

## 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 board of 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, among 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.

### Latest draft notes on [CARES Act S3548](#)

#### FEDERAL AGENCY RESOURCES

FEMA: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures](#)

FEMA: [Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances](#)

FEMA: [Public Assistance: Non-Congregate Sheltering Delegation of Authority](#)

FEMA [Advisory March 26, 2020](#)

U.S. Department of Labor: [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employee Expanded Family and Medical Leave Rights](#)

U.S. Department of Labor: [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Expanded Family and Medical Leave Requirements](#)

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) (H.R. 6201)

[USDA Rural Development Resource](#)

[Johns Hopkins U MAP by County](#)

### 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 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

## STATE RESOURCES

[Small Business Disaster Assistance](#)

[NM DOH Order in Effect 8 a.m. March 24, 2020](#)

[Latest NM Orders](#)

[State to use emergency alert system for important communications](#)

For the latest NACo resources on COVID-19, visit [www.NACo.org/coronavirus](http://www.NACo.org/coronavirus)

**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.

## NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to [RSVP](#) All other meetings will be addressed as the situation unfolds

~~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~~



### NM Counties Website 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, COVID-19, Declarations

**REAL ID** extended to **10/1/2021**

### NACo Webinars/Conferences

Tues. Mar. 31 [Addressing Youth Substance Use at the County Level Through Policy and Practice](#) 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. MT

Wed. Apr. 1 [Cyber Security in a Time of Crisis: Tech Resources](#) 1-2 p.m. MT

WIR Conference CANCELLED

Post your county happenings on our FB page! [www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts](https://www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts)  
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Search County Employment Opportunities or enter new job posts [here](#) for up to 30 days.

New Employee? Submit [here](#) add/delete/replace to directory.

## COUNTIES PLAN FOR ELECTION CHANGES AMID 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, 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 [HERE](#)

[Response Rates by State](#)

[Census Sample Budget for CCCs](#)

**April 8-16:** Households will receive a third reminder letter and paper questionnaire

Link to start online count:

<https://2020census.gov/>

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