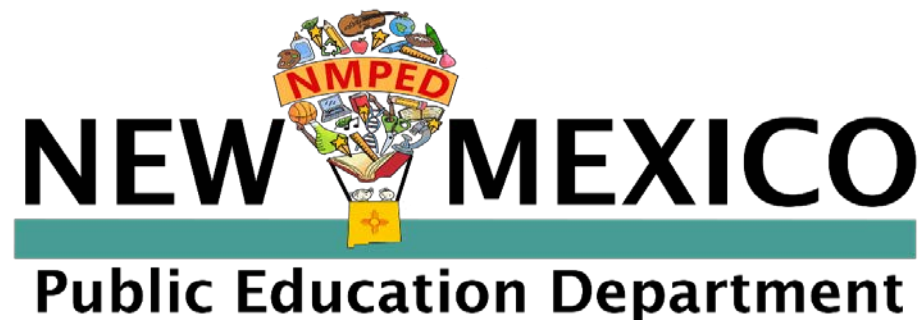


COVID-19 Rapid Response

New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED)

Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau

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PED Rapid Response

Rapid Response is a mediation strategy to reduce transmission of COVID-19 that includes protocols for

- Data collection
- Quarantine
- Testing
- Facility closure
- Community notification

Rapid Response Overview

- Report to PED - 505.476.5825
- Report to NMENV (if staff) – within 4 hours
- Complete online reporting form – within 6 hours
- Isolate positive cases and quarantine close contacts
- Notify staff and families
- Close, clean and disinfect affected areas

Lab-Confirmed Cases

The PED's Rapid Response hotline is for reporting lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in PreK – 12 schools.

For questions pertaining to COVID-19 in schools, please contact

- DOH – Coronavirus Hotline 1-855-600-3453
- School Health Advocates

Planning/Preparation

Each school's COVID-19 point of contact should have the following information ready prior to a school initiating hybrid or full reentry models of instruction:

- Current contact information and emergency contacts for students
- Student schedules and attendance data
- Cohort rosters
- Class lists for each teacher
- Bus rosters: drivers, students, buses, and attendance
- Out-of-school time program (including athletics) participant lists that include location, program sponsors and program attendance
- Staff and contractor attendance and contact information
- Household member information for students and staff

Process for Reporting: COVID 19 Hotline

- 505.476.5825 for lab-confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in schools
- Hotline operators are available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Hotline operator will ask a few initial questions and provide initial guidance
- The hotline operator will email you a link to a secure online form for reporting details on the case and for reporting close contacts
- If an operator isn't available, or if operators are busy, then the hotline accepts voicemail which is regularly checked

Process for Reporting: Employees

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in employees must also be reported to NMENV

- within four hours
- through
 - Email at NMENV-OSHA@state.nm.us; or
 - Call (505) 476-8700; or
 - FAX (505) 476-8734

Additional information on reporting COVID-19 cases to NMENV:

- <https://www.env.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020-08-07-OHSB-Emergency-rule-faqs.pdf>

Identify Close Contacts

Close contacts are people who:

- shared a classroom with the positive individual (student/teacher/staff/contractor), *OR*
- shared a cohort with the positive individual, *OR*
- shared a bus with the positive individual, *OR*
- came within 6 feet of the positive individual for 3 minutes or longer

***Mask wearing does not change the definition of close contact.

PPE/Close Contacts

Close contact where necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn properly for droplet and/or aerosol precautions by a healthcare provider (including a school nurse or health assistant), as required for COVID-19, is NOT considered an exposure, and does not require quarantine.

Necessary PPE for non-aerosol generating procedures includes: a medical mask, face shield or goggles, gown and gloves

Necessary PPE for aerosol generating procedures includes: a fit-tested N95/KN95, face shield or goggles, gown and gloves

Quarantine & Testing

Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 individual must:

- if in school building, be sent home
- if asymptomatic quarantine for 14 days from exposure
- if symptoms develop, self-isolate for 10 days after symptom onset AND until 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications AND until symptoms improved
- get tested for COVID-19 (7-10 days after starting quarantine or after symptom onset)
 - employees to provide date of test and test result

The School's COVID-19 Point of Contact must:

- ensure that any house-hold members of the lab-confirmed COVID-19 individual who are associated with the same, or other schools, are also sent home for quarantine and testing

