



# BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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## CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[Click to visit website](#)

[www.BernCo.gov/coronavirus](http://www.BernCo.gov/coronavirus)

### Public Health Order Continues to Ease Restrictions

- Foremost, please stay home if you are sick. Period.
- If you go out, wear a face mask
- Practice social distancing -- be aware of your surroundings and others near you
- Adhere to the six-foot rule and stay at home except as needed for grocery shopping, medical assistance and exercise
- Limit group contact to five or fewer people
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

#### **New Mexico Department of Health:**

- **New Mexicans with COVID-19 related questions should call the coronavirus hotline at 855-600-3453**
- **Non-COVID-19 related questions or concerns, call 833-551-0518**
- **\*\*\*[NMDOH COVID-19 Public Dashboard](#) -- the data dashboard includes county-by-county breakdowns of positive cases by age, gender and ethnicity.**

#### **Up-to-date information about state mandates and information:**

[www.newmexico.gov](http://www.newmexico.gov).

Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19:

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

CDC fact sheets to read and/or download,

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

[NMConnect smartphone app for all New Mexicans](#) (click to learn more)

# [Postponement of Implementation of Employee Wellness Act Benefits Employers and Workers](#)

*(click on link above to read the full news release)*

June 16, 2020 - The 90-day postponement of the Bernalillo County Employee Wellness Act, due to the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus (COVID 19), enacted by the county manager under an emergency powers declaration, will go before the Bernalillo County Commission on June 30 for public comment and a vote by commissioners on whether to support the manager's decision to postpone implementation of the ordinance.

County Manager Julie Morgas Baca postponed enactment of the Employee Wellness Act, also known as the paid time off ordinance, until Oct. 1, 2020.

A copy of the ordinance, an Employee Wellness Act guidance page, and a calculation chart can be found at: <https://www.bernco.gov/planning/employee-wellness-act.aspx>.



## BernCo Makes the New Mexico Safe Promise

Bernalillo County has taken the pledge to join the New Mexico Hospitality Association in its New Mexico Safe Promise campaign.

The initiative invites all New Mexicans to make a personal commitment to follow COVID-19 Safe Practices to help make New Mexico the safest place for its families, workers, and customers.

By making the New Mexico Safe Promise, you commit to:

- Use a face covering while in public
- Stay six feet from others
- Stay home when sick
- Wash your hands frequently and follow recommended hygiene practices
- Participate in any COVID-19 related training made available at your workplace

The New Mexico Safe Promise campaign was developed in response to the coronavirus pandemic and in conjunction with the safe reopening of businesses throughout the state through practices aligned with New Mexico Department of Health Ordinances and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. The goal is to use the New Mexico Safe Promise to build consumer confidence and make New Mexico the safest place to live, work, and play!

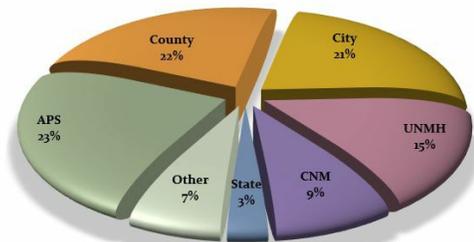
For more information on the New Mexico Safe Promise campaign and to make the promise, visit [NMSafePromise.org](https://www.nmsafepromise.org). For updates on travel restrictions, directives, and closures in New Mexico, visit [www.newmexico.org/covid-19-traveler-information](https://www.newmexico.org/covid-19-traveler-information).

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## Treasurer's Office Mails Annual Delinquent Tax Notices

State law requires sending delinquent tax notices each year. We understand many citizens are unemployed under the COVID pandemic. The Treasurer's Office cannot delay or stop such notices.

2018 Property Tax Distributions



\*Values based on 2018 taxes collected as of December 31, 2019

Property Taxes owed from 2017 will be sent to the State for collections unless paid by June 30th. Property Tax owners delinquent for 2018 and 2019 tax years are encouraged to call 468-7031 or email the Treasurer's Office [Treasurers@bernco.gov](mailto:Treasurers@bernco.gov) to make payment arrangements.

