

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.

READ THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER



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 public 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%.

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.

CATEGORIES & DEFINITIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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)	
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	

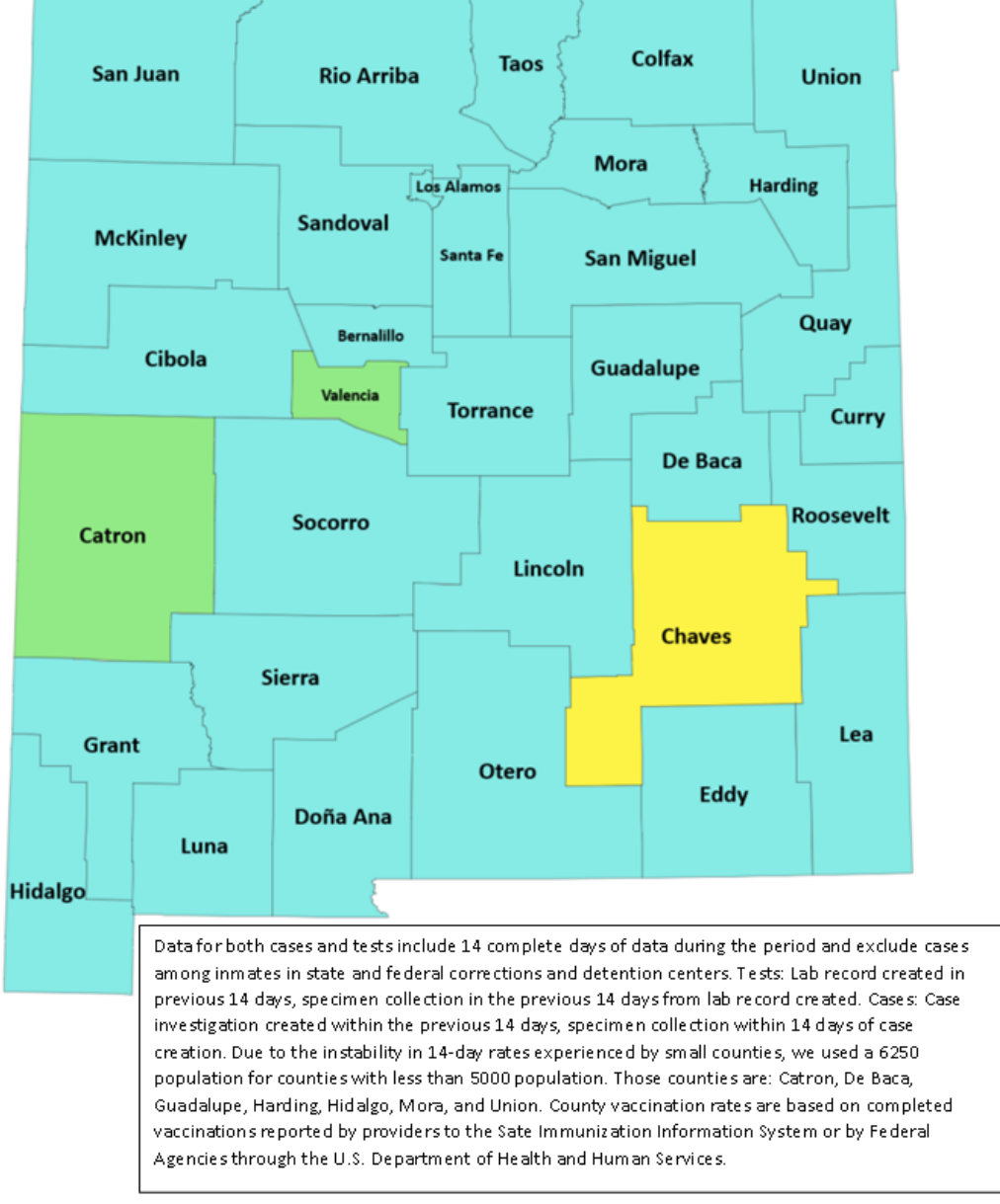
How is New Mexico doing right now?

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.

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	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 Rate (Target: less than or equal to 7.5%)	Vaccination Rate (Target: at least 40%)	
McKinley	70330	62	2429	6.3	2.95%	63.76%	06/02/2021
Los Alamos	18956	9	756	3.4	1.13%	58.76%	06/02/2021
Cibola	26801	14	1358	3.7	1.03%	56.48%	06/02/2021
Taos	32513	12	1226	2.6	0.98%	56.18%	06/02/2021
Rio Arriba	38716	49	1518	9	3.32%	54.08%	06/02/2021
Sandoval	146415	180	8961	8.8	2.01%	53.88%	06/02/2021
San Juan	126122	509	6878	20.8	7.46%	53.58%	06/02/2021
Guadalupe*	6250	3	188	3.4	1.68%	51.78%	06/02/2021
Santa Fe	149435	145	6752	6.3	2.15%	50.58%	06/02/2021
Colfax	11983	11	539	6.6	2.04%	49.88%	06/02/2021
Grant	11076	21	711	13.7	1.66%	48.68%	06/02/2021
Sierra	27862	26	1078	6.7	1.66%	48.68%	06/02/2021
San Miguel	27869	10	2348	2.6	0.48%	48.48%	06/02/2021
Mora*	6250	1	116	1.1	0.08%	48.38%	06/02/2021
Socorro	17193	13	3606	11.4	0.86%	48.18%	06/02/2021
Bernalillo	679580	1117	36247	5.7	3.08%	47.08%	06/02/2021
Luna	24444	42	1385	12.3	3.63%	45.58%	06/02/2021
Doña Ana	218836	302	8939	9.3	3.63%	43.68%	06/02/2021
Lincoln	19860	52	950	18.7	5.47%	42.88%	06/02/2021
Union*	6250	3	148	3.4	2.03%	41.98%	06/02/2021
Hidalgo*	6250	2	111	2.3	1.08%	39.38%	06/02/2021
Harding*	6250	0	14	0	0.00%	36.58%	06/02/2021
De Baca*	6250	9	65	10.3	19.85%	35.98%	06/02/2021
Chero	87000	80	2755	8.4	2.95%	35.78%	06/02/2021
Lea	8356	31	102	36.4	15.55%	31.78%	06/02/2021
Curry	72570	24	1547	2.4	1.55%	31.38%	06/02/2021
Eddy	48915	62	1353	8.3	4.88%	29.48%	06/02/2021
Torrance	98293	79	2295	9.7	3.44%	27.88%	06/02/2021
Roosevelt	19991	27	494	11.1	5.44%	27.68%	06/02/2021
Villavieja	75427	101	3759	9.4	2.65%	26.88%	05/19/2021
Carson*	6250	3	48	3.4	6.25%	31.88%	05/19/2021
Chaves	64004	105	2470	11.7	4.25%	31.18%	05/19/2021



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:

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 in 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.
- 1-833-551-0518

Use this number for non-health related COVID-19 questions.

VIEW THE FAQs