



HB 4 heads to the Senate after passing the House 39-29. All the Republicans voted no along with 5 Democrats (Castellano, Herrera, Lente, Madrid & Sweetser). The bill was assigned to two committees: Senate Health and Public Affairs and Senate Judiciary Committees. We are also following **SB 376**, besides hundreds of bills, which would make changes to the state Tort Claims Act and prohibit the use of qualified immunity in some instances.

February 18—Today deadline for bill introduction

March 20—Session ends (noon)

April 9—Legislation not acted upon by governor is pocket vetoed

June 18—Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date

September or October 2021 -- Special Session for Redistricting

Questions? Contact Brian (505) 670-9311, Steve (505) 469-5584, or Grace (505) 690-6319

To keep up with the latest legislative session, bills, etc., please visit the NMLR website at <https://www.nmlr.com>. Once you login, you will see a button to click on for the latest NMC Legislative Report.


If you are not logged in, you may click <https://www.nmcounties.org/advocacy/legislative-priorities/> to read the latest report on the NMC website.



ICYMI, Bernalillo County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, Manager Julie Morgas Baca, and Director of Behavioral Health Services Margarita Chavez-Sanchez shine for NACo webinar about their behavioral health resource management and re-entry platform!

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

- Sat Feb 20 NMC Board of Directors meeting, 8:30AM
- Thu Feb 25 Executive Committee teleconference 11AM
- Thu Mar 4 Executive Committee teleconference 11AM
- Thu Mar 4-5 Online LP CPR Instructor Development
- Mon Mar 8-26 NACo Virtual Legislative Conference
- Thu Mar 11 Executive Committee teleconference 11AM
- Wed Mar 17-18 Online Road Ready Instructor Development
- Sat Mar 20 Legislative Session ends Noon
- Tue Mar 23 Online LP Effective Employee Discipline, 10AM-Noon
- March TBD NM EDGE Classes TBD
- Wed Mar 24-25 NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM-12:30PM each day
- Wed Mar 24 Online LP First Aid/CPR Certification
- Thu Apr 1 Executive Committee Budget meeting 9AM
- Wed Apr 14 Advisory Council meeting 11 AM TBD
- Wed Apr 14-15 Online LP Road Ready Instructor Development
- Wed Apr 21,22 Legislative meeting 10AM Bernalillo County 4/21 & Doña Ana County 4/22
- Tue Apr 27 Online LP Effective Employee Discipline, 10AM-Noon
- Wed Apr 28,29 Legislative meeting 10AM San Miguel County 4/28 & Chaves County 4/29
- Wed Apr 28 Online First Aid/CPR Certification
- Fri May 7 NMC Board of Directors meeting, 8:30AM
- Wed May 12-13 NMCIA Pool Board meeting 8:30AM-12:30PM each day



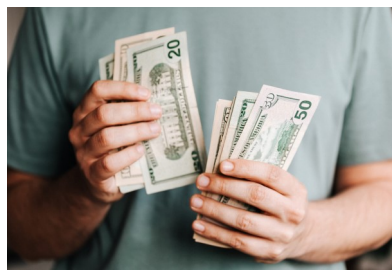
NM COVID-19 Update
[Link to Ex. Order Travel Requirement Phase Out](#)

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Link to [Red to Green Framework](#)
 Link to [NM DOH Dashboard by County](#)

- NM ranks 3rd nationally for doses administered per 100,000 residents
- NM ranks 6th lowest test positivity rate

[County Map on Vaccination Doses](#)
[NACo Track of COVID Vaccine Administration](#)
[Vaccinenm.org](#) or call 855-600-3453



TrueConnect Small Loan Program Benefits Counties
 Thirteen New Mexico counties are taking advantage of the TrueConnect

voluntary small loan program for mortgage down payments or other financial help instead of using payday loans. Contact Susan Mayes, smayes@nmcounties.org for your county.

- ⇒ Average loan size @\$1,800; average employee salary @\$40k; usage over 4,000 NM county employees
- ⇒ Top 5 counties' usage: Doña Ana 100%, Torrance 65%, San Miguel 47%, Eddy 44%, Valencia 41%


Biden Administration announces federal retail pharmacy program

The program will allow eligible people to receive vaccinations at one of 21 national pharmacy partners. The initial Federal retail pharmacy partner in New Mexico is Walgreens.

Biweekly White House updates


Please join NACo and White House officials for biweekly national member calls beginning this Thursday, Feb. 18, and hear the latest updates on COVID-19 relief and vaccine distribution. [Register](#) for the Noon MST call.

Otero County Emergency Services braved snow and frigid temps for vaccinations for 1200 registered local residents



This event was scheduled through NM DOH Aging/Long-term Health and manpower was provided by Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center. This was a closed event vaccinating 610 on Saturday and 528 on Sunday. Counties Matter!


Come join us!
NM EDGE is presenting
 Spring Honing Your **NM EDGE**



FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME OR OFFICE
 LIVE AND ONLINE CLASSES

IS FOR TRAINING TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
 MARCH 9 - MARCH 30, 2021

Click for class schedule
[Spring Roadmap](#)
 Starting March 9



NEW! USDA Temporarily Suspends Debt Collections, Foreclosures and Other Activities on Farm Loans for Distressed Borrowers

Due to the national public health emergency caused by COVID-19, the USDA announced the temporary suspension of past-due debt collections and foreclosures for distressed borrowers under the Farm Storage Facility Loan and the Direct Farm Loan programs administered by the Farm Service Agency.

NEW! PNM COVID Relief Program for Small Businesses and Nonprofits

[The Rural Economic Development Toolkit](#)

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