***A negative test result is not a PED prerequisite for returning to school

***A negative test does not reduce the period of quarantine/self-isolation for close contacts

Online Reporting Form

- Your contact information as the district COVID point of contact (phone and email)
- Reentry model
- Name and address of the school or district site that the infected person physically occupied
- Date and time employer was notified of the positive test(s)
- Last date positive employee or student was in the school or district site
- Date positive employee/student began to self-isolate
- Name, phone number and email of principal or director
- Number of all staff/contractors who were in the building on the date of positive case notification
- Number of students who were in the building on the date of positive case notification

Online Reporting Form Continued

- Type of School: Public, Charter, BIE, State Supported or Private
- Role of the positive individual (e.g. student, teacher, school administrator, food service, custodian)
- If student – State ID number
- If student: what grade is the positive student in?
- Birthdate of the positive individual
- Home mailing address, email address and phone number of the positive individual (if student – parent info)

Online Reporting Form Continued

- Have you notified NMENV if employee case?
- What date were families notified of the positive case? If they have not been notified yet, what date will they be notified? *Please use the Positive Case Letter template provided in this Toolkit on your school/district letterhead.*
- What date were staff notified of the positive case? If they have not been notified yet, what date will they be notified? *Please use the Positive Case Letter template provided in this Toolkit on your school/district letterhead.*
- Which parts of the school site or building did/will you close?

****notification not required if positive case was not infectious while at school*

Online Reporting Form Continued

- Is the case related to an earlier case at your school that you know of?
- If the case is related to an earlier case, on what date was the school notified of the earlier case?
- Is your school keeping students in separate cohorts?
- If you are cohorting, how many individuals are in the affected cohorts?
- How many student, and how many staff close contacts were identified?
- On what date did the school/impacted area reopen?
- How long was/is the school (fully or partially) closed?
- Name and contact information for all close contacts of lab-confirmed cases

Household members

For students, staff and contractors who report that they have a positive COVID-19 individual in their house-hold:

- Contact the relevant school-health advocate to verify that the household member has a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19
- If verified, send the student, staff or contractor home to:
 - quarantine for 14 days from exposure if asymptomatic
 - If symptoms develop: self-isolate for 10 days after symptom onset AND until 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication AND until improving symptoms
 - get tested for COVID-19 (7-10 days after beginning quarantine or at symptom onset)
 - employees to provide date of test and test result

Closure

Consult with PED Rapid Response and School Health Advocate on closure considerations.

Cases

1+ in a classroom:

2+ in classrooms:

Remediation

Close classroom. Wait 24 hrs. Clean and disinfect.

Close classrooms/wing. Wait 24 hours. Clean and disinfect.

Spaces closed due to COVID-19 should be aired out. Once disinfected the closed spaces may be re-opened for use.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Symptoms include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

- If experiencing symptoms stay at home
- If at school and experiencing symptoms go home
 - Go to isolation area if not able to leave immediately
- Get tested (required for staff, strongly encouraged for students)
 - If negative stay home until fever free (without fever-reducing meds) for 24 hours AND symptoms are improving
 - If positive (or if not tested) stay home until 10 days after symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free (without fever-reducing meds) AND symptoms are improving

Chronic Symptoms

- Staff with chronic conditions such as asthma or allergies
 - Bring a note from primary care provider stating the current symptoms do not differ from baseline
 - Staff may return to school without self-isolation period and without negative test result
- Students with symptoms of chronic conditions such as asthma or allergies
 - Have symptoms assessed by school nurse, parents or physician
 - If no change from baseline
 - No test required and student may participate in school
 - If change in baseline
 - Student self-isolates until
 - 10 days from symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free AND improved symptoms OR
 - Negative COVID-19 test result

