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CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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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 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.

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

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)

[BernCo Commission Seeks Nominations for Open Legislative Seat](#)

The Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners is accepting applications from individuals interested in filling the vacant District 12 seat of the New Mexico House of Representatives.

The commission will appoint a replacement for Representative Patricio Ruiloba, who resigned his seat.

Nominations from interested individuals in Bernalillo County will be accepted until Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. Applicants should submit a cover letter and résumé to the Bernalillo County Manager's Office, Attention: Julie Morgas Baca, County Manager, Suite 10111, 1 Civic Plaza, NW, Albuquerque, NM, 87102 or via email to: manager@bernco.gov.

Interested persons must be at least 21 years old and live within the boundaries of House District 12.

The New Mexico House of Representatives District 12 is located in the southwest quadrant of Bernalillo County. A map of District 12 is located [here](#).

The Board of County Commissioners will address the District 12 replacement at the administrative meeting on Sept. 8, 2020.

Loan Opportunity for Small Businesses Effected by COVID-19

(Click on the image below to be directed to New Mexico Finance Authority)



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Recovery Council urges businesses to apply for loan program

SANTA FE—Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's Economic Recovery Council is urging small businesses that have been hard hit by the COVID-19 public health emergency to apply for an emergency loan program now available through the New Mexico Finance Authority.

The Small Business Recovery Act of 2020 set aside \$400 million from the New Mexico's Severance Tax Permanent Fund to provide loans to New Mexico businesses and nonprofits that have experienced financial hardship during the pandemic.

"This is a great opportunity for businesses to get some critical help that could make the difference in being able to navigate through this very difficult period," said Economic Recovery Council Chairwoman Christina Campos. "It's so important for our recovery that our state's small businesses get through this."

"This is a program that is especially beneficial for small businesses that may not have been able to access federal relief or who need more flexibility. We'd love to see more businesses take advantage of what is available," added Councilmember Jason Sandel.

Businesses may be eligible for loans of up to \$75,000. The loans do not require a personal guarantee or collateral and carry an interest rate currently set at 1.625 percent, fixed for the life of the loan. The loans can be used to cover rent, payroll, and other expenses.

Among other criteria, to be eligible, applicants:

- Must be a New Mexico business or a nonprofit corporation organized under Section 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 that has closed or reduced operations due to the public health order, and
- Had annual gross revenue of less than \$5 million as determined by its 2019 federal income tax return or Form 990, and
- Experienced a 30% decline in monthly gross receipts or monthly revenue in April and May of 2020 as compared to the same months in 2019.

Applications are being processed on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more and to apply, go to the New Mexico Finance Authority website at www.nmfinance.com.

Watch the Burning of Zozobra Drive-in Style



Bernalillo County will hold a burning of Zozobra Watch Party Drive-in Style

When: Friday, Sept. 4, 2020
Where: Isleta Amphitheater, 5601 University Blvd. SE.

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. No admission permitted after 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$20/car, unlimited occupants. The ticket sales will benefit Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe and the Bernalillo County Quality of Life Fund.

For additional details click [here](#).



i COUNT NM

i count because i care

Door-to-Door Visits Begin Nationwide for 2020 Census

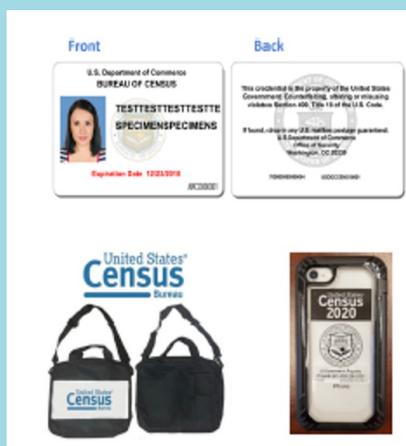
The Census is in the final stages of the count. Census workers will be conducting Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) operations by knocking on doors of homes that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census.



Health and Safety

Census takers are trained rigorously and will follow these CDC recommendations to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- Wear a face mask
- Will have face masks to provide to residents
- Maintain social distancing
- Practice hand hygiene
- Will not enter homes and will conduct interviews outside as much as possible or practical.



