COVID-19 in New Mexico: Epidemiologic and Modeling Update

September 1, 2020
New Mexico has the 36th highest number of cases per 100,000 population in the United States

COVID-19 prevalence per 100,000 population

New cases (Last 7 days) – August 23

New cases (Last 7 days) – August 30

*Excludes cases among inmates in state and federal corrections and detention centers

New Mexico COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection – September 1, 2020

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.

Source: Infectious Disease Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division 9.1.2020, New Mexico Department of Health.
Statewide R-effective has remained at 1.0 since last week.

As of August 23, 2020

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<th>95% Confidence Interval</th>
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The Southwest is the only region with a positive growth rate.

Metro Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
September 1, 2020

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Source: Infectious Disease Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division 9.1.2020, New Mexico Department of Health.
Northeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average

September 1, 2020

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Source: Infectious Disease Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division 9.1.2020, New Mexico Department of Health.
Northwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
September 1, 2020

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Source: Infectious Disease Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division 9.1.2020, New Mexico Department of Health.
Southeast Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average

September 1, 2020

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Source: Infectious Disease Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division 9.1.2020, New Mexico Department of Health.
Southwest Region Case Count by Collection Date with 7 Day Moving Average
September 1, 2020

Positive samples collected during this time may not yet be reported.
Travel and attendance at gatherings decreased last week, but may change with the new policies in the 8/28 Public Health Order.

As of August 31, 2020

Percent of Investigated Cases Reporting Activities

Week Specimen Collected

Activities

- Travel
- Visits to Restaurants and Breweries
- Visits to Gyms
- Visits to Places of Worship
- Attending Other Gatherings

Excludes Out-of-State Cases, Cases in Correctional Facilities, and Cases in Long-Term Care Facilities

As of August 31, 2020
The 18-34 and 35-64 year old age groups make up the highest percentage of cases each week.

As of August 31, 2020
Hispanic or Latino cases have steadily increased and made up ~60% of cases last week followed by White and American Indian or Alaska Native cases.
Hospitalizations have declined to <100 for the last 2 weeks.
Hospitalizations of patients 65 years and older may be on the rise, while the 18-34 and 35-64 year old groups appear to be declining.

As of August 31, 2020, hospitalizations may not yet be reported.
Hospitalizations of Hispanic or Latinos each week continues to increase, while American Indian or Alaska Natives and Whites decrease.

As of August 31, 2020, hospitalizations may not yet be reported.
COVID-19 Deaths by Week of Death, New Mexico

Deaths may not yet be reported.
Since June, the percentage of deaths in congregate care facilities has been 20-30%

Percentage of COVID-19 Deaths in Congregate Care Facilities by Month of Death, New Mexico

As of August 30, 2020
The percentage of deaths in Hispanic or Latinos has increased from 17% in June to 33% in August. In contrast, American Indian or Alaska Native deaths have decreased during that same time period from 65% to 40%.
Minimal changes in case fatality rates across regions

Note: Age-adjusted case fatality rates are adjusted to the current distribution of U.S. COVID-19 cases on 8/2. https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#demographics

Source: Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics and Infectious Disease Epidemiology Bureau, Epidemiology and Response Division, reporting through 8.30.2020, New Mexico Department of Health.
New Mexico Status Updates

• **Case count:** Statewide, the increase in daily case counts continues to decline.

• **Hospitalizations:** After a period of increase in July, hospitalizations are decreasing.

• **Deaths:** Deaths are declining.

• **Social distancing:** Cell phone data suggests the mobility of New Mexico residents has been stable, but this varies by region.

• **Contact tracing:** The median time to quarantine for contacts identified last week was 1.4 days.
Supplementary Slides
# Modeling Assumptions

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