A message from New Mexico Counties Executive Director Steve Kopelman

New Mexico Counties has been working virtually around the clock to digest all of the information being disseminated regarding COVID-19. NMC has been providing counsel and guidance to all levels of county government on the wide variety of issues that have surfaced over the past few weeks. Yesterday NMC arranged a conference call with Governor Lujan Grisham and Department of Health Secretary Kunkel in which they responded to a number of questions raised by NMC to county directors members and county managers. NMC has been working closely with our member counties on employment issues raised by enactment of new federal legislation, Open Meetings Act questions, detention matters, health and safety issues, and others. It has been an extremely challenging and stressful time for our nation, and county government has been on the front lines working to keep our residents safe and to continue to provide essential services to our constituents.

Link to Annual Calendar

All NMC non-essential in-person meetings have been canceled through April 9. All other meetings will be addressed as the situation unfolds.

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 NMC Board meeting 9:30 a.m. NMDOH Santa Fe office
Fri. May 1 NMC Board of Directors meeting 9:30 a.m. McKinley County
Wed. May 6 NMC Board meeting NMC Santa Fe office
Wed. May 13-15 WRI Annual Conference Mariposa County, CA

Tues. June 23-26 NMC 66th Annual Conference Doña Ana County
Mon. June 22-24 NM EDGE Classics Doña Ana County
Thurs June 25 NMC Board of Directors meeting 4:30 p.m. Doña Ana County

NM Loss Prevention Trainings Link to RSVP
All other meetings will be addressed as the situation unfolds.

Thurs. 4/23 FEMA: Regional Training ABQ by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs CANCELLED
Mon. 4/20-30 OTJJ Crisis Intervention: Zoom, by Public Safety Psychology Group
Mon. 4/27-30 NM MT Crisis Intervention ARQ by Public Safety Psychology Group

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

Tues. 5/12 NMC: A Readily Safe Driving Instructor Development Santa Fe
Wed. 5/13 NMC: Regional Training Farmington, by NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs

Thurs. 5/14: Medic First Aid CPR Instructor Development, Albuquerque
Wed. 5/20-30 OHSA 10/8 hour, Espanola

Thurs. 5/21-22 CJ CI Civilian Crisis Intervention 7 or C, by Public Safety Psychology Group

COUNTIES PLAN FOR ELECTION CHANGES DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Social distancing protocols will create challenges for counties at election time, ranging from shortages of poll workers to providing additional voting options and keeping polling locations clean. (NACo.org)

Census Bureau pauses field operations, extends completion deadline
To slow the spread of coronavirus among workers and the public, the 2020 census field operations are suspended until April 1 and the deadline to complete the census is now extended to August 14, (NACo.org)

Other operational adjustments
FEMA Response Rates by State

Census Sample Budget for CCC

April 8-18: Households will receive a third reminder letter and paper questionnaire

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

Use hashtags when posting to social media:
#IcountNM  #WeCountNM    #2020Census

NM County Websites Links
NM DOH: https://cv.nmhealth.org/
NACoNM: https://www.nacornm.gov/ resources/
USCensus2020: https://2020census.gov/en
NACoCounty Explorer https://ce.naco.org/ Click on MAPS, COVID-19, Declarations
REAL ID extended to 10/1/2021

NM NACo Webinars/Conferences
Wed. March 31 1 p.m. MT
Wed. Apr. 1 Cyber Security in A Time of Crisis: Tech Resources 1-2 p.m. MT
Wed. Apr. 8 Crisis Communication during COVID-19 Outbreak Social distancing protocols will create challenges for counties at election time, ranging from shortages of poll workers to providing additional voting options and keeping polling locations clean. (NACo.org)

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