

# Red to Green Framework

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## New Mexico, let's move from **Red** to **Green**.

The county-by-county framework will permit counties – and the businesses and nonprofit entities within their borders – to operate under less restrictive public health measures when health metrics demonstrating the extent of the virus' spread and test positivity within those counties are met.

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## What is the Red to Green framework?

In order to prevent and mitigate the effects of the spread of the virus, and to ameliorate the unsustainable resultant strain placed upon the state's health care system and personnel, counties where the virus is more prevalent will operate under more restrictive

health measures. Likewise, counties where the virus has been or is being suppressed will operate under less restrictive measures. Counties will operate under one of four levels: Red, signifying very high risk; Yellow, signifying high risk; Green, signifying medium risk; and Turquoise, signifying low risk.

## Red Level

### \*\*\*VERY HIGH RISK\*\*\*

Counties at the Red Level are those with all of the following: 1) a new COVID-19 average daily case incidence rate of greater than 10 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, 2) an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period greater than 7.5%, and 3) a fully vaccinated rate below 45%.

## Yellow Level

### \*\*\*HIGH RISK\*\*\*

Counties at the Yellow Level are those who have one of the following; 1) a new COVID-19 average daily case incidence rate of no greater than 10 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, 2) an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results no greater than 7.5%, or 3) a fully vaccinated rate at or above 45%.

## Green Level

### \*\*\*MEDIUM RISK\*\*\*

Counties at the Green Level have two of the following; 1) a new COVID-19 average daily case incidence rate of no greater than 10 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, 2) an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results no greater than 7.5%, or 3) a fully vaccinated rate at or above 45%.

## Turquoise Level

### \*\*\*LOW RISK\*\*\*

Counties at the Turquoise Level have three of the following or two of the following in two consecutive reporting periods; 1) a new COVID-19 average daily case incidence rate of no greater than 10 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, 2) an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results less than or equal to 7.5%, or 3) a fully vaccinated rate at or above 45%.

**A county achieving turquoise will not be evaluated for a change in their risk status for 4 weeks (2 cycles).**

## What are the restrictions at each level?

In an effort designed to provide local communities the flexibility to operate more day-to-day activities, the state of New Mexico will transition to a tiered county-by-county COVID-19

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em on Dec. 2, enabling local communities to shed burdensome restrictions as soon as public health data show the virus is retreating within their borders.

CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Red Level Restrictions
Yellow Level Restrictions
Green Level Restrictions
Turquoise Level Restrictions
<p><b>Essential businesses (non-retail):</b> No capacity restrictions but must limit operations to only those absolutely necessary to carry out essential functions</p> <p><b>Essential retail spaces:</b> 25% of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor)</p> <p><b>Food and drink establishments:</b> No indoor dining permitted; 25% of maximum capacity for outdoor dining; any establishment serving alcohol must close by 9 p.m. each night</p> <p><b>Close-contact businesses:</b> 25% of maximum capacity or 10 customers at one time, whichever is smaller; 25% of any outdoor space on the premises</p> <p><b>Large entertainment venues:</b> May not operate</p> <p><b>Recreational facilities:</b> 25% of maximum capacity of any outdoor space on the premises; indoor not permitted</p>

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**and clubs:** May not operate**\*\*All other businesses:** 25% of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor)**Houses of worship:** May operate at 100% capacity indoors or outdoors should they so choose**Places of lodging:** 40% of maximum occupancy for those that have completed NM Safe Certified training; 25% of maximum occupancy for all others; 5 guests maximum for vacation rentals**Mass gatherings limit:** 5 persons

## How is New Mexico doing right now?

The spread of COVID-19 remains a statewide emergency. Hospitals and health care providers all across New Mexico have reported great strain in responding to the escalating illness and mortality caused by the continued spread of the virus.

The State has a goal to achieve a statewide vaccination rate of 60% by June 30, 2021; the graph on the right demonstrates progress towards meeting that goal.

