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SANTA FE – New Mexico state health officials announced 72 additional positive tests for COVID-19 April 8.

McKinley County is now listed as one of seven New Mexico counties where the New Mexico Department of Health has detected community spread.

The most recent cases are:

20 new cases in Bernalillo County

1 new case in Chaves County

1 new case in Cibola County

4 new cases in Doña Ana County

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2 new cases in Eddy County

15 new cases in McKinley County

1 new case in Rio Arriba County

14 new cases in Sandoval County

9 new cases in San Juan County

2 new cases in Santa Fe County

2 new cases in Socorro County

1 new case in Valencia County

The Department of Health reported three additional deaths in New Mexico related to COVID-19 April 8.

Those cases are:

A male in his 90s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying medical issues.

A female in her 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying medical conditions.

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A second female in her 80s from Bernalillo County. The individual had underlying medical conditions.

The number of deaths in the state related to COVID-19 is now 16.

Including the above newly reported cases, New Mexico has now had a total of 865 positive tests for COVID-19.

Bernalillo County: 325

Catron County: 1

Chaves County: 16

Cibola County: 16

Curry County: 8

Doña Ana County: 39

Eddy County: 6

Grant County: 4

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Lea County: 2

Lincoln County: 1

Los Alamos County: 2

McKinley County: 70

Otero County: 3

Rio Arriba County: 7

Roosevelt County: 1

Sandoval County: 143

San Juan County: 116

San Miguel County: 1

Santa Fe County: 68

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Socorro County: 7

Taos County: 14

Torrance County: 7

Valencia County: 8

County totals are subject to change upon further investigation and determination of residency of individuals positive for COVID-19.

As of today, there are 59 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. This number does not include New Mexicans who tested positive for COVID-19 and may have been transferred to a hospital out of state.

As of today, there are 201 COVID-19 cases designated as having recovered by the New Mexico Department of Health.

The Department of Health has detected community spread in Bernalillo, Doña Ana, McKinley, Otero, Sandoval, San Juan, and Santa Fe counties and is investigating cases with no known exposure. The agency reports that given the infectious nature of the virus it is likely other residents are infected, but yet to be tested or confirmed positive.

Timeline of the virus in New Mexico

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**April 2:** State health officials announced 40 additional positive tests April 2, bringing the total to 403. There are 34 individuals hospitalized in New Mexico for COVID-19. The NMDOH reported one additional death April 1 of a female in her 70s in Bernalillo County. She had multiple underlying medical conditions. Also, a man in his 90s from Bernalillo County died April 2. The number of COVID-19-related deaths in the state is now seven. There are now 31 COVID-19 cases designated as having recovered.

**April 3:** New Mexico health officials announced 92 additional positive tests for COVID-19, bringing the total to 495. There are 41 individuals hospitalized in the state for the virus. Two deaths were reported - a man in his 80s from Bernalillo County and a man in his 70s from Sandoval County, both of whom had underlying medical problems. Thirty-four cases were designated as having recovered.

**April 4:** NMDOH has reported an additional 51 positive tests for COVID-19, bringing the total of cases to 543. There was one additional death of a man in his 60s from McKinley County. He had underlying medical conditions. His death brings the number of COVID-19 related deaths in New Mexico to 11. Fifty-four cases of the virus are designated as having recovered. On this date the governor's office urged small businesses to apply quickly for federal stimulus loans.

**April 5:** State health officials announced 81 additional positive tests for COVID-19. The cases include tests from the La Vida Llena long-term care facility in Albuquerque, where one additional resident and two additional staff members tested positive. One death was reported in McKinley County from COVID-19 - a man in his 40s who had underlying chronic medical conditions. The number of COVID-19- related deaths in the state is now 12. There are 130 cases designated as having recovered from the virus.

**April 6:** NMDOH announced 62 additional positive tests for COVID-19. The total now stands at 686. The additional positive tests include one resident and two staff members from the La Vida Llena long-term care facility in Albuquerque. There are no new deaths related to the virus. Recoveries designated by the health department number 133. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has officially extended her public health emergency order until at least April 30. The amended order further restricts business operations.

April 7: Health officials in New Mexico announced 109 additional positive tests for COVID-19,

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bringing the total to 794. The total includes 24 residents and 23 staff members from the La Vida Llena long-term care facility. Extensive testing in San Felipe and Zia pueblos found 52 positive cases in San Felipe and 31 in Zia. One additional death was counted – a man in his 30s from Bernalillo County who had underlying medical conditions. The number of COVID-19 related deaths is now 13. The state count for recoveries from the virus stands at 171.

**April 8:** State health officials announced 72 additional positive test results for COVID-19, bringing the total to 865. There are 59 people hospitalized in New Mexico for COVID-19. Three more deaths bring the number of virus-related fatalities to 16. They were all from Bernalillo County - a male in his 90s, a female in her 80s, and a second female in her 80s. All had underlying medical conditions. There are 201 recoveries from the virus designated by NMDOH.

New Mexicans who exhibit symptoms of COVID- 19 infection, should call their health care provider or the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline immediately at 1-855-600-3453.