

Summary: Where are we today?

- Spread: improving, probably on target for May 15
- Testing: rapidly improving but not on 7-day target for May 15
- Contact Tracing: being automated and expanded
- NM Delivery System Capacity: stable, ahead of May 15 target for PPE
- **REMEMBER: ALL 4 CRITERIA DRIVEN BY SOCIAL DISTANCING BEHAVIORS OF NEW MEXICANS**
 - Stay at home
 - Wash hands, clean surfaces, cough into tissue, others
 - Face coverings in public
 - Maintain 6 foot distancing

COVID-19 Rate of Spread, NMDOH Regions (target = 1.15)

	This Week 5/12/2020	Last Week 5/5/2020
Metro	1.09	1.16
NE	1.05	1.12
SE	1.12	1.15
SW	1.33	1.23
NW	1.20	1.31



Top question this week: Will more testing affect this measure?

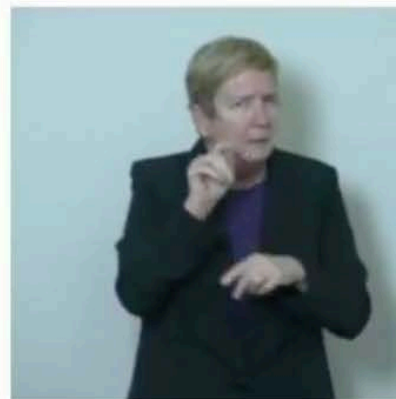
Statewide Public Health Gating Criteria for Reopening

Criterion	Measure	Initial Gating Value	Current Status
Spread of COVID-19	Rate of COVID-19 Transmission	1.15 or less	1.16 on 5/12/2020
Testing Capacity: general and targeted populations*	Number of tests per day (7-day rolling average)	5,000 / day	4,542 on 5/12/2020
Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity	Time from positive test result to: -isolation recommendation for case	80% at 24 hrs.	Automating metrics
	-quarantine rec. for case contacts	80% at 36 hrs.	
Statewide Health Care System Capacity	Availability of scarce resources across 7 Hub Hospitals: -Adult ICU beds occupied	<460	252
	-PPE	7-day supply	7-day supply

Hamner L, *et al.* High SARS-CoV-2 Attack Rate Following Exposure at a Choir Practice — Skagit County, Washington, March 2020.

[MMWR, May 12, 2020 / 69](#)

- Following a 2.5-hour choir practice attended by 61 persons, 32 confirmed and 20 probable secondary COVID-19 cases occurred (attack rate = 53% to 87%); three patients were hospitalized, and two died.
- Transmission was likely due to close proximity (within 6 feet) during practice and augmented by the act of singing.
- **The potential for superspreader events underscores the importance of physical distancing, including avoiding gathering in large groups, to control spread of COVID-19.**



HOW WE MOVE INTO NEXT PHASES

- New Mexico is on track with gating criteria data to begin easing into some re-openings and move into Phase 1
- We will continue to let public health data be our guide
- **The spread of the virus dictates the timeline; the actions of New Mexicans dictate the spread of the virus**



MAY 16 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: WHAT WILL REMAIN THE SAME

- Imperative that you continue to stay home – *especially* if sick or vulnerable
 - Slight reopenings must not be an invitation to unnecessarily leave your house. Virus risk remains great.
 - Remaining home except for emergencies is the safest course anyone can take
- Congregating in groups remains unsafe and is prohibited – do not gather with people
- If you *must* go out, maintain physical distance (at least 6 feet) from others

Coronavirus Florida: After slowdown, fatalities surge as Florida contemplates Monday reopening

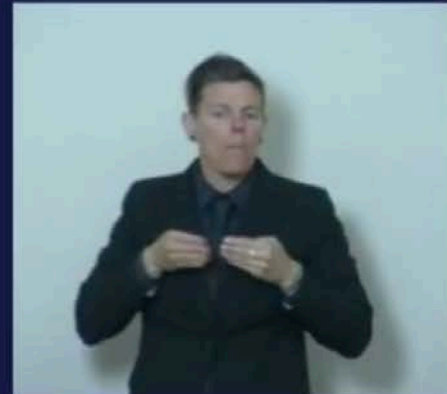
- Other countries and states are seeing an increase in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths after reopening and even talking about it
- Social distancing is **HARDER and RISKIER** during reopening than during the stay-at-home order
- This is a 15 to 18-month tightrope walk, not an open door
- Vulnerable people and those at risk **STAY AT HOME**