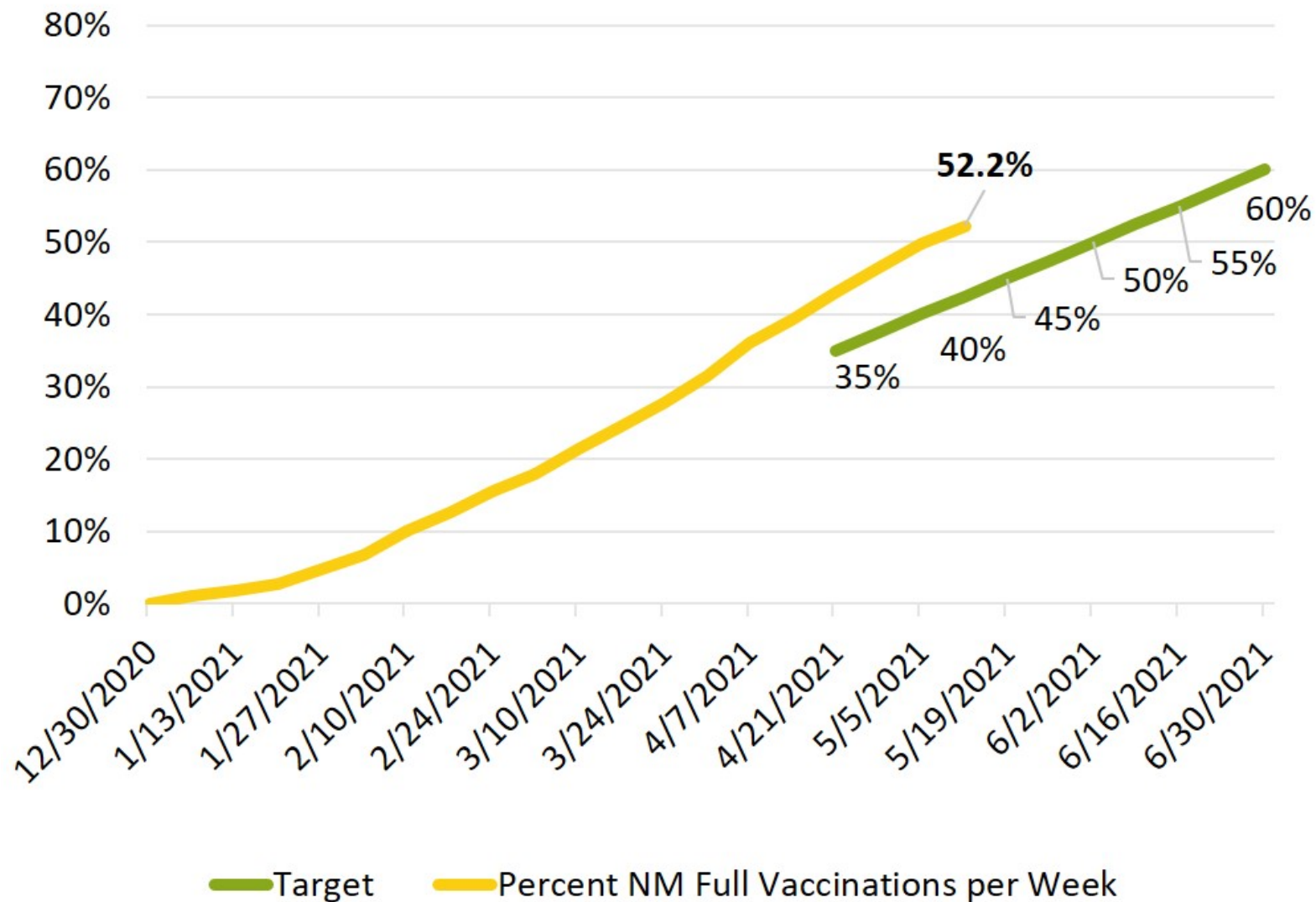
View the map and table below to see how your community is doing. You may also visit the [COVID-19 data dashboard](#) for more information.

