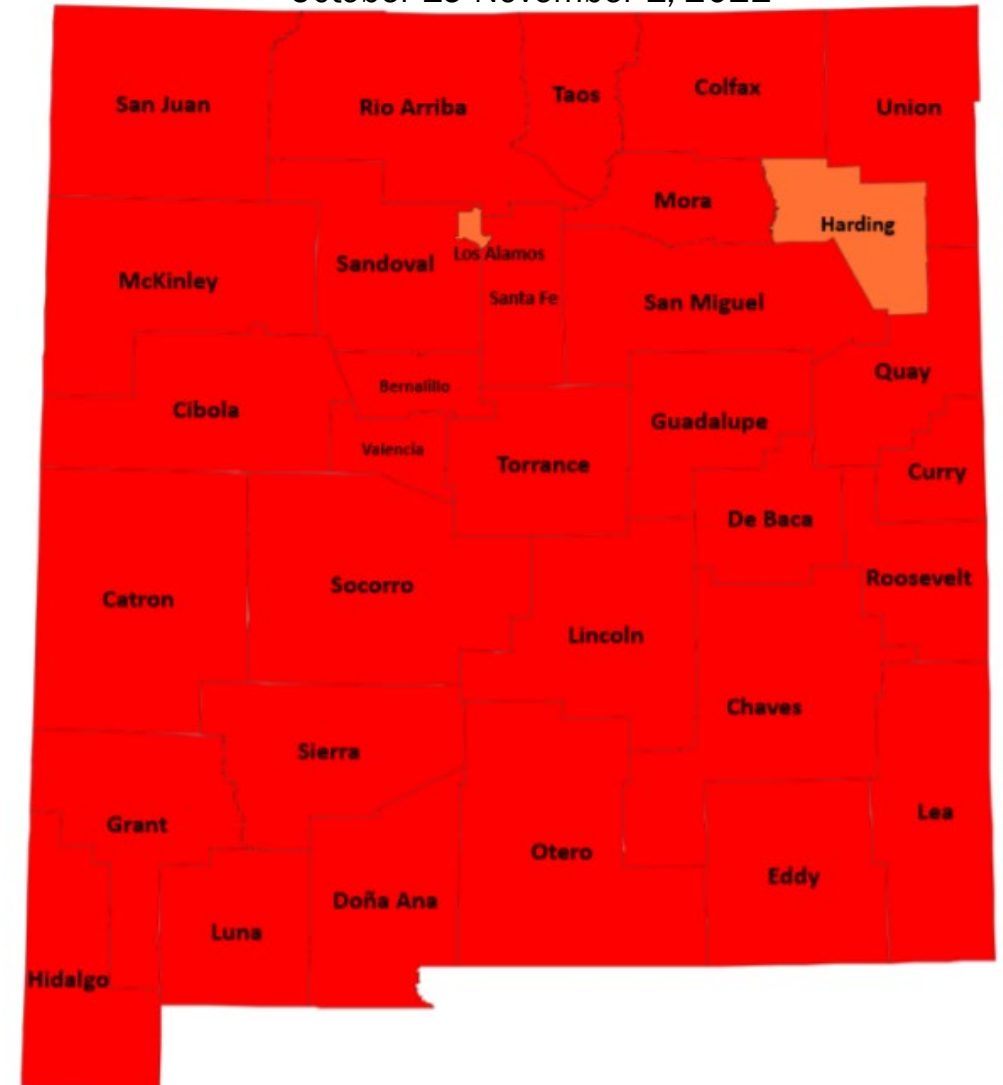
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# Most of NM still has high COVID-19 community transmission levels

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
Grant	27862	439	2936	112.5	14.95%
San Juan	126122	1845	10219	104.5	18.05%
De Baca	1840	20	129	77.6	15.50%
Lincoln	19860	201	1313	72.3	15.31%
Otero	67700	681	4672	71.9	14.58%
McKinley	70330	700	4221	71.1	16.58%
Colfax	11903	116	852	69.6	13.62%
Rio Arriba	38716	332	2278	61.3	14.57%
Catron	3533	26	121	52.6	21.49%
Luna	24444	170	1447	49.7	11.75%
Doña Ana	218836	1384	12437	45.2	11.13%
Quay	8396	53	492	45.1	10.77%
Chaves	64104	369	3135	41.1	11.77%
Valencia	75427	412	4097	39.0	10.06%
Sierra	11076	59	744	38.0	7.93%
Cibola	26801	142	1888	37.8	7.52%
Taos	32513	169	1610	37.1	10.50%
Hidalgo	4242	22	177	37.0	12.43%
Roosevelt	19901	103	1070	37.0	9.63%
Socorro	17193	88	1121	36.6	7.85%
Sandoval	146415	705	9726	34.4	7.25%
Eddy	58252	269	2618	33.0	10.28%
Mora	4566	20	228	31.3	8.77%
Bernalillo	679590	2954	38501	31.0	7.67%
Torrance	15923	62	694	27.8	8.93%
San Miguel	27969	107	2108	27.3	5.08%
Curry	49915	180	2211	25.8	8.14%
Lea	71570	230	2934	23.0	7.84%
Santa Fe	149635	438	9671	20.9	4.53%
Guadalupe	4419	11	196	17.8	5.61%
Union	4090	10	270	17.5	3.70%
Harding	657	1	31	10.9	3.23%
Los Alamos	18856	26	1525	9.8	1.70%

