

## **News Brief**

July 30, 2020

Tennessee Utility to Install UV Lighting for COVID-19 Protection The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is offering financial assistance to schools and businesses to install ultraviolet lighting that could minimize the spread of COVID-19. The utility will budget \$500,000 for the installations. As America's biggest public utility (covering a seven-state region), TVA is backing a decades-old technology that could zap the virus pathogens out of the air in public places. It is offering financial aid for schools, restaurants, nursing homes, and other buildings with public places to install ultraviolet germicidal irradiation lights in air ducts to minimize the spread of airbone microorganisms such as COVID-19. The technology uses UV-C light, which is a short wavelength ultraviolet light much like concentrated sunlight for disinfection. Sunlight disinfects, and the UV part of its spectrum is particularly effective at knocking out airborne pathogens. To help purify the air from the virus without exposing humans to harmful intense ultraviolet light, the UVGI lights are installed within metal air ducts, killing the virus as the air is circulated into heating/air conditioning. The CDC recommends the use of UVGI as one of the effective technologies to minimize the spread of airborne microorganisms. ~Governing.com



National Association of Counties President Gary Moore reappointed Sandoval County Treasurer Laura M. Montoya to her fifth term as Vice-Chair of Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs Steering

Committee. Active in NACo since 2014, Montoya also completed five years as the Chair of the Next Generation Network.



NACo President reappointed Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna C. Hansen as the subcommittee Vice Chair of the Environment, Energy, & Land Use Steering Committee. Hansen also serves on the Arts

and Culture Commission, Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, and the Resilient Counties Advisory Board.

NACo President appointed Grant County Detention Administrator Michael Carillo as the subcommittee Vice Chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. Carillo also serves on the

Immigration Reform Task Force, the Membership Standing Committee, the Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, and the Veterans and Military Services Committee.
Congratulations to all!!!

Link to NMC Meetings <u>Annual Calendar</u> **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 10:30 a.m. Otero County /Zoom

Mon. Aug 10–14 LP CIT Crisis Intervention, 8 a.m. 5 p.m.
Public Safety Psychology Group, Raton TBD

**Wed. Aug 19-20** 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

Mon. Sept. 21–25 NM EDGE Classes Albuquerque Online

**Tue. Sept. 29 LP Webinar** Cyber Security—What Every User Should Know

Thur. Oct. 1-2 NMC Board of Directors Legislative meeting 2

p.m. & Board meeting 8:30 a.m. Rio Arriba County **TBD** 

Committee 11 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office **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.

Update Leave Non-Response Follow Up Begins August 22, 2020-October 31, 2020 Center for Civic Policy Trainings are available to help improve your organization's census outreach and learn tactics that will help you in the long-term! Watch the CCP Trainings

NEW! 2020 Census Total Self-Response by State/County/City Rankings

**NEW!** Subsidized Housing Map Response

<u> View 2020 Response Rate Dashboard</u>

US 2020 Census Self-Response Map

New Mexico State Printing & Graphics

**NACo's** <u>survey</u> of Americans receiving unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 crisis finds that caregiving responsibilities have increased, caregiving is a major hindrance to getting back to work, and paid leave could help erase the return to the workforce for millions:

- 52% of parents quit jobs, went on UI, due to child care provider or school closures
- 94% of workers on UI did not know or have option of using paid leave (under the emergency leave provisions of Families First Act)
- 23% of UI recipients are not looking for work; caregiving is a huge reason why
- Paid leave can help provide a way out of this trap benefiting minority workers: 73% of Black and 67% of Hispanic workers would RTW if they had access to paid family leave

## NMC Board Officers and NACo Representative Candidates

NMC President Elect: Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover

NMC Vice President: Valencia County Commissioner Jonathan Aragon, Santa Fe County Commissioner Henry Roybal, Doña Ana County Commissioner Shannon Reynolds NACo Representative: Sandoval County Treasurer Laura Montoya, Santa Fe County Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County Commissioner Anna Hansen

On **Friday August 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**, the NMC Board of Directors will host a Zoom board meeting which will include the election of officers and the NACo representative. Each candidate will be allowed to make a brief presentation prior to the elections.

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## **RESOURCES FOR COUNTIES**

**EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance** 

Purpose: For economic disruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic. Examples: Economic recovery and resiliency planning, entrepreneurial support programs, and completing public works projects to support economic recovery (e.g. broadband deployment to support telehealth and remote learning); to fund 80 to 100% of project costs. First come, first serve funding \$1.5 billion.

NACo High Performance Leadership
Nine counties still have the first person full
scholarship (FREE) waiting for the taking:
Catron, Curry, De Baca, Harding, Lea, Lincoln,
Mora, Rio Arriba, and Torrance Counties.

Spots are available for the 12-week September 14-December 18, 2020 online classes. See <u>Course Outline Here.</u> Contact Ben Graves <u>beng@pdaleadership.com</u>

## Contact Your U.S. Senators

Contact your U.S. Senators today and urge them to support additional direct and flexible funding for counties of all sizes. <u>Click here</u> to access NACo's advocacy talking points.

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