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*case count and test numbers are raw data based on information the state receives today – meaning data that has not yet been scrutinized to identify potential duplicates or late-arriving positives or negatives. By contrast, the **Red Yellow Green Turquoise county-level analysis** provides a highly accurate picture for a two-week period of time.*

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## NM Full COVID-19 Vaccination Rate vs Target as of 5/19/21 (eligible population age $\geq 16$ )



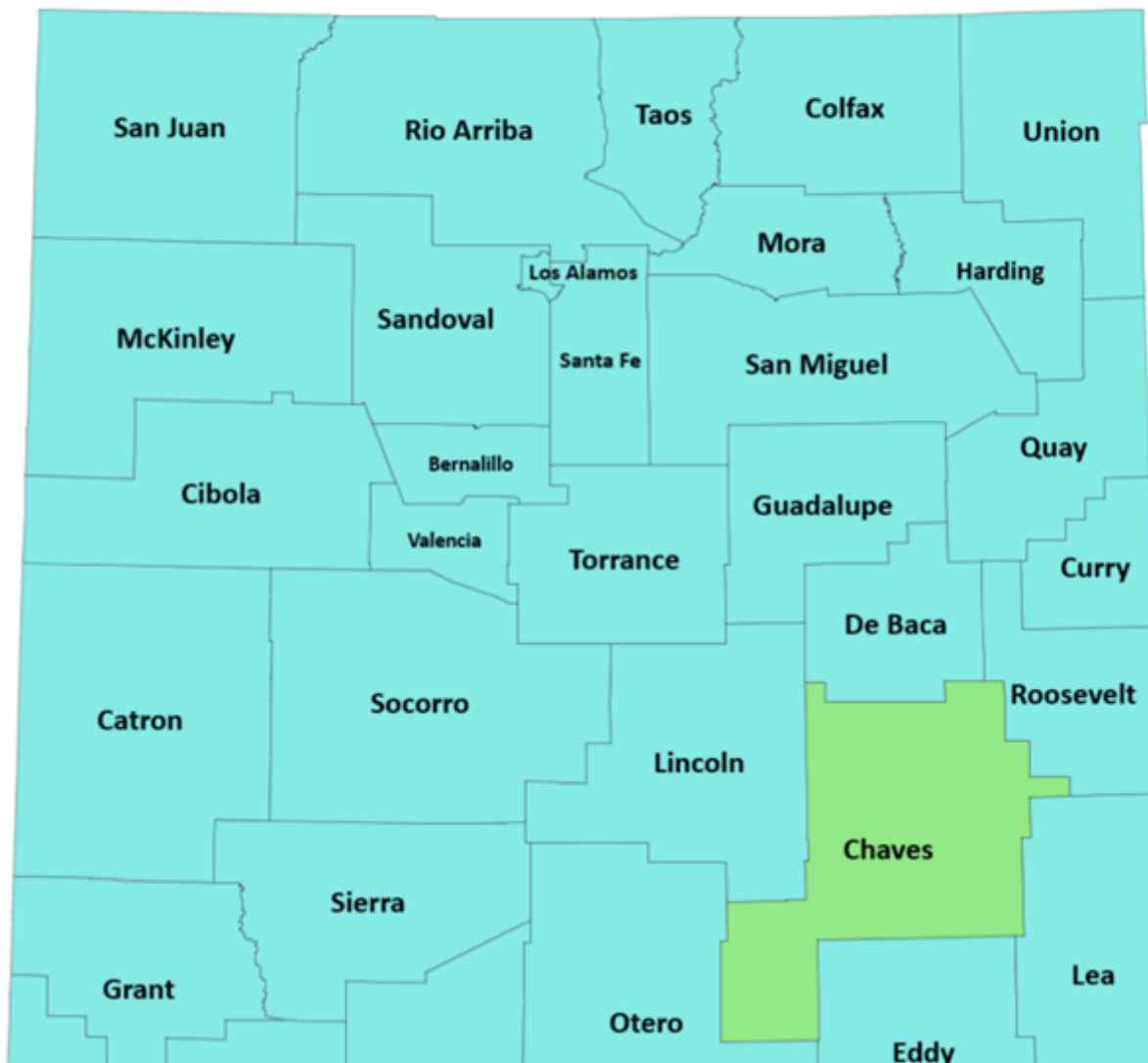


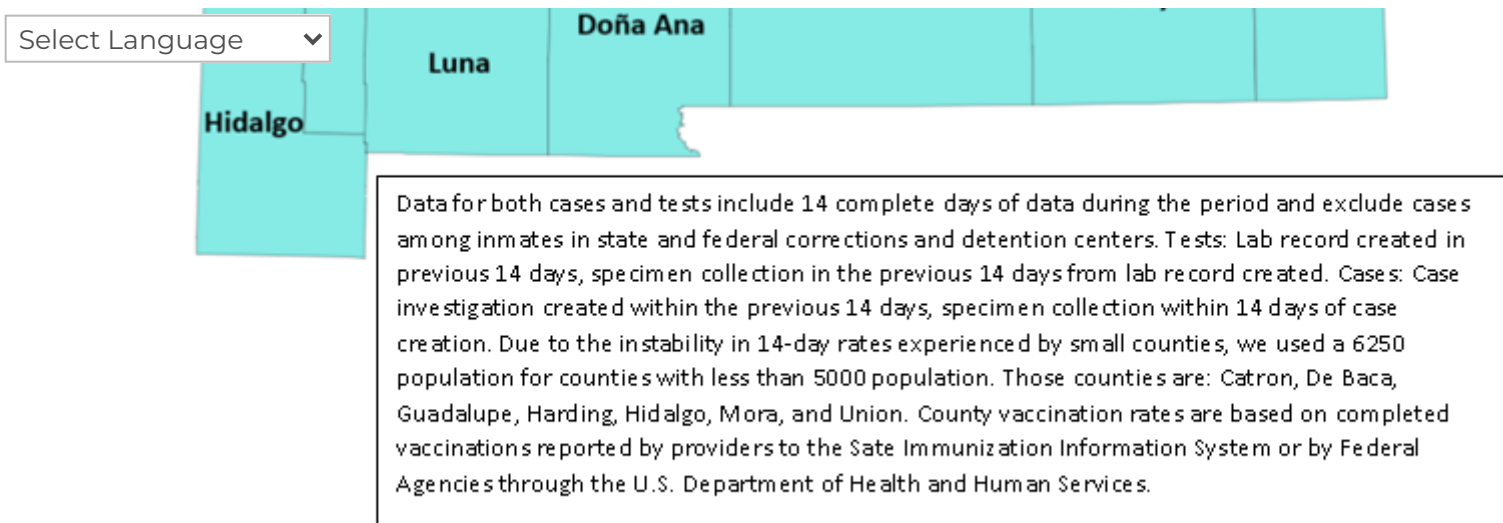
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	County	Adjusted Population Count	Number of Cases (14 days)	Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)	Average Daily Case Rates (Target: less than or equal to 10/100,000 people/day)	Test Positivity (Target: less than or equal to 7.5%)	Vaccination Rate (Target: at or above 45%)	Next Evaluation Date
	Los Alamos	18856	3	611	1.1	0.49%	75.50%	06/02/2021
	McKinley	70330	66	2246	6.7	2.94%	65.80%	06/02/2021
	Taos	32513	14	941	3.1	1.49%	64.10%	06/02/2021
	Sandoval	146415	127	7219	6.2	1.76%	60.80%	06/02/2021