Levels of Community Transmission by County, October 19-November 1, 2021



# New Mexico Test positivity 7-Day Rolling Average, March 17, 2020-November 1, 2021



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# COVID-19 cases in NM children

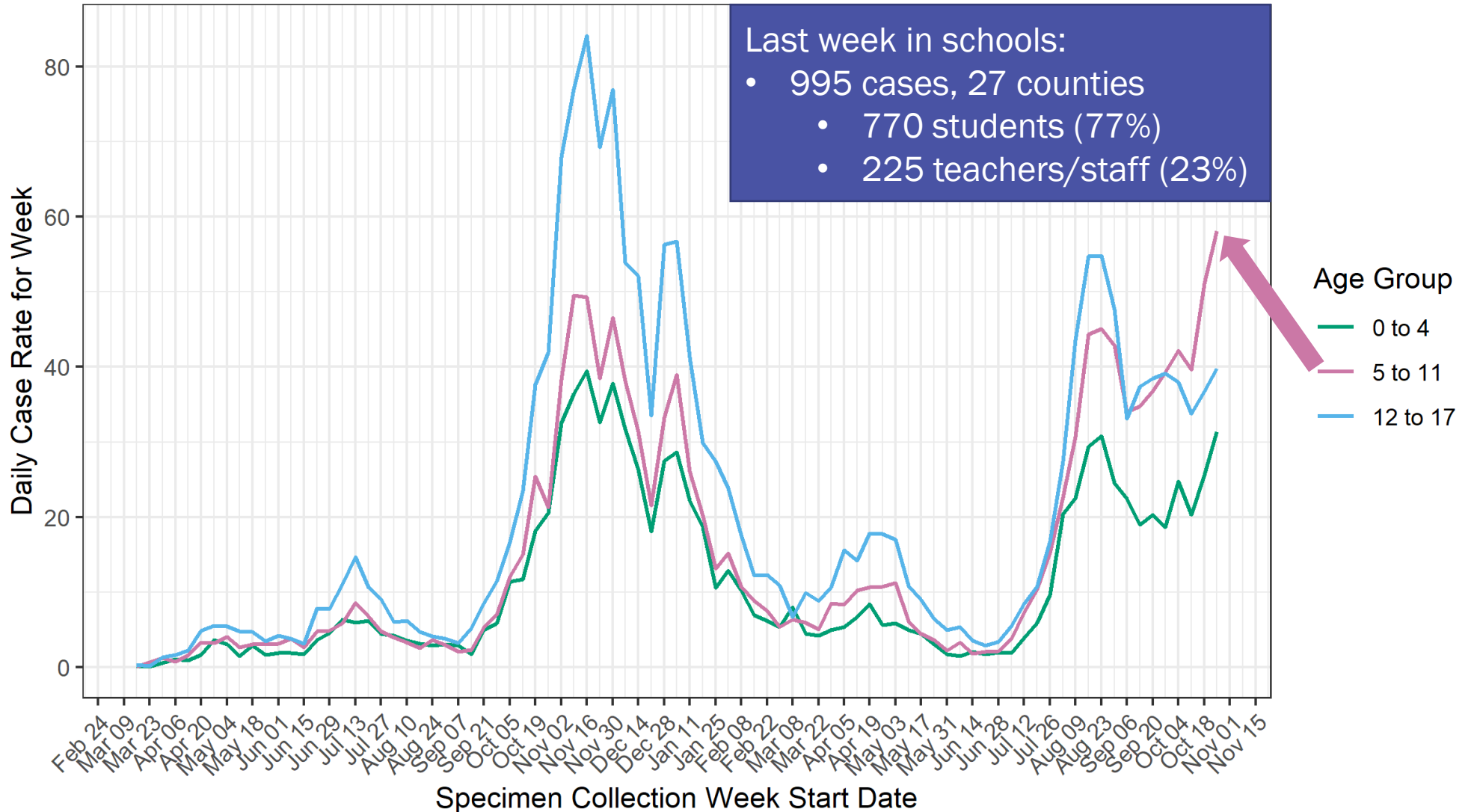
Total number of pediatric cases (% of cases that are pediatric):

46,987 (16.8%)

Number of pediatric cases in the last week (% of cases in the last week that are pediatric):

1,693 (25.2%)

