



Public health order: Travel guidelines for New Mexico as of Dec. 15

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico Department of Health are sharing the below information for the public concerning general travel. Please share this information widely.

OUT OF STATE TRAVELERS: YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS

IF YOU ARE ARRIVING FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATES or TERRITORIES:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The quarantine requirement applies if you are arriving from anywhere outside of the U.S.

(SEE BELOW FOR EXCEPTIONS)

- In order to mitigate the widespread community transmission of COVID-19, **all persons traveling into New Mexico from outside the state are ORDERED to wear a mask in public, self-isolate for 14 days (or for the duration of your stay if less than 14 days), and self-monitor for any symptoms.** (Executive order 2020-054)
- **If you do not wear a mask and self-isolate, you may be charged with a criminal misdemeanor and could face other civil penalties, including fines.**
- **ISOLATION EXCEPTIONS:** The self-isolation mandate does not apply to the following persons: airline employees, those performing public safety or public health functions, military personnel, federal employees, those employed by a federal agency or national defense contractor, emergency first responders, health care workers, those arriving in the State pursuant to a Court order, and persons traveling into New Mexico to conduct essential business activities.
- If you have questions or develop any concerning symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, or fever) you need to call 855-600-3453.
 - **Q: Does everyone in New Mexico have to wear a mask?**
 - **A:** Yes. Mask-wearing is mandatory in public for all individuals over the age of two, except when eating, drinking or exercising.
 - **Q: Is there a punishment if I choose not to wear a mask?**
 - **A:** Yes. If you are without a mask in public, you are subject to a \$100 fine.
 - **Q: What if I live in New Mexico and I want to travel out of state? Do I have to self-quarantine when I return?**
 - **A:** The mandatory health advisory is very clear. If you cross over the borders of New Mexico into one of the high-risk states listed above, you must self-quarantine for 14 days when you return home. Also, you must wear a mask while in public.

- **Q: I am here to visit as a tourist, what should I do?**
- **A: Quarantine for 14 days or for the duration of your time in New Mexico, whichever is shorter, if you are arriving from one of the above-listed high-risk states. Take every precaution when traveling during a global pandemic; you are bringing risk of viral spread with you and taking it with you when you go.**
- **Q: What if I am here to conduct essential business activity?**
- **A: People traveling for essential business need to review the list on the next page, if your business activity is listed on this page you are exempt from the isolation requirement.**

"Essential business" means any business or non-profit entity falling within one or more of the following categories:

- a) Health care operations including hospitals, walk-in-care health facilities, pharmacies, medical wholesale and distribution, home health care workers or aides for the elderly, emergency dental facilities, nursing homes, residential health care facilities, research facilities, congregate care facilities, care facilities for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities, supportive living homes, home health care providers, drug and alcohol recovery support services, and medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers;
- b) Homeless shelters, food banks, and other services providing care to indigent or needy populations;
- c) Childcare facilities necessary to provide services to those workers employed by essential businesses, essential non-profit entities, and other operating non-essential businesses;
- d) Grocery stores, supermarkets, food banks, farmers' markets and vendors who sell food, convenience stores, and other businesses that generate the majority of their revenue from the sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food, feed, and other animal supply stores, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products;
- e) Farms, ranches, and other food cultivation, processing, or packaging operations;
- f) All facilities routinely used by law enforcement personnel, first responders, firefighters, emergency management personnel, and dispatch operators;
- g) Infrastructure operations including, but not limited to, public works construction, commercial and residential construction and maintenance, airport operations, public transportation, airlines, taxis, private transportation providers, transportation network companies, water, gas, electrical, oil drilling, oil refining, natural resources extraction or mining operations, nuclear material research and enrichment, those attendant to the repair and construction of roads and highways, gas stations, solid waste collection and removal, trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, sewer, data and internet providers, data centers, technology support operations, and telecommunications systems;
- h) Manufacturing operations involved in food processing, manufacturing agents, chemicals, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals, sanitary products, household paper products, microelectronics/semi-conductor, primary metals manufacturers, electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturers, and transportation equipment manufacturers;
- i) Services necessary to maintain the safety and sanitation of residences or essential businesses including security services, towing services, custodial services, plumbers, electricians, and other skilled trades;
- j) Veterinary and livestock services, animal shelters, and facilities providing pet adoption, grooming, daycare, or boarding services;
- k) Media services including television, radio, and newspaper operations;
- l) Automobile repair facilities, bike repair facilities, and retailers who generate the majority of their revenue from the sale of automobile or bike/repair products, and contactless car washes;
- m) Hardware stores and self-storage facilities;

- n) Laundromats and dry cleaner services;
- o) Utilities, including their contractors, suppliers, and supportive operations, engaged in power generation, fuel supply and transmission, water and wastewater supply;
- p) Funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries;
- q) Banks, credit unions, insurance providers, payroll services, brokerage services, and investment management firms;
- r) Real estate services including brokers, title companies, and related services;
- s) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- t) Laboratories and defense and national security-related operations supporting the United States government, a contractor to the United States government, or any federal entity;
- u) Restaurants and local breweries;
- v) Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, but only where necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities; and
- w) Logistics, and also businesses that store, transport, or deliver groceries, food, materials, goods or services directly to residences, retailers, government institutions, or essential businesses.