Treasurer Nancy Bearce will be watching for any tax credit or other relief legislation during the Special Session on June 18th for property owners having difficulty paying their taxes during COVID. The Treasurer encourages concerned citizens to contact their state representative or senator and attend town halls to voice your concerns. To find your legislator, visit [https://nmlegis.gov/Members/Find\\_My\\_Legislator](https://nmlegis.gov/Members/Find_My_Legislator)

## FREE Movies in the Parking Lot Drive-In Edition

Saturday's @ Isleta Amphitheater

Gates open @ 7 p.m. -- Movie begins @ dusk

[Click here for more details](#)

Saturday, June 20  
A Dog's Journey





## Virtual Summer Recreation

Bernalillo County's Virtual Summer Recreation Programs is now in Week 2 with more videos, lessons, gaming and workouts – something for just about every kid to enjoy!

Read more about what [Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space](#) has in store by clicking the story below. And follow their page on Facebook to participate! See flier for details and read this story [here](#)

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## BernCo Parks and Recreation Summer Schedule

In an effort to keep Bernalillo County residents and county employees safe during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, most summer programs have been cancelled and outdoor swimming pools will not open.

The following is a schedule of open and closed facilities and cancelled events and programs:

### OPEN:

Rio Grande Pool (opening date and operating hours to be determined)

- Limited swimmers in facilities
- No spectators
- Social distancing will be observed
- Modified adult swim programming:
  - Lap swim only (no congregating and social distancing must be maintained)
  - Adult water exercise
- NO OPEN RECREATIONAL SWIM

Grab-n-go lunches will continue at the community centers. Additional locations will be added as the summer lunch program begins.

**Summer Lunch Program going on now at 22 sites throughout the county. FREE 'grab and go' breakfasts and lunches will be served five days a week until Aug. 5.**

**Locations and details at [www.BernCo.gov/SummerLunch](http://www.BernCo.gov/SummerLunch).**

### CLOSED AND CANCELLED:

- ALL outdoor swimming pools
- Community centers
- Summer sports leagues (youth basketball and adult softball)
- Jimmy Nieto Softball Tournament
- New Mexico Recreation & Park Association state conference in Albuquerque

The county Parks and Recreation Department is re-branding for the summer of 2020 with the slogan,

**“Recreating Recreation to Virtual Involvement  
for a Healthier and Safer Community Experience”**

While the county is not offering traditional summer camps, “virtual camps” are being set up to offer zoom classes for exercise, art instruction, music classes and more. The county will also offer grab-n-go art kits that kids can use at home.

Any resident who has already paid for a summer program or camp is entitled to a refund or credit toward another program/season. Information about refunds/credits is at:

<https://www.bernco.gov/uploads/files/ParksRecreation/CREDIT%20or%20REFUND.pdf>.

Information about available summer programming opportunities through Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space can be found at:

<https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/parks-recreation.aspx>

Rio Grande Pool information: <https://www.bernco.gov/community-services/swimming-pools-spray-parks.aspx>

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## Recent BernCo News Releases

*(click each news release below to read in full)*

### [Board of Canvass Certifies Primary Election](#)

June 16, 2020 – Clerk Linda Stover announces certification of the 2020 primary election canvass.

“This morning’s certification of Bernalillo County’s primary election canvass caps off a historic election,” said Clerk Linda Stover. “Despite the coronavirus public health emergency, 42% of eligible voters cast a ballot in this primary. If you did not or were not able to vote in the primary, please do so in November. Check to see if you are registered to vote and check to make sure your voter registration is up to date.”

The certified Bernalillo County Canvass will now be forwarded to the New Mexico Secretary of State and state canvassing board for the state certification.

Contact your Bernalillo County Clerk’s Office at 505-243-VOTE (8683) or [clerk@bernco.gov](mailto:clerk@bernco.gov). Visit [BerncoVotes.org](http://BerncoVotes.org) and follow @BernCoClerk on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Photos courtesy Bernalillo County Clerk’s Office.

### [Bernalillo County Earns Best in Category National Achievement Award for the Supportive Aftercare Program](#)

June 12, 2020 – The Department of Behavioral Health Services has been recognized with an achievement award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo recognized Supportive Aftercare Program: Community Reintegration, a Collaboration with Parks and Rec in the category of Parks and Recreation. This program centers around teaching individuals to use transitional living communities as a safe space to continue working on their recovery and to learn to utilize the strengths of their surrounding community. Addiction often forces individuals into isolation, so learning to be part of a dynamic community is often something individuals trying to maintain recovery struggle with. The program focuses on how the Supportive Aftercare Program (SAC), in the heart of Albuquerque’s International District, is teaching individuals how to access various community resources and use them as an asset to their overall well-being, while living as part of a unique sober community.

