

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 40%.

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 40%.

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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 40%.

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 40%.

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

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Red Level Restrictions**Yellow Level Restrictions****Green Level Restrictions****Turquoise Level Restrictions**

Essential businesses (non-retail): No capacity restrictions but must limit operations to only those absolutely necessary to carry out essential functions

Essential retail spaces: 25% of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor)

Food and drink establishments: No indoor dining permitted; 25% of maximum capacity for outdoor dining; any establishment serving alcohol must close by 9 p.m. each night

Close-contact businesses: 25% of maximum capacity or 10 customers at one time, whichever is smaller; 25% of any outdoor space on the premises

Large entertainment venues: May not operate

Recreational facilities: 25% of maximum capacity of any outdoor space on the premises; indoor not permitted

Bars and clubs: May not operate

****All other businesses:** 25% of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor)

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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.

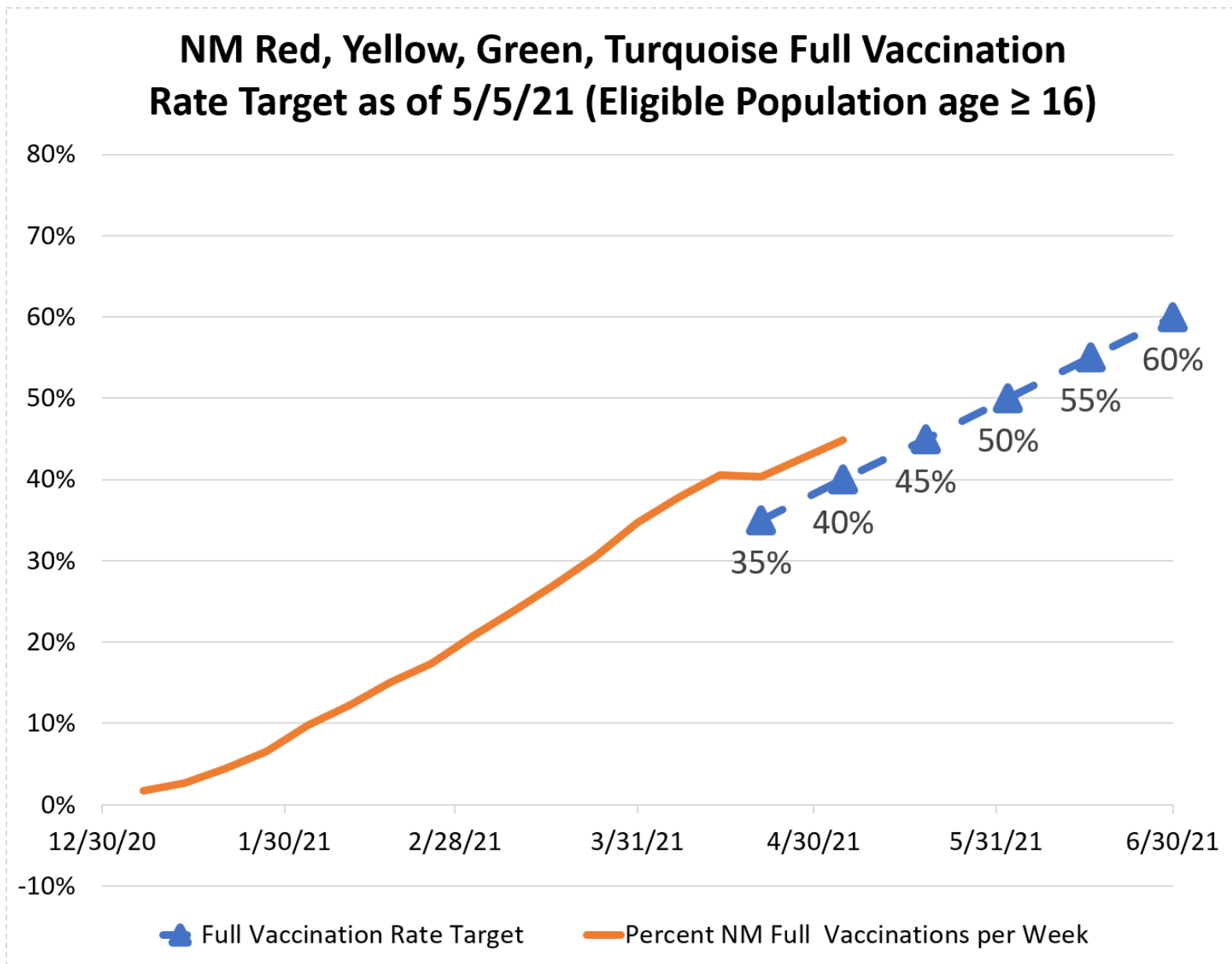
The State has a goal to achieve a statewide vaccination rate of 60% by June 30, 2021; the graph on the right demonstrates progress towards meeting that goal.