NM daily pediatric case rate per 100,000 population by age group



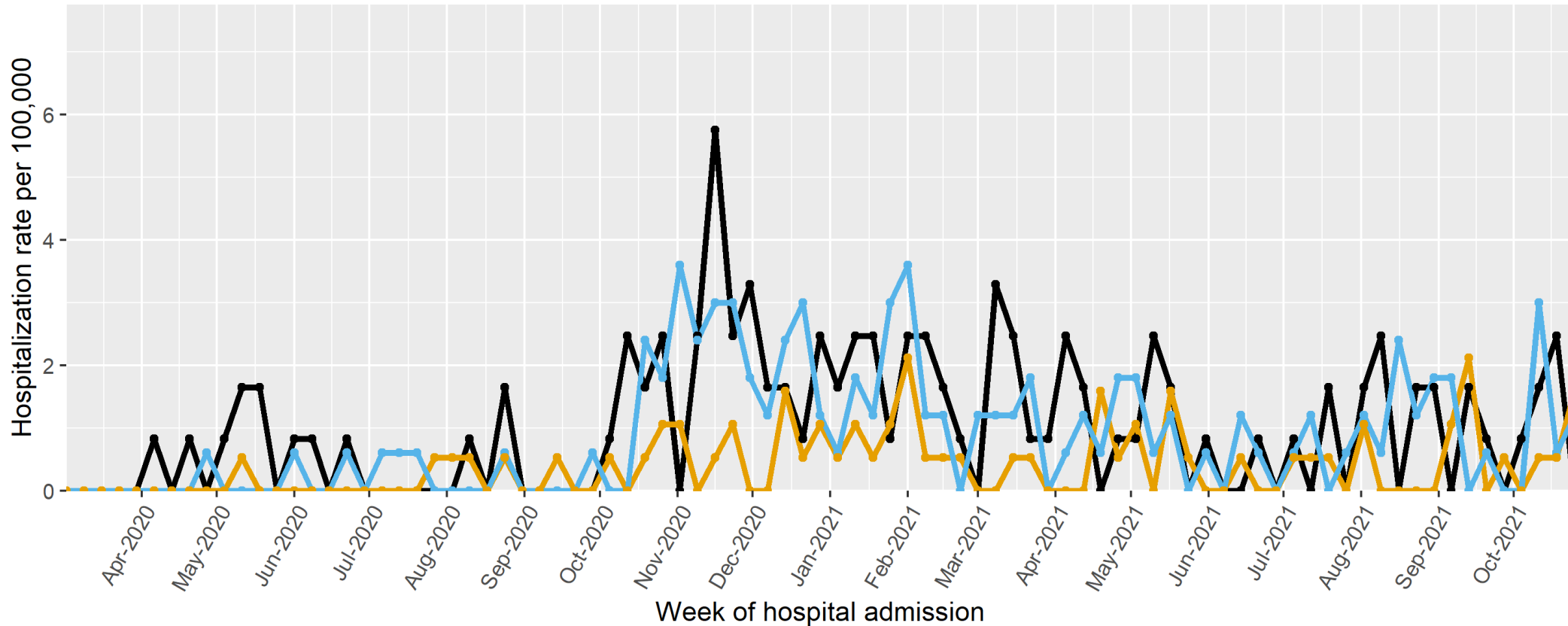
# COVID-19 hospitalizations in NM children

