Ten years ago, a deadly infectious disease killed more than 36,000 Americans. The next year, it killed the oil and gas industry. And over the following eight years, the same disease caused between 22,000 and 62,000 deaths. That disease is influenza—also known as the flu—and it ranks among the 15 leading causes of death in the United States. In the coming months, COVID will probably resemble, as a result of vaccinations and growing natural immunity, what the flu is like. The vaccines are on track, eventually, to produce something that looks a lot like normalcy. The rare exceptions won’t diminish something that looks a lot like normalcy.

Elderly & Long-Term Care
COVID-19 and long-term care facilities are the most vulnerable to COVID-19. It is critical that we address this vulnerable population and provide the appropriate care and support. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have provided guidelines for long-term care facilities, including enhanced infection control measures, personal protective equipment (PPE), and vaccination plans. It is important to ensure that these guidelines are followed and that resources are available to support these facilities.

Lea County official addresses the Congressional Western Caucus
NM Counties Past President Lea County Commission Chair Rebecca Long testified before the Congressional Western Caucus this morning regarding Biden’s executive order on pausing new federal oil leases and how it affects the oil and gas industry in New Mexico. View the video of Commissioner Long’s testimony here: https://nmcformativesources.com/news/new-mexico-counties-past-president-lea-county-commission-chair-rebecca-long-testifies-before-congressional-western-caucus-on-pausing-new-federal-oil-leases/

New Mexico Revenue & Expenditure Study
The Eddy County Commission recently sponsored a research effort, through the New Mexico State University’s Arrowhead Center, to develop statewide county-level analysis of the per capita revenue and expenditure contributions for 2015-2019. This report and this study demonstrates the significance of New Mexico county contributions and the critical role they play in the financial health and well-being of the state. We encourage you to review the specific data provided for your county. If you have any questions regarding this effort, please reach out to Eddy County Manager Allen Davis at adavis@co.eddy nm.us. Read/download the full report here: https://www.nmcounties.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/New-Mexico-Revenue-Expenditure.pdf

NM Board and Executive Committee Actions: Other Actions:
- Motion to allow the meetings coordinator to move the annual conference dates back to the end of summer in hopes of having an in-person conference.
- Support: HB 467) Tourism Marketing and Career Advancement Program
- SB 48 Stricter Voter Registration and Election Procedures
- HB 241 Urgent Mutual Domestic Water System Project Set Aside
- Oppose: HB 468 Coronavirus and Workers’ Compensation
- SB 376 Protect Qualified Immunity for Law Enforcement
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