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.

**** Daily 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](#)*

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the *county-level analysis* provides a highly accurate picture for a two-week period of time.

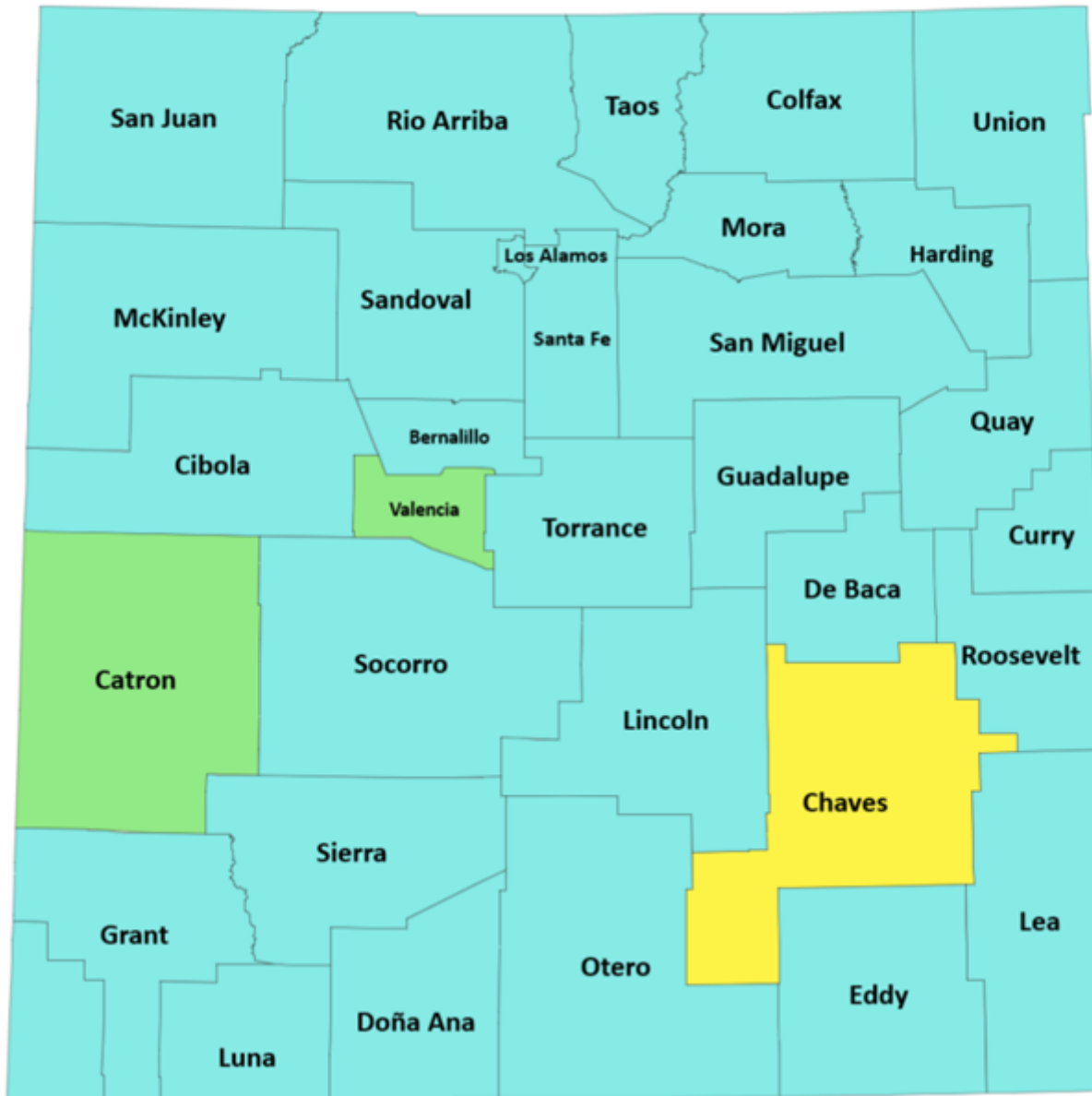


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	County	Adjusted Population Count	Number of Cases (14 days)	Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)	Average Daily Case Rates (Target: less than or equal to 10/100,000 people/day)	Test Positivity (Target: less than or equal to 7.5%)	Vaccination Rate (Target: at or above 40%)	Next Evaluation Date
	McKinley	70330	62	2429	6.3	2.55%	63.70%	06/02/2021
	Los Alamos	18856	9	756	3.4	1.19%	58.70%	06/02/2021
	Cibola	26801	14	1358	3.7	1.03%	56.40%	06/02/2021
	Taos	32513	12	1226	2.6	0.98%	56.10%	06/02/2021
	Rio Arriba	38716	49	1518	9	3.23%	54.00%	06/02/2021
	Sandoval	146415	180	8961	8.8	2.01%	53.80%	06/02/2021
	San Juan	126122	509	6878	28.8	7.40%	53.50%	06/02/2021
	Guadalupe*	6250	3	188	3.4	1.60%	51.70%	06/02/2021
	Santa Fe	149635	145	6752	6.9	2.15%	50.50%	06/02/2021
	Colfax	11903	11	539	6.6	2.04%	49.00%	06/02/2021
	Sierra	11076	21	711	13.5	2.95%	48.60%	06/02/2021
	Grant	27862	26	1570	6.7	1.66%	48.60%	06/02/2021
	San Miguel	27969	10	2343	2.6	0.43%	48.40%	06/02/2021
	Mora*	6250	1	116	1.1	0.86%	48.30%	06/02/2021
	Socorro	17193	13	3606	5.4	0.36%	48.10%	06/02/2021
	Bernalillo	679590	1117	36247	11.7	3.08%	47.00%	06/02/2021
	Luna	24444	42	1385	12.3	3.03%	45.50%	06/02/2021
	Doña Ana	218836	302	8329	9.9	3.63%	43.60%	06/02/2021
	Lincoln	19860	52	950	18.7	5.47%	42.80%	06/02/2021
	Union*	6250	3	148	3.4	2.03%	40.90%	06/02/2021
	Hidalgo*	6250	2	111	2.3	1.80%	39.30%	06/02/2021
	Harding*	6250	0	14	0	0.00%	36.50%	06/02/2021
	De Baca*	6250	9	65	10.3	13.85%	35.90%	06/02/2021