NM pediatric hospitalizations per 100,000 population by age each week

Total pediatric hospitalizations: 299

Pediatric hospitalizations in the last week: 0

Total pediatric deaths: 5



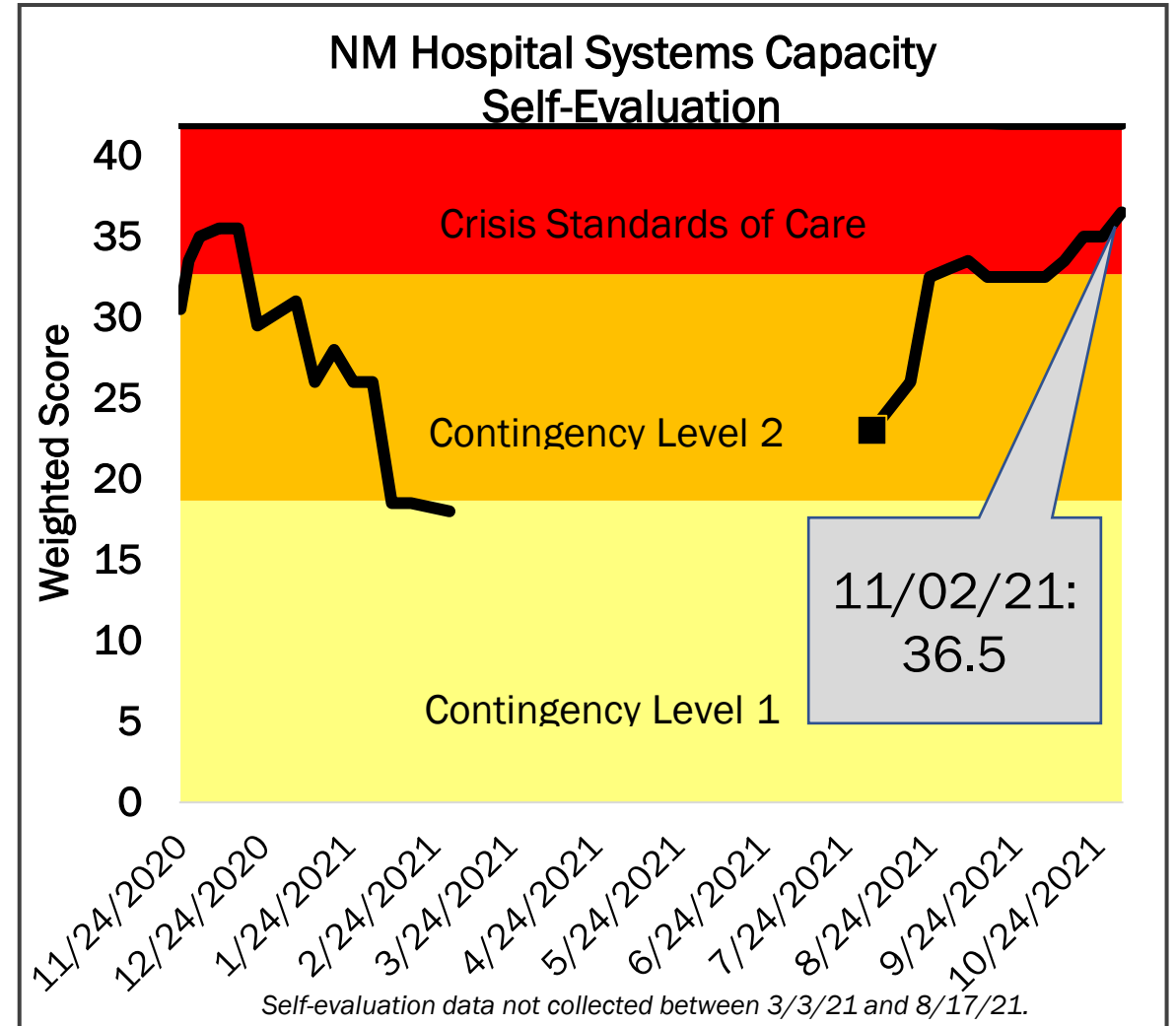
Age group 0-4 5-11 12-17



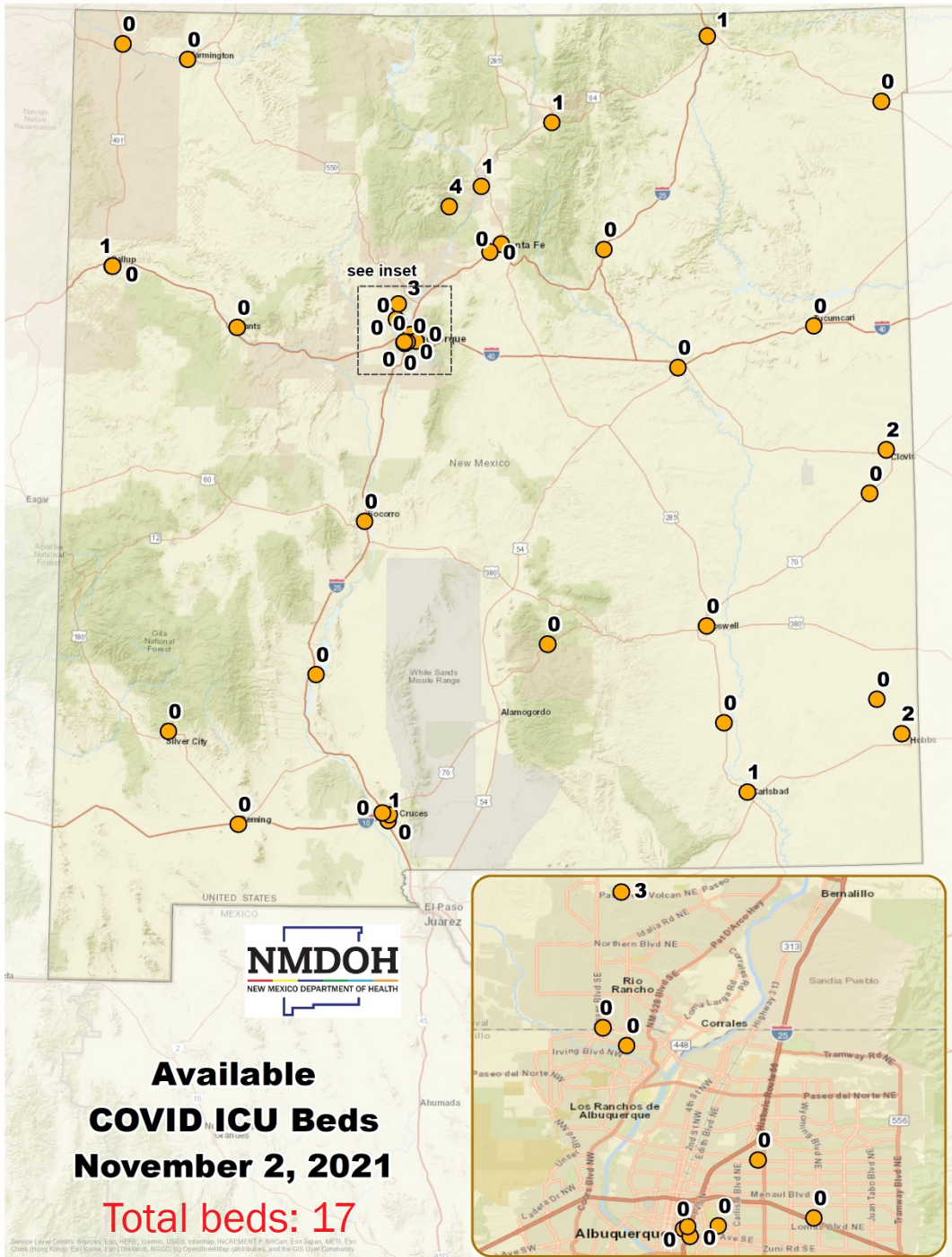
# NM COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Deaths

