

An update from New Mexico Counties Executive Director Steve Kopelman

New Mexico Counties continues to provide guidance and assistance to our member counties in a wide variety of matters arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. This week we held a conference call with Taxation and Revenue Secretary Stephanie Schardin Clarke, our Treasurers, and county managers regarding timing on the payment of property and gross receipts taxes and other issues affecting counties. We communicated with the Governor's office to ensure counties are notified on COVID-19 cases prior to press releases. On Friday we will hear from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance Administration concerning budget preparation for FY2021. Our staff has presented an in depth session to our human resources affiliate on the federal legislative changes affecting employment matters, and today our staff, along with representatives of the Department of Health, will be presenting to the detention affiliate. To date, 20 county commissions have approved emergency declarations, which will be necessary as federal funding becomes available. We are now working with DFA and LFC on future distribution of federal funds. NMC staff has been busy focusing on our mission: assisting and supporting our county members.

RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES

NACo [comprehensive analysis](#) CARES Act

Counties/COVID-19 [Safer at Home Orders](#)

U.S. DOL Families First Coronavirus Response Act [Q & A](#)

WH [30 Days to Slow the Spread](#)

FEMA

[FCC chairman proposes new telehealth program with COVID-19 Congressional relief funding](#)

Help eligible health care providers purchase telecommunications, broadband connectivity and devices for telehealth services.

[FY 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program](#)

Funding to assist eligible states, local, and tribes in preventing/preparing/responding to COVID-19. Allowable include overtime, equipment (law enforcement & medical PPE), hiring, supplies (gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses, & addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal facilities.

Social Distancing Scoreboard [MAP](#) See where your county rates among others in NM.

Check out pictures and videos for the Census Day Virtual Fiesta April 1st [FB Event](#)

As of 3/31/2020:

National Census Self Response 38.4%

New Mexico Self Response 28.3%

Top 5 Counties Self Response: Los Alamos County 53.4%, Bernalillo County 37.8%, Chaves County 36.3%, Sandoval County 35.6%, and Valencia County 32.0%

Census 2020 [Self Response Map by County](#)

[County-installed hotspots bring broadband to rural areas](#)

[Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency releases updated essential workers guidance for states and localities](#)

[National County Government Month takes on new meaning amid coronavirus pandemic](#)

There is no clearer demonstration of this year's National County Government Month theme — Counties Matter — than the public health emergency we are facing across the country.

NACo Webinars/Conferences

Fri. July 17-20 NACo Annual Conference Orange County, FL

Post your county happenings on our FB page!

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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.

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Link to [Annual Calendar](#)

All NMC non-essential in-person meetings have been canceled through April 30. All other meetings will be addressed as the situation unfolds.

Fri. Apr. 3 NMC Executive Committee Budget 10 a.m. teleconference call

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Congratulations Graduates!

NM Counties, The Grants Collective, and the Talent Academy announces its first graduates! Graduates attended a six-month program tailored to county specific grant writing education. Attendees will also receive advisory and trouble-shooting grant writing support for their county over the next year and will receive a one-year subscription to the Cooperative Network site that includes grant notices, grant writing best-practices, tools and other information.

L:R: Nikki Lovett, Curry County; Glenda Allen, Lincoln County; Justeen Martinez, Socorro County; Carol Flores, Roosevelt County; Virginia Lee, Sierra County; Amanda Rael, Taos County; Judy Horacek, Cibola County; Christina Caltagirone, Rio Arriba County; Aelysea Webb, NM Counties

Other participants not pictured: Ben Roberts, Curry County; Roberta Smith, Eddy County; Gilbert Helton, Grant County; Laura Garcia, Luna County; Vidal Martinez, San Miguel County; Lupe Martinez, Taos County