	Santa Fe	149635	172	5973	8.2	2.88%	60.60%	06/02/2021
	Rio Arriba	38716	53	1430	9.8	3.71%	59.90%	06/02/2021
	Cibola	26801	20	1534	5.3	1.30%	58.90%	06/02/2021
	Guadalupe*	6250	26	285	29.7	9.12%	56.70%	06/02/2021
	San Juan	126122	532	6635	30.1	8.02%	56.50%	06/02/2021
	Bernalillo	679590	828	31276	8.7	2.65%	55.80%	06/02/2021
	Grant	27862	14	1438	3.6	0.97%	54.60%	06/02/2021
	Socorro	17193	9	2584	3.7	0.35%	51.80%	06/02/2021
	San Miguel	27969	9	1797	2.3	0.50%	51.50%	06/02/2021
	Sierra	11076	23	654	14.8	3.52%	51.40%	06/02/2021
	Mora*	6250	1	89	1.1	1.12%	51.30%	06/02/2021
	Colfax	11903	11	400	6.6	2.75%	51.00%	06/02/2021
	Dona Ana	218836	164	7047	5.4	2.33%	50.00%	06/02/2021
	Luna	24444	35	1452	10.2	2.41%	50.00%	06/02/2021
	Lincoln	19860	50	819	18	6.11%	45.90%	06/02/2021
	Hidalgo*	6250	2	116	2.3	1.72%	44.90%	06/02/2021
	Valencia	75427	87	3141	8.2	2.77%	44.50%	06/16/2021
	Harding*	6250	0	7	0	0.00%	42.20%	06/02/2021
	Union*	6250	4	195	4.6	2.05%	41.50%	06/02/2021
	De Baca*	6250	21	106	24	19.81%	39.40%	06/02/2021
	Otero	67700	82	2384	8.7	3.44%	36.30%	06/02/2021
	Catron*	6250	0	54	0	0.00%	34.50%	06/16/2021
	Lea	71570	26	1220	2.6	2.13%	34.30%	06/02/2021
	Quay	8396	48	353	40.8	13.60%	34.30%	06/02/2021