# NM hospital capacity is in trouble

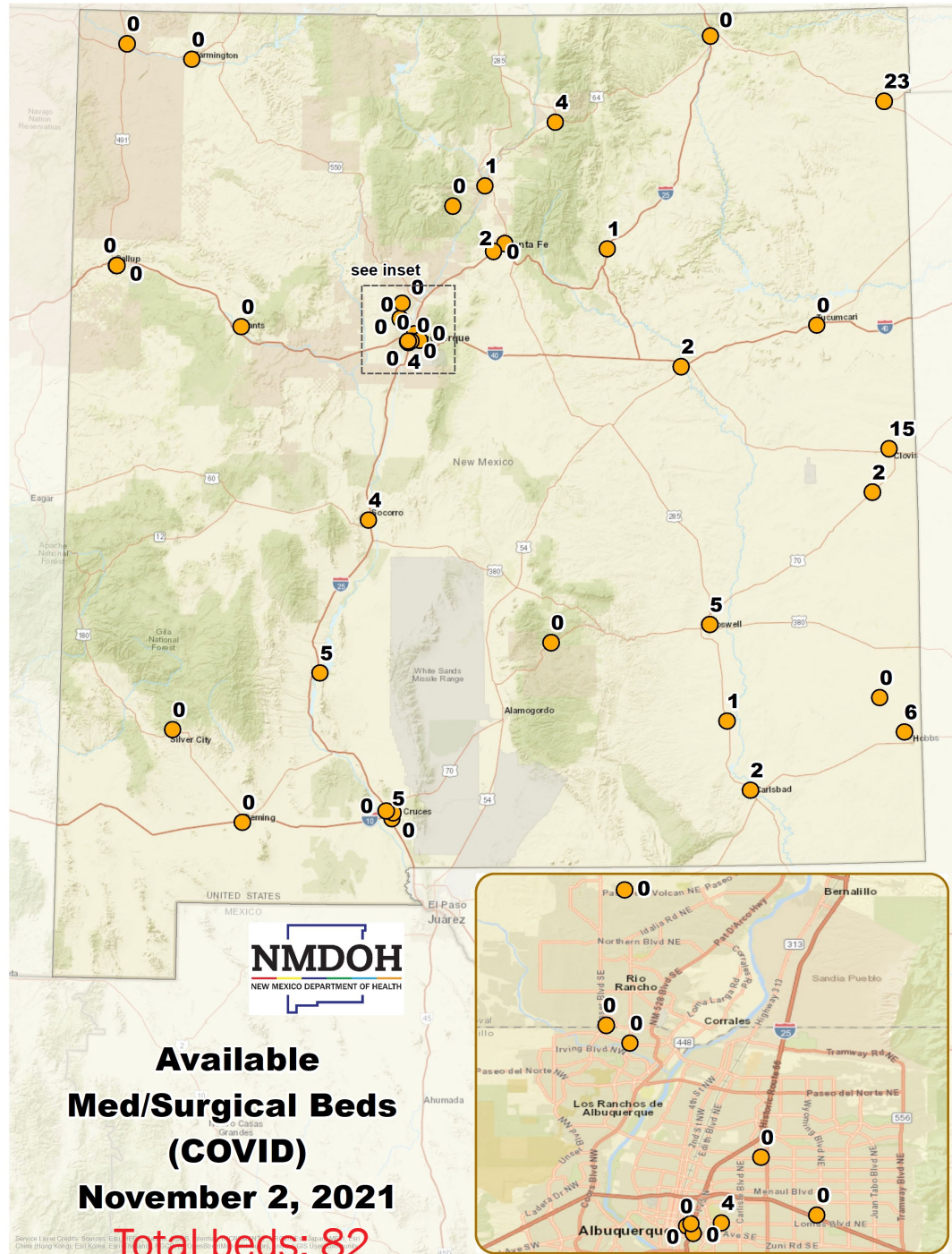
NM Medical Advisory Team Hospital Self-Evaluation Criteria
Delays in Care (limited to critical services)
Transfers (inability to transfer, transfer center active)
Triage and Allocation (full activation)
Emergency Department and Alternative Access Points (saturated access, active triage)
ICU (>100% utilization x multiple days)
Non-ICU (>100% utilization x multiple days)
Modeling (predicting demand>supply) *Moved to red
Redeployment (insufficient staff to meet needs)
Sustainment (tiered staffing for exposed staff)
Capacity (insufficient staff to maintain patient care)
Ratios (unable to increase staff to patient ratios)
Acquisition (supply chain unreliable, limited interfacility sharing)
Management (able to reuse equipment/supplies)



