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COVID-19 testing now available for New Mexico's essential food industry workers

Dedicated testing slots available from 8 to 11 a.m. every Monday at Dept. of Health field offices

As part of the state's proactive testing efforts to identify, isolate and trace new cases, the Department of Health has designated special statewide COVID-19 testing hours for all employees who work to provide New Mexican families with food, including workers at restaurants, grocery stores, farmers' markets, distribution centers and food manufacturing facilities.

"Our essential food industry workers continue to help New Mexican families access food," said New Mexico Environment Department Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. "Now we can help our essential food industry workers access proactive testing for COVID-19. Food industry employers are strongly urged to take advantage of this testing."

"Broadscale testing will ultimately result in more lives saved," said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Kathy Kunkel. "Even as we reopen, COVID-19 is still out there, and we must continue to be vigilant."

"Part of the New Mexico Restaurant Association's mission is to 'protect the hospitality industry in New Mexico,' and we feel that encouraging participation in this widespread testing effort is our duty under that promise," said Carol Wight, Chief Executive Officer of the New Mexico Restaurant Association. "Making testing readily accessible to our industry protects our employees and customers, and we ask that every New Mexico restaurant consider doing their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 by encouraging their staff to get tested."

Many people who are infected with coronavirus may not experience any symptoms while still having the potential to pass the virus onto others, making largescale testing incredibly important in preventing its spread – and keeping New Mexico on a path toward reopening the economy.

Testing as many food industry workers as possible builds consumer confidence while helping employers minimize their occupational risk of an asymptomatic employee spreading the disease in the workplace. If proactive testing identifies a positive case, the New Mexico Environment Department and Department of Health will contact the employer about the appropriate next steps to take to prevent the spread of the virus, including disinfection and follow-up testing. Proactive testing can minimize disruption to operations.

Testing will be available from 8 to 11 a.m. every Monday (unless noted), beginning June 15, at the locations listed. Testing is free, but those who have insurance should bring their card with them. Appointments are required and must be scheduled by noon the preceding Friday by calling a local public health office.

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Office name	Address	City	ZIP code	Scheduling phone number
Expo New Mexico*	300 San Pedro Dr. NE Gate 3	Albuquerque	87108	Schedule online at https://cvtestreg.nmhealth.org/
Sandoval Co. PHO	1500 Idalia Rd.	Bernalillo	87004	505-867-2291
McKinley Co.	410 Bataan Veterans Rd.	Gallup	87301	505-722-4391
San Juan PHO	355 S. Miller Rd	Farmington	87401	505-327-4461 X9
Valencia Co. PHO	617 Becker Ave.	Belen	87002	505-864-7743
Santa Fe PHO	605 Letrado St.	Santa Fe	87505	505-476-2600
Espanola PHO	2010 Industrial Pk Rd.	Española	87532	505-753-2794
Los Alamos PHO	1183 Diamond Dr, Ste D	Los Alamos	87544	505-662-4038
Taos PHO	1400 Weimer Rd.	Taos	87571	575-758-4719
Las Vegas PHO	18 Gallegos Rd.	Las Vegas	87701	505-425-9368
Santa Rosa PHO	117 Camino de Vida	Santa Rosa	88435	575-472-3211
Raton PHO	226 E. 4th Street	Raton	87740	575-445-3601
Artesia PHO	1001 Memorial Dr.	Artesia	88210	575-746-9819
Carlsbad PHO	1306 W. Stevens	Carlsbad	88220	575-885-4191
Clovis PHO	1216 Cameo St.	Clovis	88101	575-763-5583
Ft. Sumner PHO	514 Ave. C	Ft. Sumner	88119	575-355-3262
Hobbs PHO	1923 N. Dal Paso	Hobbs	88240	575-397-2463
Lovington PHO	302 N. 5th St.	Lovington	88260	575-396-2853
Portales PHO	1513 W. Fir	Portales	88130	575-356-4453
Roswell PHO	200 E. Chisum	Roswell	88201	575-624-6050
Ruidoso PHO	111 Kansas City Rd.	Ruidoso	88345	575-258-3252
Tucumcari PHO	310 S. 2nd St.	Tucumcari	88401	575-461-2610
Las Cruces PHO	1170 N. Solano	Las Cruces	88001	575-528-5063
Anthony PHO	865 N. Anthony Drive	Anthony	88021	575-882-5858 X4
Sunland Park	3807 McNutt Rd.	Sunland Park	88063	575-589-2543 X4
Grant Co PHO	2610 N. Silver	Silver City	88061	575-538-5318 X4
Otero Co PHO	1207 8th St.	Alamogordo	88310	575-437-9340 X4
Socorro Co PHO	214 Neel Ave. NW	Socorro	87801	575-835-0971 X3

*Testing from 8-10 a.m. on Mondays

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