



# BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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## CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[Click to visit website](#)

### Do you know the difference between self-isolation and self-quarantine?

The answer to this question and many more are in the *Policies for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19*. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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

### COVID-19 Public Health Requirements

- **Foremost, please stay home if you are sick. Period.**
- Masks are mandatory in public, non-compliance can result in a \$100 fine
- Mandatory 14-day isolation period for all out-of-state travel and/or visitors
- 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 10 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)

# Behavioral Health Provider CARES Grant Application Deadline Extended to Sept. 30

The Department of Behavioral Health Services extends the application deadline for behavioral health providers who wish to apply for emergency financial support through the Bernalillo County Behavioral Health Provider CARES Grant. This grant is for qualified behavioral health providers to assist with costs associated with interruption caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19).



The county has awarded over \$279,000 to behavioral health providers in the community. These funds have been infused in the community to help providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the issuance of these funds, Bernalillo County hopes to:

- Increase the access of behavioral health care services to Bernalillo County residents from behavioral health providers during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Expand services to minimize the behavioral health impact of COVID-19 among Bernalillo County residents;
- Ensure that behavioral health provider systems have the capacity to handle COVID-19 impacted clients through an expansion of services to address new needs related to the pandemic and the rapid demand for services.

Through this program, the county will offer one-time grants up to \$10,000 to qualifying behavioral health providers covering costs such as employee wages, vendor bills and telehealth expansions. One million dollars has been allocated for this fund, which is available as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package.

The application process will close on Sept. 30, 2020 5 p.m. or until funds have been exhausted. First grant payment will go out mid to late October. Visit the application online at [www.bernco.gov/BHcares](http://www.bernco.gov/BHcares).

## BernCo Offers All-Day Care for School-aged Kids



Bernalillo County is opening four of its community centers and offering all-day care for school-aged children.

The Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department will provide a safe environment for participants to log-on and access schoolwork and will provide the much needed recreation time during breaks and after school.

Current New Mexico public health orders and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) safety guidelines, including face mask requirements, will be followed.

Please call the center of your choosing by **Friday Sept. 18, 2020** about availability.

**Start date:** Monday, Sept. 21, 2020

**Program times:** 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Program cost:** \$60.00 per week

- **Westside Community Center** – 505-314-0176 1250 Isleta Blvd. SW 87105
- **Paradise Hills Community Center** – 505-314-0245 5901 Paradise Hills Blvd. NW 87114

- **Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center** – 505-468-7800 9800 4th St. NW 87114
- **Los Vecinos Community Center** – 505-314-0240 478 ½ Old Hwy. 66, Tijeras NM, 87059

**Note:** There will be a minimum of 15 registered participants needed for a location to host all-day care. If numbers at any location are below 15, programs will be combined at one location.

Breakfast, lunch, and possibly dinner will be served

## Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County, in collaboration with the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA), the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, the Village of Tijeras, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), and the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA) is updating its *Hazard Mitigation Plan*, in an effort to be better prepared in the event of natural, or human-caused disasters. The multi-agency task force wants to identify ways to reduce losses and protect the communities from hazard events. The agencies are seeking input from the public through a short, five-question, online Hazard Mitigation Survey to help better understand vulnerabilities, experiences, and opportunities to reduce the impacts of hazards before they occur. Responses will be taken until Sept. 30, 2020.



English: <https://bit.ly/HMP2020PublicSurvey>  
Spanish: [https://bit.ly/Encuesta públicaHMP2020](https://bit.ly/Encuesta_públicaHMP2020)

## Sept. 22, 2020 is National Voter Registration Day



Sept. 22, 2020, Americans will celebrate National Voter Registration Day with a massive cross-country effort to register voters well in advance of Election Day this November. With a historic presidential election approaching, every eligible American voter should exercise his or her right to be heard at the ballot box, and National Voter Registration Day is the right day to start by getting registered. This is why communities across the country are planning to use National Voter Registration Day to increase voter

participation.

## Got Questions About the 2020 General Election?

Get answers to your 2020 General Election questions by visiting the Bernalillo County Clerk's Frequently-Asked Questions page [here](#).

Wondering about how to request an absentee ballot? Questions about deadlines? Check out these FAQs to see if we've got the answers you need. Happy Voting!

## [Request an Absentee Application at BerncoVotes.org](https://www.berncovotes.org)

2020 General Election Key Dates

- Sept. 14, 2020 – Clerk mails absentee application to all registered voters
- Oct. 6, 2020 – Clerks begin mailing absentee ballots to voters who have

requested them.

- Oct. 6-16, 2020 – In-person Absentee Voting/Same Day Registration at Clerk's Annex.
- Oct. 17-31, 2020 – Early Voting/Same Day Registration
- Oct. 20, 2020 – Deadline for clerk to receive mailed absentee applications.
- Oct. 27, 2020 – Recommended final day for voters to mail absentee ballots.
- Nov. 3, 2020 – Election Day
  - Absentee ballots must arrive by 7 p.m.



i COUNT NM

i count because i care

Every 10 years, we're asked to participate in the census.

The **census** population count determines how many representatives each state will have in Congress for the next 10 years and how much federal funding communities will receive for roads, schools, housing and social programs. A drop in census count numbers for a state means the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars!

If you haven't taken the 2020 Census, please take a few minutes to do it today. Also, check with your employees and let them know the importance of filling out the census. Take the time to invest in the future of your community, your business, and your children.

**[Take the Census Now](#)**

## **[Gutierrez Hubbell House Offers Suffrage Exhibit](#)**

Residents looking for a fun scavenger hunt and a chance to see Bernalillo County and the Town of Bernalillo as they learn about the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the United States Constitution have the opportunity through the *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence*, an outdoor exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institution.

