



## Important Message from NACo Re: COVID-19

Latest Updates [COVID-19 County Response Efforts & Priorities](#)

### Financial Considerations for Counties

- For reimbursement of your emergency expenditures, you must **document, document, document** your expenses, personnel time, etc.!!
- Pay attention to your county cash flow, liquidity of investments, bond obligations, pension funds
- Evaluate your investment structure
- Keep an eye on your balance sheets related to the decisions being made

**Federal Aid Packages** – Congress has passed a third coronavirus package late Wednesday.

- **Managers:** If your county has passed a declaration of emergency, please email a copy to [research@naco.org](mailto:research@naco.org). Click [MAPS](#) to see which counties have declarations of emergency.

### Tips for Federal Aid

- Counties: work with your state association, community partners, Health & Human Services, and Center for Disease Control to access funds from federal to state to local government
- Work with your health agencies on the cost and reimbursement for counties on Medicaid
- FEMA Disaster Relief Fund – [FEMA COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Category B](#)  
Stay connected with your local FEMA office
- Health & Human Services and FEMA evaluating pandemic types of emergencies

### On Watch for Cybersecurity Attacks

- The Department of Health & Human Services was hacked
- Counties: work with employees and your IT to be on guard for fake emails, false information, especially while working remotely
- CISA Releases Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19  
<https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>

## President's coronavirus guidelines for America 15 Days to Slow The Spread

Listen to and follow directions of your **state and local authorities**

**If you feel sick**, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

**If your children are sick**, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

**If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus**, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work or go to school. Contact your medical provider.

**If you are an older person**, stay home, and away from other people.

**If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk**, (lung, heart, or weak immune system) stay home, away from people.

Link to [Annual Calendar](#)

All NMC non-essential in-person meetings have been canceled through April 6.

**Fri. Apr. 3** NMC Executive Committee Budget teleconference call, Time TBD

**Wed. Apr. 15** Advisory Council meeting 11 a.m. Doña Ana County

**Wed. Apr. 15** NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

**Fri. May 1** NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. McKinley County

**Wed. May 6** NMCIA Board meeting NMC Santa Fe office 8:30 a.m.

**Wed. May 13-15** WIR Annual Conference Mariposa County, CA

**Tues. June 23-26** NMC 84th Annual Conference Doña Ana County

**Mon. June 22-24** NM EDGE Classes Doña Ana County

**Thurs. June 25** NMC Board of Directors meeting 4:30 p.m. Doña Ana County



### NM Counties Website New Links

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

NM DOH <https://cv.nmhealth.org/>

Icountnm <https://www.icountnm.gov/resources/>

USCensus2020 <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

NACo County Explorer <https://ce.naco.org/> Click on MAPS, drop down to New at NACo, click on COVID-19, then Emergency Declarations by county

### NACo COVID-19 Resources Page

Includes Steps Counties Have Taken, County & State Emergency Declarations Map, County examples of Containment and Community Mitigation, Federal Legislation, and more.

**Link to Newest Governor's Order:** <https://www.governor.state.nm.us/2020/03/18/new-mexico-to-order-additional-closures-to-limit-spread-of-covid-19/>

**Link to NM DOH Orders in Effect Today:** <https://cv.nmhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/UPDATED-DOH-PHO-03-19-2020.pdf>

### Some Free Resources for Counties from NM DoIT:

**Internet Service Provider Emergency Services**  
[https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ISPsupportforhomeworkgap\\_v5.pdf](https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ISPsupportforhomeworkgap_v5.pdf)

**Resources for Educators and School Leaders**  
[https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/E-LearningandCovid-19\\_v3.pdf](https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/E-LearningandCovid-19_v3.pdf)

**Internet Essentials** is offering two months of free service to new eligible low income customers applying before April 30th 2020. After the initial two months they can continue with their internet services at \$9.95+ tax per month or discontinue connection at any time. Once approved it would take 5-7 days for the customer to get internet. For more information on this offer: [https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#thingstoknow&all\\_DoIliveinComcastarea](https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19#thingstoknow&all_DoIliveinComcastarea)

### NACo Webinars

**Thurs. Mar. 26 Supreme Court Midterm Webinar for States and Local Governments** 11 a.m. – Noon MT

**Tues. Mar. 31 Addressing Youth Substance Use at the County Level Through Policy and Practice**

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. MT

### NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to RSVP

**Tues. 4/7** PREA – Regional Training ABQ by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs **CANCELLED**

**Mon. 4/20-24** CIT Crisis Intervention Socorro, by Public Safety Psychology Group

**Mon. 4/27-28** CCI Civilian Crisis Intervention ABQ, by Public Safety Psychology Group

**Thurs. 5/7** Webinar Safety Committees and Safety Culture

**Tues. 5/12** NMC's Road Ready Safe Driving Instructor Development Santa Fe

**Wed. 5/13** PREA – Regional Training Farmington, by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

**Thurs. 5/14** Medic First Aid CPR Instructor Development, Albuquerque

**Wed. 5/20-21** OSHA 10-hour, Estancia

**Tues. 6/2-3** CCI Civilian Crisis Intervention T or C, by Public Safety psychology Group

**NACo continues** to advocate for counties on issues like HHS delay match requirements for the non-federal share of Medicaid and nutrition programs for children and elderly; DOL waiving requirements on pensions; funding muni bonds and redeploy revenue.

Check out the latest package passed by congress and signed by the president [HR 6201 second version](#).

### COVID-19 US Census 2020 Update

In the midst of dealing with this global pandemic, keeping state agencies going, and helping New Mexicans stay safe, the 2020 Census has **not** been cancelled and is still on the same timeframe with the exception of suspension of field operations until April 1, 2020.

### Guidance on Modifying Outreach Activities

Many of the previous outreach strategies relied on contacting people one on one and at large community events. Since most of these events have been cancelled and door to door outreach may seem less safe right now, we are asking all local CCCs to continue their push to get a complete and accurate count by pivoting strategies as necessary to still reach and motivate as many people as possible to fill out their Census form.

**Link to start online count:** <https://2020census.gov/>

### Use hashtags when posting to social media:

#icountnm #completecountnm #2020Census #CensusDay #NewMexico  
FB @ICountNM2020 Instagram @icountnm  
FB @nmcounties33