# ICU Beds



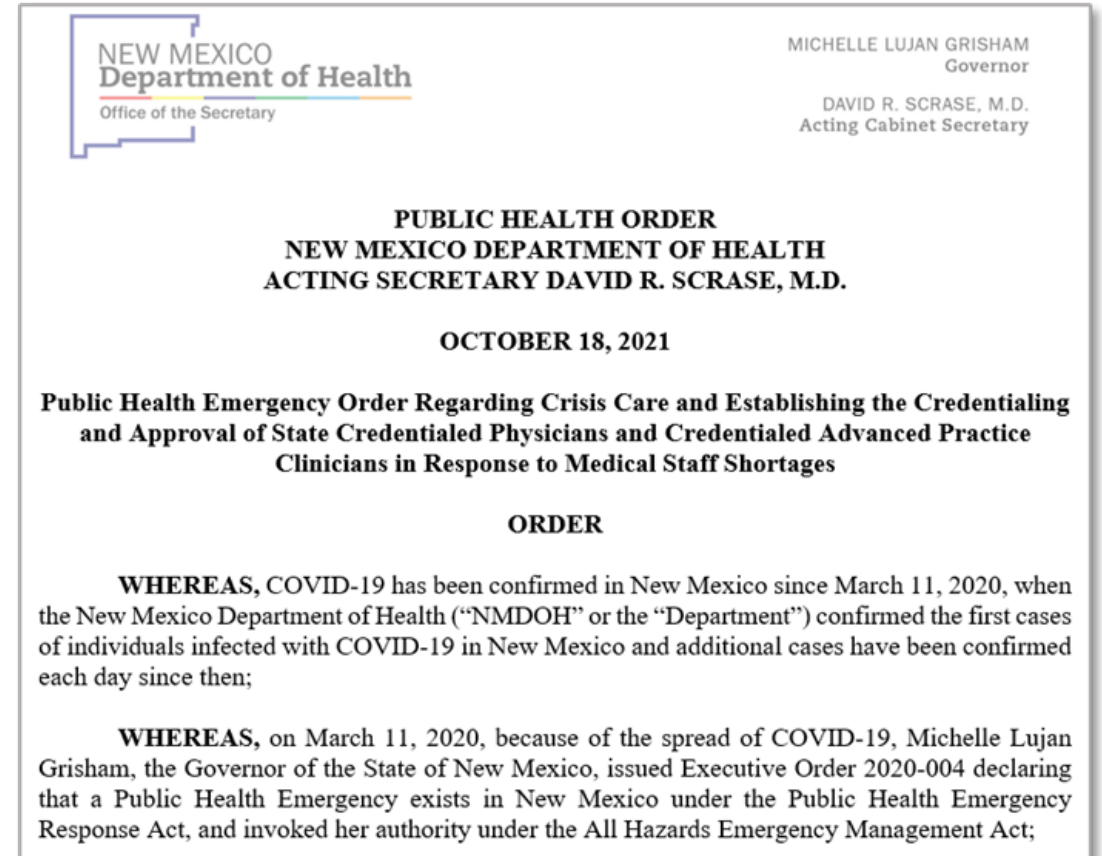
# Med/Surgical Beds



# Assistance for NM hospitals in Crisis

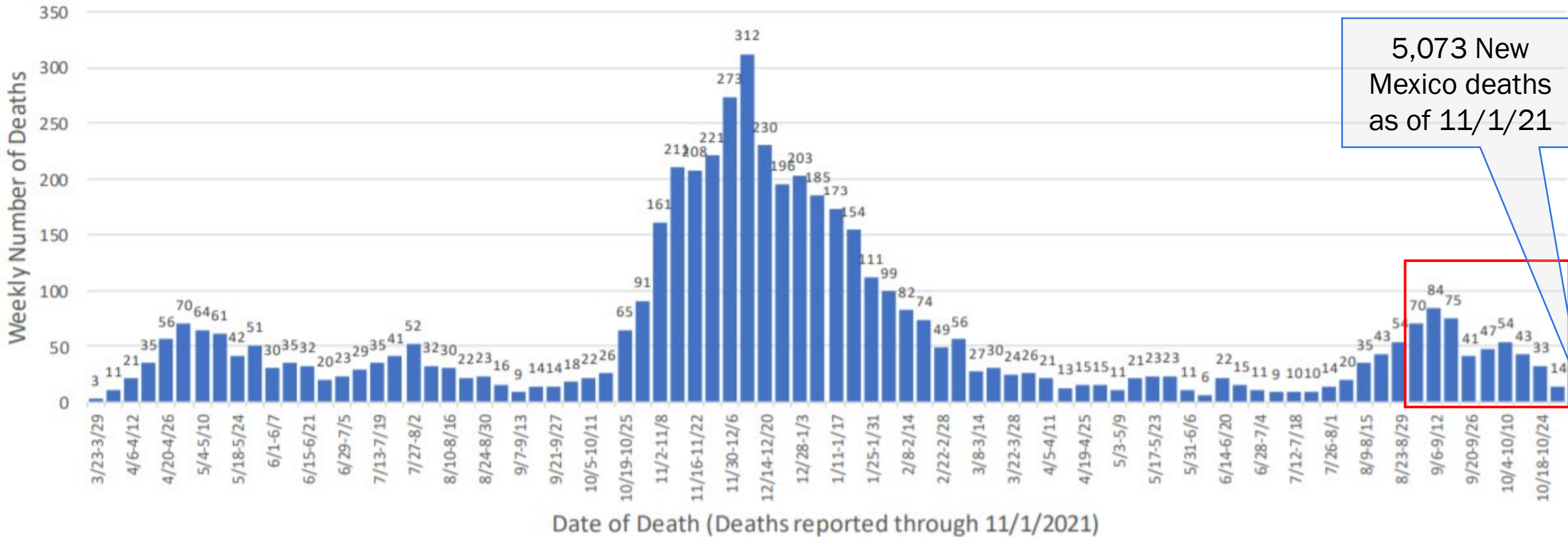
## Standards of Care

- Current staffing support: 196 in NM
  - Alta Vista Regional Hospital (Las Vegas): 15
  - Carlsbad Medical Center (Carlsbad): 17
  - Eastern NM Medical Center (Roswell): 16
  - Gerald Champion Medical Center (Alamogordo): 17
  - Los Alamos Medical Center (Los Alamos): 4
  - Lovelace Medical Center and Heart Hospital (ABQ): 22
  - Memorial Medical Center (Las Cruces): 29
  - Mesilla Valley Hospital (Las Cruces): 14
  - Mimbres Memorial Hospital (Deming): 2
  - Mountain View Regional (Las Cruces): 19
  - San Juan Regional Medical Center (Farmington): 41
- Pending staffing support:
  - 36 DMAT for Farmington
  - 94 additional requested statewide
- 100% FEMA reimbursable