Countries: China, Germany, Italy, France
States: Florida, Georgia



WE MUST WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC SPACES

- Public health order requiring face-coverings in most public settings effective Saturday
- When will you have to wear one? In any public setting – indoor and outdoor
 - Exceptions: Eating, drinking, exercising
- As state opens up more and more, and risk increases, the need for a face-covering when around others increases greatly
- A mask is not a guarantee against the virus – but it does stop infectious droplets and can absolutely mitigate risk
- Masks are easy to make at home and will protect you and your family



Community-wide impact of face mask use by public

[Infectious Disease Modelling, Volume 5](#), 2020, Pages 293-308

- Face masks are found to be useful with respect to both preventing illness in healthy persons and preventing asymptomatic transmission.
- 80% adoption of moderately (50%) effective masks could prevent 17–45% of projected deaths over 2 months, while decreasing peak daily death rate by 34–58% absent other changes in epidemic dynamics.
- In New Mexico, masks could save thousands of lives.



MAY 16 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: WHAT WILL CHANGE

- All retailers may operate at 25% of fire code capacity; COVID-safe practices must be in place to operate
 - Definition of retailer: Any business that sells goods directly to the ultimate consumer or end-users. Retail spaces do not include wholesalers or suppliers. **Retail spaces do not include entertainment venues such as movie theaters, concert halls, or amusement parks.**
 - Larger retailers (grocery stores, "big box" stores) to remain operating at 20% maximum occupancy
- **Does not apply to northwestern public health region (Cibola, McKinley, San Juan counties) where risk of spread remains too high**



MAY 16 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: WHAT WILL CHANGE

- Other non-essential businesses (like office spaces, call centers) *may* operate with up to 25% of pre-crisis staffing levels
 - Employers should continue work-from-home telework policies wherever possible
- Houses of worship may operate at 10% occupancy
- This slight reopening **excludes high-intensity contact services** like dine-in at restaurants, indoor malls, salons, gyms
- **Does not apply to northwestern public health region (Cibola, McKinley, San Juan counties) where risk of spread remains too high**

COVID-SAFE PRACTICES FOR ALL RETAILERS

- Adhere to maximum occupancy limits per public health order
- Face-coverings for employees
- Maintain schedule of stringent daily cleaning/sanitizing, including frequent cleaning of high-touch items (doors, credit card terminals, etc.)
- Establish protocols for contactless pickup and delivery wherever possible
- More specific COVID-safe practices for individual industries are being finalized

MAY 16 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: WHAT WILL CHANGE

- Phase One easings do not yet apply to northwestern public health region (McKinley, San Juan, Cibola counties) where risk of spread remains too high
- NW region to enter "Preparation Phase" May 16
 - Non-essential retailers may provide curbside pickup or delivery
 - Golf courses, pet and veterinary services may open
 - Firearms shops may operate by appointment only
- Stay-at-home order remains in place

MAY 16 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: WHAT WILL CHANGE

- Modified/limited summer youth programs will be permissible with restrictions:
 - In-person summer programs and sports camps will be restricted to 5-to-1 child to adult ratios for children who live in the local geographic area only
 - Student and staff groupings should be self-contained, the same children staying with the same staff, not mixing between groups
 - High-risk staff and children must be informed on the need for additional actions (such as not attending or having additional restrictions), including contact with high-risk family members
 - Sports programs must be restricted to contactless sports only and non-competitive play

PART 2 OF PHASE 1 – GOAL: EARLY JUNE

- More high-intensity contact could be phased in
 - Salons, barbers, gyms, indoor malls, dine-in restaurants (with limited occupancy; COVID-safe practices in place)
 - Potential expansions of occupancy limits for houses of worship, hotels/motels
- State must continue to show progress with gating criteria
 - Rate of transmission; testing; contact tracing; PPE/hospital capacity

**New Mexicans' personal decisions
will determine whether we can continue
to move forward safely**