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Eddy	58252	33	2065	4	1.60%	31.10%	06/02/2021
Torrance	15923	57	547	25.6	10.42%	30.80%	06/02/2021
Roosevelt	19901	54	801	19.4	6.74%	25.40%	06/02/2021
Chaves	64104	50	2100	5.6	2.38%	33.70%	06/02/2021

### COVID-19 Risk Levels according to Daily Case Rates, Test Positivity, and Vaccination Rates - New Mexico Counties, May 4 - May 17, 2021





*As sovereign nations, New Mexico's Tribes, Pueblos and Nations have the discretion to operate according to different reopening guidelines should they choose to do so.*

\*Due to the instability in 14-day rates experienced by small counties, we used a 6250 population for counties with less than 5000 population. Those counties are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

At the request of the Economic Recovery Council, the Mayor's Council, the Modeling Team, and the Governor, we are looking to update our approach to consider the effect of new factors that were not present in July of 2020 when the framework was developed. These factors include vaccine availability and full school reopening.

In addition, to counter the potential instability of the cases/day/100,000 metric in counties with less than 6,250 population, during this interim period we will calculate this metric assuming that the following 7 counties have a population of 6,250:

DeBaca, Guadalupe, Harding, Hildago, Mora, and Union. Our intent is to stabilize potentially dramatic changes in these counties from a small number of cases.

The 6,250 population number would allow any county at or below 6,250 population to have up to **7 cases in a 14 day period** and still be at or below 8 cases/day/100,000 population.

## How can I help?

COVID put us ALL in a bad spot. Many of our communities have very high positivity rates. It's up to all of us to do our part to keep our loved ones safe.

### Get Tested

Knowing whether or not you're infected with coronavirus can help protect not only your own health, but the health of our entire community — so it's important to get tested if you think you have COVID-19.

### Social Distance

If you are sick with COVID-19, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people



## **Wear a Mask**

Everyone is required to wear a mask or cloth face covering when in public except when drinking, eating, or under medical instruction. Masks and cloth face coverings may prevent people who do not know they have the virus from transmitting it to others.

## **Follow COVID Safe Practices**

Living in a COVID-positive world requires discipline from all of us. In order to decrease the spread of COVID-19, allowing businesses, restaurants, and schools to reopen safely, it is imperative we adhere to COVID safe practices.

# **Do you still have questions?**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Here you will find a listing of the most frequently asked questions regarding the current Public Health Order.

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**1-833-551-0518**

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