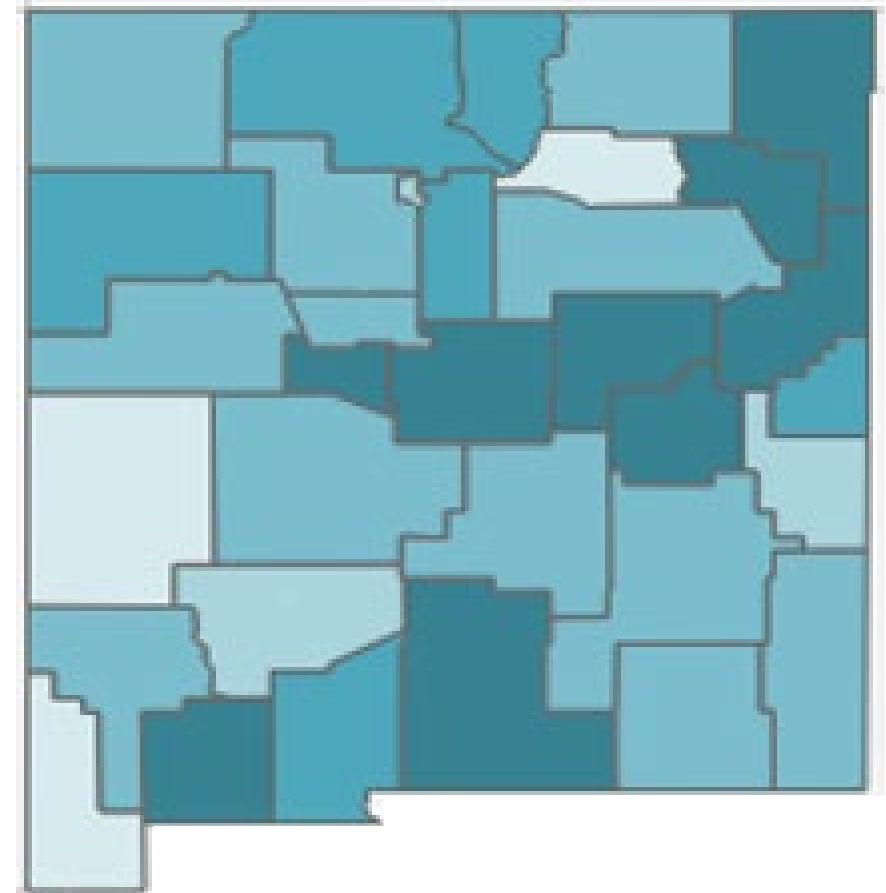
# A plateau in COVID-19 deaths appears to be continuing



# FEMA NM Funeral Assistance Program

- FEMA has distributed over \$5M in assistance for 1,006 New Mexicans
  - Average of \$5,000 in aid per registrant
  - 1,682 people have registered for the program (35.2%)
  - FEMA has processed 1,040 applications
  - 1,006 were approved (97%) and 34 were rejected (mostly due to duplication of insurance benefits)
  - 642 applications are still being reviewed
- To apply: 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585
  - Monday-Friday from 9am-9pm ET