	Otero	67700	80	2735	8.4	2.93%	33.70%	06/02/2021
	Quay	8396	31	202	26.4	15.35%	31.70%	06/02/2021
	Lea	71570	24	1547	2.4	1.55%	31.30%	06/02/2021
	Curry	49915	62	1353	8.9	4.58%	29.40%	06/02/2021
	Eddy	58252	79	2295	9.7	3.44%	27.80%	06/02/2021
	Torrance	15923	27	496	12.1	5.44%	27.60%	06/02/2021
	Roosevelt	19901	53	485	19	10.93%	23.40%	06/02/2021
	Valencia	75427	101	3759	9.6	2.69%	38.00%	05/19/2021
	Catron*	6250	3	48	3.4	6.25%	32.00%	05/19/2021
	Chaves	64104	105	2470	11.7	4.25%	31.10%	05/19/2021

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COVID-19 Risk Levels according to Daily Case Rates, Test Positivity, and Vaccination Rates - New Mexico Counties, April 20 - May 3, 2021



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Data for both cases and tests include 14 complete days of data during the period and exclude cases among inmates in state and federal corrections and detention centers. Tests: Lab record created in previous 14 days, specimen collection in the previous 14 days from lab record created. Cases: Case investigation created within the previous 14 days, specimen collection within 14 days of case creation. 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: Catron, De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Hidalgo, Mora, and Union. County vaccination rates are based on completed vaccinations reported by providers to the State Immunization Information System or by Federal Agencies through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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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:

Catron, 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

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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.

[VIEW THE FAQs](#)

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