



## An update from New Mexico Counties Executive Director Steve

**Kopelman:** The COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc and destruction. We are hoping the number of cases will peak shortly and that there will be light at the end of this very dark tunnel. The New Mexico Counties Executive Committee met telephonically last Friday and voted to cancel the June annual conference in Doña Ana County. On Tuesday the New Mexico Supreme Court will hear oral arguments (and hopefully render a decision) on the petition filed by 26 county clerks to have the upcoming primaries be substantially an all-

mail in election. The state Republican party has intervened and is opposing the petition. Finally, we are pleased to announce a federal court decision in a multicounty case that Brandon Huss and the New Mexico Counties legal bureau have been defending on behalf of several county sheriffs regarding registration of sex offenders. Judge Parker agreed with both arguments we raised in our motion to dismiss and the claims brought against sheriffs represented by the legal bureau have been dismissed. This decision provides important support for arguments we have been pursuing in relation to individual liability of county elected officials for official capacity claims. The bottom line: this was a big victory for county government!

### RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES

FEMA [GUIDANCE SUPPLY PROCUREMENT](#)

SBA [IMMEDIATE RELIEF SUPPORT](#) for Disaster Loan and Paycheck Protection

NM Workforce Solutions [UNEMPLOYMENT](#)

CDBG [ASSISTANCE](#)

New Mexico True [RESOURCE HUB](#)

New Mexico True Google [DMO PROGRAM](#)

New Mexico True [ECONOMIC IMPACT](#)

### "Zoom-bombing" = Hijacked Teleconf.

- No meetings public; in Zoom require password or use waiting room
  - Do not share a link on social media
  - Manage screensharing to "Host Only"
  - Ensure users using updated version app
  - Ensure your organization's telework policy or guide addresses requirements for physical and information security
- ~FBI.gov

### Link to [Annual Calendar](#)

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

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

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

**Fri. May 1** — NMC Board of Directors meeting 10:00 a.m. Teleconference call

**Wed. May 6** — NMCIA Board meeting Time TBD Teleconference call

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

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

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

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

**Fri. Aug. 7** — NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. Otero County

**Wed. Aug. 19** — NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

### NM EDGE Wants Your Input

In order to continue our commitment to you of Better Government through Education, we'd like to hear which classes you want to see possibly offered live online in the months of May and June. You will need access to:

- Internet, computer device w/camera, microphone
- Pre and post tests online
- Response within 48 hours after email notification

Please fill out the

[Input Survey](#)



### As of 4/7/2020:

National Census Self Response **46.2%**  
New Mexico Self Response **35.2%**  
Top Counties Self Response: Los Alamos **64.6%**, Bernalillo **46.7%**, Sandoval **43.9%**, Chaves **43%**

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

**NACo: New COVID-19 Resources, Issues Calls to Action on Key Congressional Efforts (Links below)**

[NACo Coronavirus Resource Page](#)

[NACo's Preliminary Analysis of 3rd Congressional Aid Package \\$2 T Federal Aid](#)

[NACo Presentation on Federal Actions/ Counties Role in COVID-19](#)

### NACo Webinars TODAY

**Thurs. Apr. 9** [Nationwide Insights: Economic & CARES Act Impacts](#) Noon-1 p.m. MDT

**Thurs. Apr. 9** [Caring for an aging population during COVID-19](#) 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. MDT

Post your county happenings on our FB page! [www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts](http://www.facebook.com/pg/nmcounties33/posts)  
Follow us on Twitter [@nmcounties33](https://twitter.com/nmcounties33)

Search County Employment Opportunities or enter new job posts [here](#) for up to 30 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Thurs. 6/11-12** CCI Civilian Crisis Intervention Las Vegas, by Public Safety Psychology Group **TBD**

**Thurs. 6/18-19** Intro to Interview & Interrogation Albuquerque, by Public Safety Psychology Group **TBD**

**Tues. 6/30 Webinar**—Effective Employee Discipline

**REMINDER:** NM Department of Health has established a dedicated number for law enforcement, first responders, and detention who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or to someone who is or claims to be COVID-10 positive:

- Questions: 24-hour hotline 505-231-6740, select option #1
- Visit a COVID-19 testing site or call a local Public Health Office to schedule testing <https://cvprovider.nmhealth.org/directory.html>

### Cyber Risk & Mobile Workforce ???

- How are remote worker's home router/network configured?
- Do they patch?
- Is there 2 Factor Authentication on all devices?
- Using complex passwords of 12-14 characters?
- Encrypted passwords for executives, finance, IT, and attorneys?
- What to do with a data breach?

[CYBER THREATS](#) ~Gallagher/AIG