

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

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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 a new COVID-19 case incident rate of greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period **and** an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period greater than 5%.

Yellow Level

HIGH RISK

Counties at the Yellow Level have **either** a new COVID-19 case incidence rate of no greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, **or** an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period less than or equal to 5%.

Green Level

MEDIUM RISK

Counties at the Green Level have **both** a new COVID-19 case

Turquoise Level

LOW RISK

Counties at the Turquoise Level have reached the Green Level for

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incidence rate of no greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, **and** an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period less than or equal to 5%.

two consecutive biweekly map updates.

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.

CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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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)

Houses of worship: May hold religious services, indoors or outdoors, or provide services through audiovisual means, but may not exceed 25% of the maximum capacity of any enclosed space on the premises

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, 40 vehicles

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.

Click on the map to view the New Mexico COVID-19 Data Dashboard to see how your community is doing. You can also view the grid below.

*** *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 Turquoise county-level analysis](#) provides a highly accurate picture for a two-week period of time.*

County	Population	Adjusted Population Count	Number of Cases (14 days)	Number of Cases + Negative Tests (14 days)	Average Daily Case Rates per 100,000	Test Positivity
Catron*	3,533	6,250	0	40	0	0.00%
Union*	4,090	6,250	0	154	0	0.00%
Sierra	11,076	11,076	1	565	0.6	0.18%

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Socorro	17,193	17,193	6	2735	2.5	0.22%
Los Alamos	18,856	18,856	8	1098	3	0.73%
Quay	8,396	8,396	2	199	1.7	1.01%
Hidalgo*	4,242	6,250	1	93	1.1	1.08%
McKinley	70,330	70,330	30	2603	3	1.15%
De Baca*	1,840	6,250	1	78	1.1	1.28%
San Juan	126,122	126,122	70	5352	4	1.31%
Santa Fe	149,635	149,635	132	7551	6.3	1.75%
Lea	71,570	71,570	39	2027	3.9	1.92%
Roosevelt	19,901	19,901	15	640	5.4	2.34%
Guadalupe*	4,419	6,250	3	291	3.4	1.03%
Rio Arriba	38,716	38,716	20	1688	3.7	1.18%
Chaves	64,104	64,104	36	2700	4	1.33%
Colfax	11,903	11,903	7	498	4.2	1.41%
Curry	49,915	49,915	33	2062	4.7	1.60%
Lincoln	19,860	19,860	18	933	6.5	1.93%
Taos	32,513	32,513	34	1702	7.5	2.00%
Eddy	58,252	58,252	59	2768	7.2	2.13%
Torrance	15,923	15,923	14	641	6.3	2.18%
Mora*	4,566	6,250	4	117	4.6	3.42%
Cibola	26,801	26,801	34	1595	9.1	2.13%
Sandoval	146,415	146,415	191	8901	9.3	2.15%
Valencia	75,427	75,427	88	4022	8.3	2.19%
San Miguel	27,969	27,969	48	2123	12.3	2.26%
Bernalillo	679,590	679,590	935	39348	9.8	2.38%
Luna	24,444	24,444	39	1323	11.4	2.95%
Grant	27,862	27,862	65	2092	16.7	3.11%
Otero	67,700	67,700	126	3471	13.3	3.63%
Dona Ana	218,836	218,836	466	11488	15.2	4.06%
Harding*	657	6,250	1	16	1.1	6.25%

*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

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New Mexico has made substantial progress with 23 of 33 counties (70%) either Green and Turquoise this most recent two-week period ending March 22, 2021. 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

No Mass Gatherings

“Mass gatherings” are defined as: any public gathering, private gathering, organized event, ceremony, or grouping that brings together more than five (5) or more individuals in a single room or connected space, confined outdoor space or open outdoor space.

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.

[VIEW THE FAQs](#)

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