Due to the overall success of the SAC program and the desire to show individuals in the community that their community does in fact care about them and want them to be a part of the community, Bernalillo County decided to combine forces between two departments for the greater good of the clients. This collaboration highlights the successful and creative collaboration between Bernalillo County’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department and the Department of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS).

### [County Manager Postpones Implementation of Employee Wellness Act Ordinance](#)

June 12, 2020 – Due to the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus (COVID 19), Bernalillo County Manager Julie Morgas Baca has postponed enactment of the Employee Wellness Act, also known as the paid time off ordinance, until Oct. 1, 2020. The ordinance, approved by the County Commission in 2019, was originally scheduled to take effect on July 1.

The Employee Wellness Act governs only businesses outside the city limits in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County with two or more employees. Under the ordinance, employees will accrue paid leave to be used for purposes such as sick time, family leave, or

## How the 2020 Census Can Impact Communities

The 2020 Census is your chance to shape your community—and your future.

Fastest and easiest way -- go online to [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov)



**An accurate census count informs decisions about where to build and where to invest.**

## NMSU: BernCo Cooperative Extension Service

[Click here to register for KIDS classes](#)

[Click here to register for ADULT classes](#)



# Virtual Gardening Classes

Want to start a garden at home but not sure where to start? Participate in these live and interactive gardening classes led by local specialists and Master Gardeners for fun, learning and community resources!

**Kid Workshops Wednesdays at 10 am – 10:30 am**

**JUNE 3rd** How to make a garden from things you find in your backyard

**JUNE 17th** All those bugs in my yard- what are they? Will they eat my garden?

[Click Here to Register for Kids Gardening Classes](#)

**Adult Workshops Thursdays at 6 pm – 7 pm**

**JUNE 4th** Making a low cost garden from things you find in your yard (or from your neighbors)

**JUNE 11th** Tomatoes and chiles: how to take care of them so they stay healthy and produce lots

**JUNE 18th** Foraging and finding: how you can find tasty things to eat from plants in your yard and neighborhood

**JUNE 25th** Successful summer gardening (how to save on your water bill) in our hot dry climate

[Click Here to Register for Adult Gardening Classes](#)

Classes are scheduled through Zoom. Click link to register for class. After registering you will receive an email with link to attend class at scheduled time

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## KEYS TO EMBRACING AGING



**An Online Workshop Series  
Thursdays, 11:30am - 12:30pm**

Register at: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/family/aging>

We're all aging — but whether we do so gracefully is up to us! Join your NMSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Team to learn 12 keys to help you grow old successfully and with increased longevity. No matter your age, you can take steps now to make growing older a positive, joyful, and exciting experience!

### June 18

- ♦ Intro and Positive Attitude
- ♦ Eating Smart and Healthy

### June 25

- ♦ Physical Activity
- ♦ Brain Activity

### July 2 Holiday break

### July 9

- ♦ Social Activity
- ♦ Tuning Into the Times

### July 16

- ♦ Safety
- ♦ Know Your Health Numbers

### July 23

- ♦ Stress Management
- ♦ Financial Affairs

### July 30

- ♦ Sleep
- ♦ Taking Time for You



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# SLIM & STRONG: CRAFTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- Join us for six weeks and enjoy a wonderful journey of living well.
- Wednesdays, June 17-July 29 (no session in 7/1) 10:00-11:15 AM

Do you have a desire to live your life within a healthy weight range for your age? Do you want to be resilient mentally and emotionally and strong physically? Do you want to live a healthy lifestyle for the long term? If so, Slim and Strong will provide the long term thinking changes and behavior changes necessary to craft a healthy lifestyle.

- June 17 - Why Craft a Healthy Lifestyle?
- June 24 - Eating Powerful Food
- July 8 - Change Your Mind
- July 15 - No More Deprivation!
- July 22 - Managing Your Emotions
- July 29 - Be Your Own Coach

\*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetings.hu

- For more information, please contact Dianne Christensen at [dianneec@nmsu.edu](mailto:dianneec@nmsu.edu) or 505-243-1386.



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**GRAB IT  
BAG IT  
TOSS IT**



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Thank you for reading BernCo at a Glance

## For assistance, please contact:

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
  - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, [probate@bernco.gov](mailto:probate@bernco.gov)
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, [contactcenter@bernco.gov](mailto:contactcenter@bernco.gov)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [Glyphosate Moratorium](#)

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