

**The Pandemic's Impact May Change our Behavior Forever** The economic impact of the pandemic has had a profound impact on the livelihood and health of individuals and small businesses. According to several studies, 60% of Gen Z and millennials are extremely concerned about threats to their health and 40% of baby boomers share a similar perspective; 88% of organizations have encouraged or required their employees to work from home; 61% plan to continue watching more news after the pandemic has ended; 55% will prioritize more time with family; 45% of adults report their mental health has been negatively impacted due to worry and stress over the virus; and 90% of individuals say money has had an impact on their stress levels. Employers are able to guide the transition into this new normal by offering benefits that help address new issues like financial burdens. **TrueConnect** is a voluntary financial wellness benefit that offers affordable, low-risk loans at no cost to the employer, and automated through payroll deductions. For details on **TrueConnect**, contact Susan Mayes, [smayes@nmcounties.org](mailto:smayes@nmcounties.org).

## Navajo Nation and Its Battle with COVID-19

Spanning portions of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, the 27,000 square mile Navajo Nation is home to 180,000 people served by just 13 grocery stores and four hospitals. An estimated 40% of reservation households are without running water and/or electricity. Before COVID-19 arrived, Native Americans were already at a distinct disadvantage. According the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, broken treaties with the federal government have left many reservations without adequate access to clean water, plumbing, electricity, internet, cell service, roads, public transportation, housing, hospitals, and schools.

The first case of COVID-19 was reported on March 17 and within days the number was well over 100. Officials on the reservation say a lack of infrastructure makes communicating with constituents difficult. Because they don't have electricity, most families rely on non-perishable goods. Some are convinced that many of the Navajo's problems are due to lack of basic resources. ~Governing.com  
Link to tracking [COVID-19 Response](#)

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#)  
**NMC Loss Prevention Trainings** Link to [RSVP](#)

- Mon. Jul 31 LP Leadership Ethics and Positive decision Making Online Class 8 a.m. - Noon
- Fri. Aug 7 NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m. Otero County Virtual
- Mon. Aug 10-14 LP CIT Crisis Intervention, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Public Safety Psychology Group, Raton TBD
- Wed. Aug 19 NMCIA Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office TBD
- Thur. Aug 20 LP Webinar On-the-Job Training and Field Training Officers (Detention)
- Wed. Sept. 9 Legislative Initiatives Review w/Legislative Committee 11 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office TBD
- Mon. Sept. 21-25 NM EDGE Classes Albuquerque TBD
- Thur. Oct. 1-2 NMC Board of Directors Legislative meeting 2 p.m. & Board meeting 8:30 a.m. Rio Arriba County TBD
- Thur. Oct. 22-23 Wildland Urban Fire Summit Virtual TBD
- Wed. Oct. 28-29 NMCIA Retreat & Board meeting TBD
- Thur. Nov. 5 NMC Executive Committee meeting 2 p.m. NMC Santa Fe office TBD
- Fri. Nov. 6 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative Meeting 9 a.m. Santa Fe County TBD

## Update Leave Non-Response Follow Up Begins August 22, 2020-October 31, 2020



**NEW!** [2020 Census Total Self-Response by State/County/City Rankings](#)

**NEW!** [Subsidized Housing Map Response](#)



## EPA announces new funding for water infrastructure projects

The new funding could provide up to \$6 billion in loans and leverage over \$12 billion for water infrastructure projects. Those seeking WIFIA credit assistance must submit a [letter of interest](#) (LOI) and all required documents emailed to [wifia@epa.gov](mailto:wifia@epa.gov). The application deadline is 90 days after being posted. Apply [HERE](#)



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## RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES

### Western Drought Resilience Workshop

August 12, 2020 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. MDT, Free  
Gain new knowledge on differential impacts from drought to ranching across the West, Climate modeling and forecasting, partnerships for envisioning new resources for future drought preparedness. Questions? Email Maude Dinan, [mdinan@nmsu.edu](mailto:mdinan@nmsu.edu).

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### Counties are affected by aqueous film-foaming foam (AFFF)

A fire suppressant widely used at municipal airports and military bases to combat jet fuel spills is contaminating water supplies.

Fri Jul 24 [Counties Investing CRF \\$ Support Small Businesses/Nonprofits](#) Noon-1 p.m.

Thur Jul 30 [Counties & CARES: Leveraging Outside Help, Maximize Fed'l Funding](#) Noon-1 p.m.