Medical Professionals Available for Questions

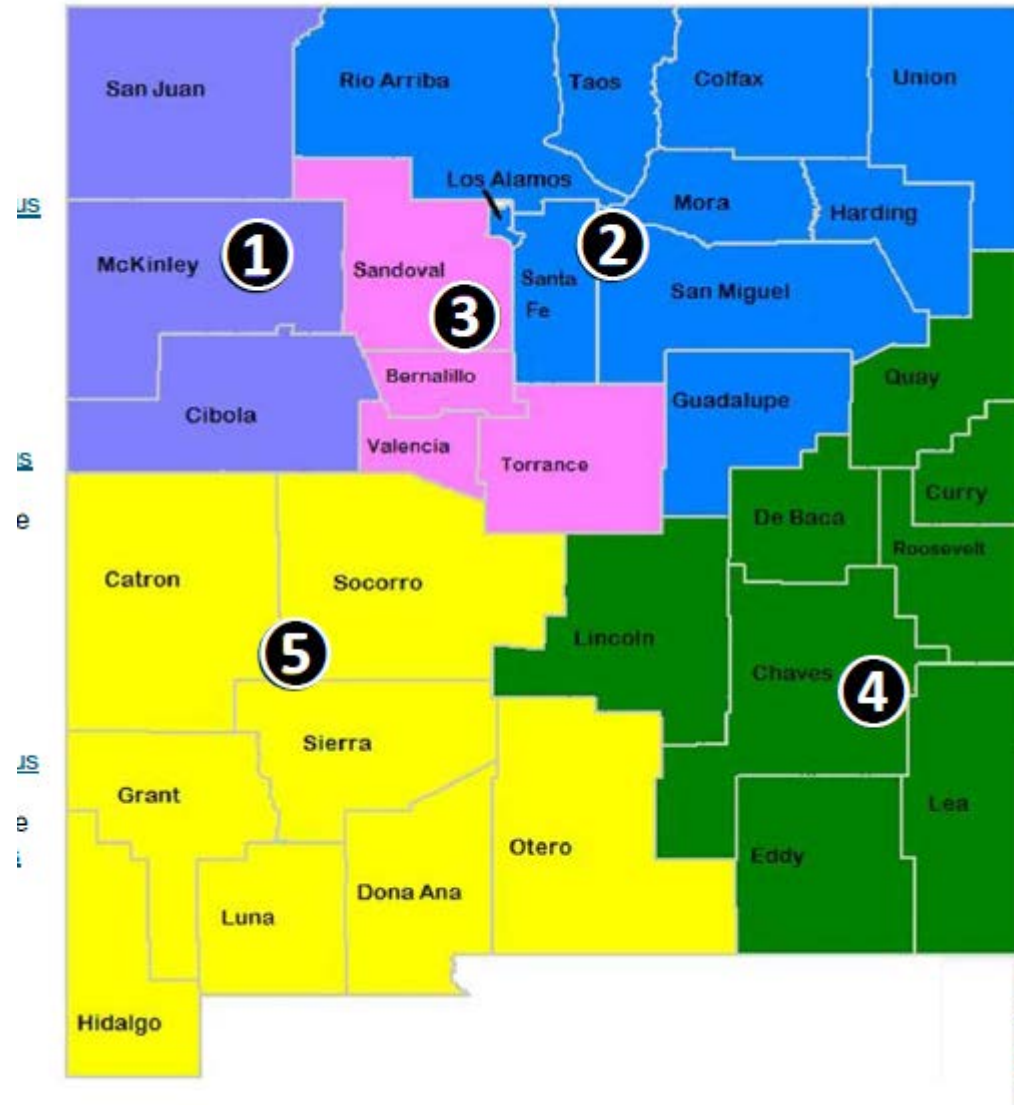
The regional School Health Advocates (SHAs) are available to support schools with questions schools may have related to COVID-19. The School Health Advocates can provide information about symptoms, testing sites, testing requirements, etc...

School Health Advocate	Region	Office Phone	Email	Professional Cell
Leslie Berry RN	Northwest	505-863-4561	leslie.berry@state.nm.us	505-490-7948
Jennifer Downey RN	Northeast	505-476-2653	Jennifer.downey@state.nm.us	505-469-3010
Barbara Lynn Wheeler RN	Northwest- Metro Area	Teleworking	barbaral.wheeler@state.nm.us	505-467-9292
Maricelda Pisana RN	Southeast	Teleworking	Maricelda.Pisana@state.nm.us	575-528-8863
Crista Pierce RN	Southwest	Teleworking	Crista.Pierce@state.nm.us	575-339-4380

State School Health/School Nurse Consultant	Program Staff	Phone	Email	Professional Cell
Susan Acosta RN	State School Health/School Nurse Consultant	Teleworking	Susan.acosta@state.nm.us	505-490-2763

Outside of business hours, please call the PED at 505.476.5825 for access to a medical professional.

Map of counties covered by the SHAs



Thank you!

Thanks for your work educating NM students,
while keeping NM Safe and Healthy.

-The Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau

