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Taos County
COVID-19 Press Release
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TAOS COUNTY HAS NO NEW CASES ACCORDING TO DOH

Update:

As of 4:00 PM today, April 12th, 2020, according to the NM DOH website, the total number of positive cases in New Mexico is 1,245.

As of 4:00 PM today, April 12th, 2020 Taos County has no new confirmed cases. To date, Taos County has had 15 positive cases.

NM DOH has reported that 295 individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 have now fully recovered.

As of today, the New Mexico Department of Health has confirmed 26 COVID-19 related deaths within New Mexico. The most recent cases were:

- A female in her 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying medical conditions.
- A female in her 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying medical conditions.
- A male in his 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying medical conditions.
- A female in her 70s from Cibola County. The individual was hospitalized and had underlying medical conditions.
- A male in his 50s from Doña Ana County. The individual was hospitalized.

- A female in her 90s from San Juan County. The individual was hospitalized.

NM Department of Health is reporting that there are **80** individuals hospitalized in New Mexico for COVID-19. This number may include individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 out of state but are currently hospitalized in New Mexico.

New Health Order Includes Places of Worship as Mass Gatherings:

Saturday, the Governor's office announced a new Public Health Order that will include places of worship as mass gatherings that are prohibited under the new order.

Previously places of worship had been excluded from the order, but with the continued threat of spreading the virus. The Governor announced that they would now also need to abide by the no more than 5 individuals' rule.

The Governor stated that she was grateful for the many houses of worship that had already voluntarily canceled their services. However, she said there were still many places that had not cancelled.

To read more about this order please visit:

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/2020/04/11/mass-gathering-ban-expanded-to-include-houses-of-worship/>

Taos County Complex by Appointment Only Starting Wednesday April 8th:

To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, the Taos County Administrative Complex has been assisting the public by appointment only beginning on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. The appointments will be scheduled between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call the respective departments as follows:

County Administration (575) 737-6300
County Assessor (575) 737-6360
County Clerk (575) 737-6380
Bureau of Elections (575) 737-6400
County Probate Judge (575) 737-6391 (Mondays only)
Planning Department (575) 737-6440
County Treasurer (575) 737-6340
Solid Waste Administration (575) 737-6337

Please allow for a 24 - 48 hour response time to schedule your appointment.

We encourage the public to pay your property taxes and solid waste bills online at www.taoscounty.org

Taos County Emergency Services will still be providing emergency services.

What if I Feel Sick?

If you feel like you have the symptoms of the Coronavirus please call the state Coronavirus Hotline at 1-855-600-3453. They will ask you questions and will give guidance on what step you should take next. This is a very busy hotline so you may not get through on the first attempt. Please be patient and follow their guidance.

Signs and symptoms of the Coronavirus are:

- Fever (100.4 F or higher)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Symptoms may also, but not necessarily, include:

- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Headache
- General feeling of being unwell

For the most recent updates from the DOH please visit <https://cv.nmhealth.org/newsroom/>

How to Help Protect Yourself and Others:

The NM Department of Health along with the CDC and Office of the President are recommending a very proactive approach to help protect the public from the COVID-19 virus.

Below are the recommendations:

- **Wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds (*sing your ABC's to help with the timing*)**
- If washing your hands is not an option use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary
- Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing

- **IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME**
- If a family member is sick, try and isolate them from the rest of the family as best as possible
- Utilize social distancing to limit your exposure; maintain a 6-foot distance between you and other individuals
- Avoid social gatherings if possible
- Avoid groups of more than 5 people
- Avoid contact with sick individuals
- **If you suspect you have symptoms of the COVID-19 virus please call the NM Coronavirus Hotline at 1-855-600-3453 to speak with a healthcare professional about what you need to do next. This is a very busy hotline so be patient and follow their guidance.**

For non-emergency or non-healthcare related questions please contact the Department of Health at 1-833-551-0518

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