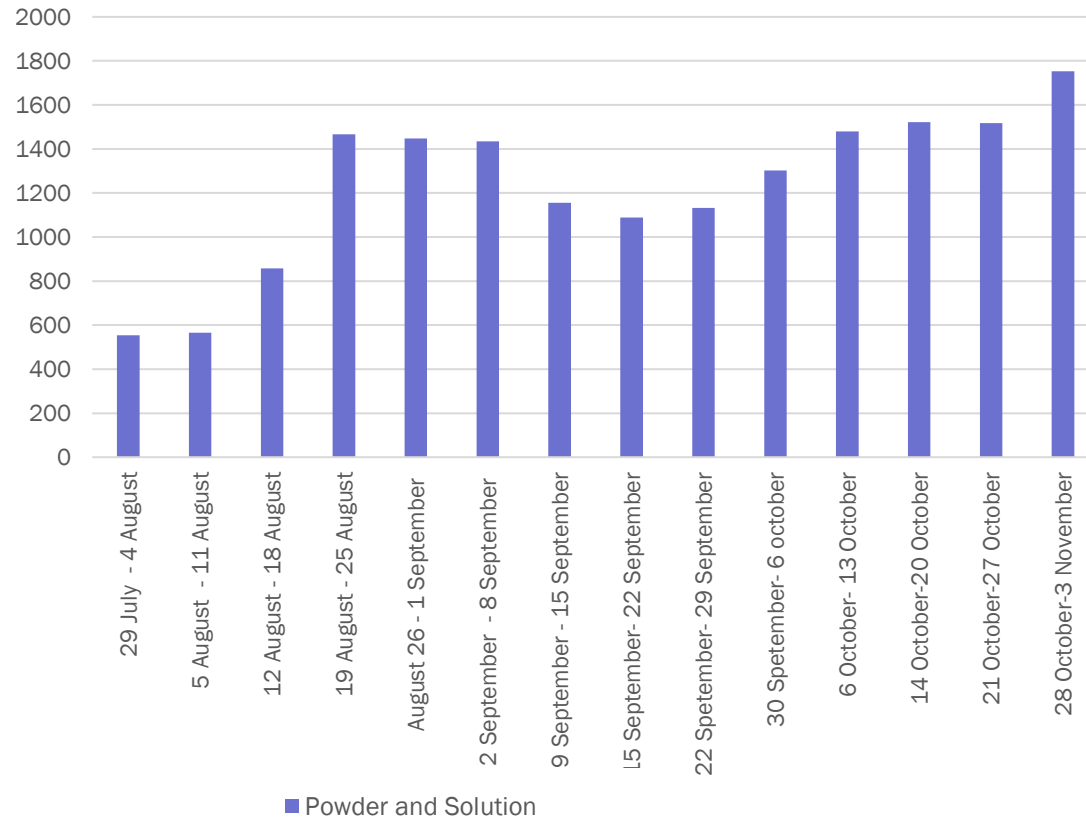
Decedents Registered by NM County



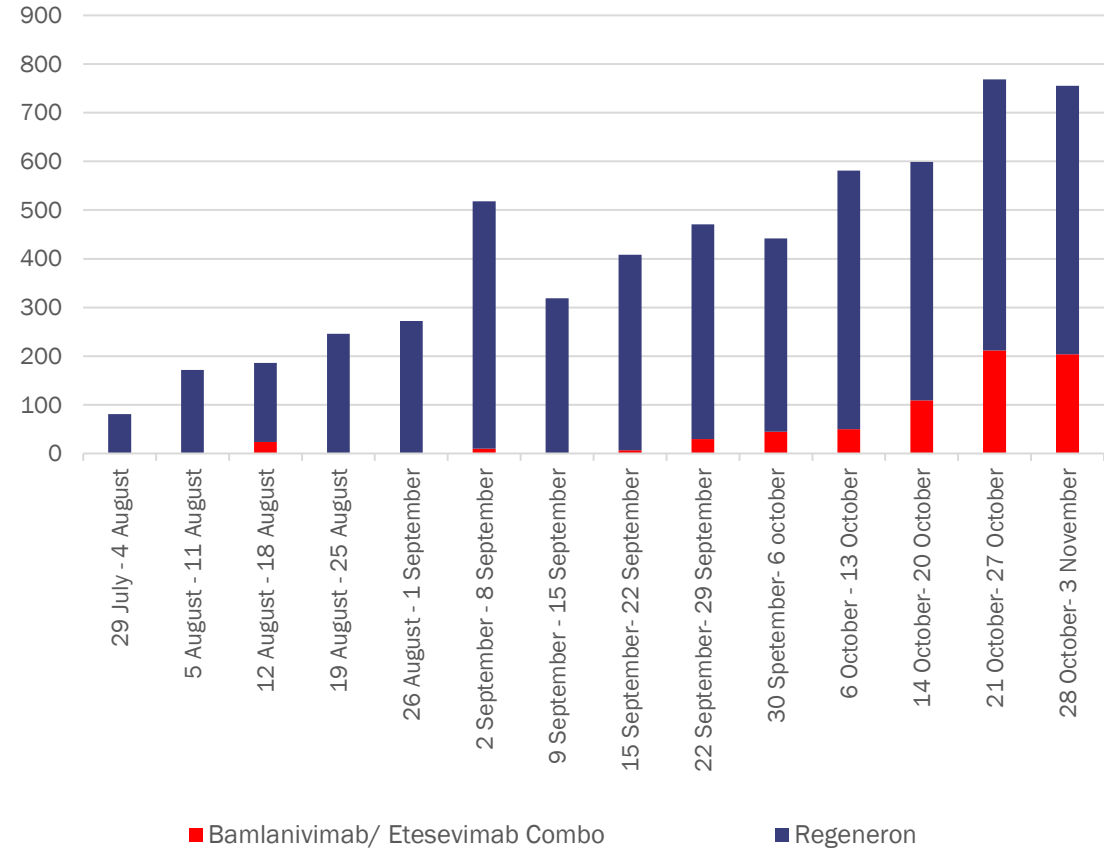
# COVID-19 Treatments

# Inpatient and outpatient COVID-19 treatment rates continue to rise, reaching another record of 2,508 treatments given from October 28-November 3

Remdesivir (moderately ill, given in hospital)



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



# mAbs provider spotlights

Below are the top outpatient mAbs providers from October 28-November 3. “Thank you!” to these facilities and all other NM mAbs providers:

- Presbyterian Healthcare Systems – 103
- Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center – 63
- Gallup Indian Medical Center – 50
- San Juan Regional Medical Center – 47
- Carlsbad Medical Center – 43



# The pandemic is not over; New Mexicans still need to take precautions

- 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!