More information about the exhibit and a map of the locations for the scavenger hunt can be found at: [www.bernco.gov/VotesForWomenNM](http://www.bernco.gov/VotesForWomenNM)

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

*A Portrait of Persistence*

BECAUSE OF  
HER STORY

Smithsonian



For visitors looking to learn more, virtual programs will provide additional context and history:

- Celebrating 100 Years of Women Voting, viewable now at <https://youtu.be/sA4mqaSChFo>
- Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.: *Votes for Women* Virtual Exhibit Tour with Guest Curator Danielle Griego hosted by Bachechi Open Space <https://www.facebook.com/BachechiOpenSpace/>
- Saturday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.: Women Voting, Women Leading in NM: a virtual conversation <https://tinyurl.com/VfWNM>

The exhibit begins Saturday, Sept. 5 and runs through Saturday, Nov. 14.  
The scavenger hunt and exhibit are free of charge.

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# Backyard Farming Buzz

## Weekly Tips & Info for Your Garden



Introducing Backyard Farming Buzz from Bernalillo County Open Space and Gutiérrez Hubbell House! Until we can garden together again in person, Backyard Farming Buzz will bring regular updates to help you schedule and plan your late summer and fall garden activities. Look for the sunflower and bee on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Facebook page for weather, planting, and planning tips. Let us know what kinds of gardening support would be helpful to you. Happy Growing!

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**Reoccurring events in Sept.**

**Mile-Hi Farmers' Market**  
Sundays 10am – 1pm

July 5 – Sept. 27, 2020  
Alvarado Park  
2000 Alvarado Dr. N.E.



**Join Us In the Neighborhood**  
Farm-fresh Produce ~ Baked Foods ~ Jerky  
Carvings, Jewelry, Pottery, Soaps, Lotions  
and many other wonderful goods!

COVID – 19 precautions



**NMSU Cooperative Extension Service**

# Ready, Set, Grow!

*Free Webinar Gardening Series*

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month  
starting September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm.

**Register Online**

<https://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/ready-set-grow.html>

Featuring many guest speakers and hosted by Sara Moran and John Garlisch of Bernalillo County Extension, Suzanne DeVos-Cole of Mora County Extension, and Marisa Thompson of the NMSU Department of Extension Plant Sciences.

For more information, email us at

[desertblooms@nmsu.edu](mailto:desertblooms@nmsu.edu) or

contact John Garlisch at 505-243-1386

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact John Garlisch in advance at 505-243-1386 or [Garlisch@nmsu.edu](mailto:Garlisch@nmsu.edu).

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

The Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services is excited to collaborate with Covia Well Connected to present:

## Books, Movies, Games & More!

**FREE Phone and Online Groups for Seniors 60+**



Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) is pleased to work with Well Connected, a nationwide senior program. Visit Well Connected at <https://covia.org/services/well-connected/> and call 877-797-7299 or email [coviaconnections@covia.org](mailto:coviaconnections@covia.org) to register today!

Interested in volunteering to facilitate a group? Contact OSSS@bernco.gov to learn more.

Visit and like the Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/BernCoOSSS>



### Book to Movie Discussion

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16 | 4 - 5 pm

Each month the group will read and discuss a story and its movie adaptation. Was the movie true to the story, or not? We'll discuss the following:

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The movie stars Brad Pitt (September).
- Fences, a stage play by August Wilson. The movie stars Denzel Washington and Viola Davis (October).
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. The movie is titled Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, and stars Robert DeNiro (November).
- The Gift of Magi by O. Henry. The most recent movie stars Marla Sokoloff and Mark Webber (December).

You can find the movies on streaming services such as Amazon Prime, Google Play, Netflix or YouTube.

Facilitated by Staci Miceil, Community Program Enhancement Specialist, Bernalillo County Office of Senior & Social Services

### Bingo Wednesdays

Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18,  
Dec. 2 and 16 | 10 - 11 am

### Bingo Saturdays

Sept. 5 – Dec. 26 | 10 - 11 am (beginners)  
11 am - Noon (advanced)

Bingo? On the telephone? You bet! Join us for the classic game of chance and a few variations. Call Well Connected to request Bingo cards, including cards in Braille: (877) 797-7299.



Facilitated by Brenda Cisneros-Fernandez, Public Health Specialist, Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (Wednesday) and Janice Rooker (Saturday)



### Trivial Pursuit: Genus Edition

Every Tuesday, Sept. 1 - Dec. 29 | 4:30 - 5 pm



In the pursuit of trivial knowledge, the group will embark on a virtual game of Trivial Pursuit and compete to know the most about geography, entertainment, history, art & literature, science & nature, and sports & leisure.

Facilitated by Amber Carroll, Director of Covia Well Connected, and Brenda Cisneros-Fernandez, Public Health Specialist, Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services, and Elntra V.

### Teeniors and the Value of Human Connection

Tuesday, October 6 | Noon - 1 pm

Teeniors® are tech-savvy young people who help older adults learn technology through one-on-one, personalized coaching. Whether it's a smartphone, tablet, computer or software - the goal is to empower older adults to connect with their loved ones, engage with their communities, and the world, through technology - while providing paid, meaningful jobs for youth, showing how the power of human connection all over the world brings change to our communities.

Facilitated by Amber Carroll, Director of Covia Well Connected, and Trish Lopez, Teeniors NM Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services

# THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY

## SCOOP YOUR POOP



**GRAB IT  
BAG IT  
TOSS IT**



BERNALILLO COUNTY  
WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

## Recent BernCo News Releases

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

### [BernCo to Close CARES Grant Application Process](#)

Sept. 15, 2020 – Bernalillo County will close the latest round of emergency financial support through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package for qualified small businesses, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m.

## 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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