How to identify a Census Worker

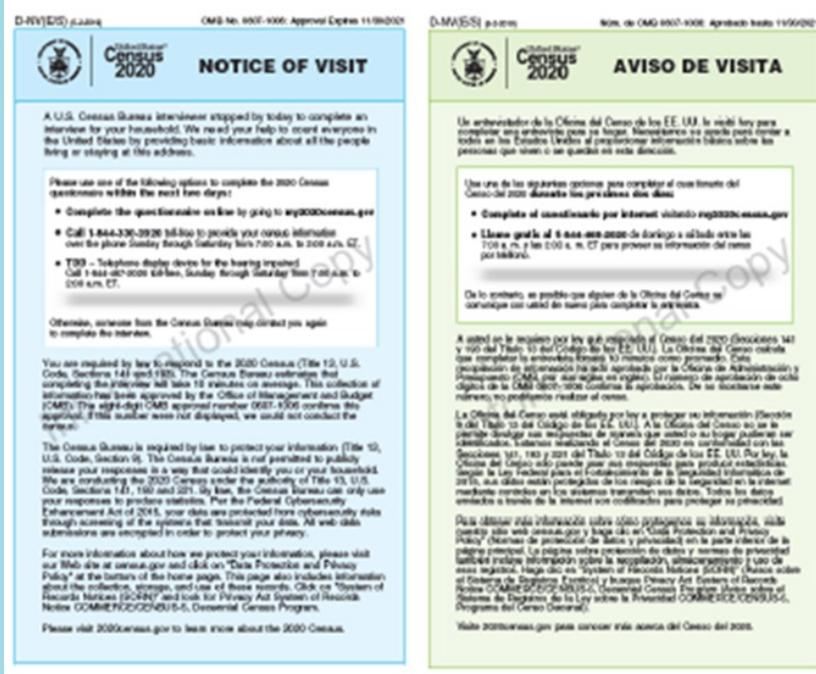
A Census Taker will have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.

Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo as pictured below.

Notice of Visit

Even though census workers are knocking on doors, residents can still self-respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Visit 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 (English) | 844-468-2020 (Spanish)



[Request an Absentee Application at BerncoVotes.org](http://BerncoVotes.org)

Healthy voting tips...

Visit healthyvoting.org for tips on healthy, secure and safe ways to cast your ballot this year.

Visit BerncoVotes.org for elections and voting information in Bernalillo County. For statewide information on elections and voting visit the New Mexico Voter Information Portal at NMVote.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 (SDR) 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.

IAFF Fire Fighters Launch Virtual Fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy Association as COVID Threatens Fill the Boot

As the COVID pandemic affects communities across the United States, it has also impacted in-person fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). For 66 years, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has collected critical funds in the community – one dollar at a time – as part of the Fill the Boot program. But this year, due to social distancing, that’s not possible.

This summer, the Albuquerque Fill the Boot will be conducted virtually.

[Click here for the link to the donor drive.](#)



BernCo Public Art - Call for Artists

[BernCo Public Art Announces Call for Photographs for Alvarado Square Art](#)

The Bernalillo County Public Art program is announcing a call for artists to submit photographs for use in the building design of the new county headquarters at Alvarado Square.

Photographs chosen will help create a welcoming environment for customers, county employees and the public. The photographs will be printed in a large scale and used on the walls of Alvarado Square's elevator lobbies, and additional photographs may be used on the windows of the new Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office suite.

The public art program is seeking photographs that represent the story and character of Bernalillo County, including the people, places, landscapes and events of the county.

Chosen photographers will receive \$1,500, with a limit of one photograph per artist. Copies of the winning photographs will also be framed and added to the public art program's permanent collection.

The deadline for submissions is Aug. 31, 2020 by mail or email. Complete submission guidelines are available online at bernco.gov/community-services/current-call-for-entries.aspx. There is no fee to submit a proposal.



Ready, Set, Grow!

Free Webinar Gardening Series

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
starting September 2nd 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 Garlich 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 or

contact John Garlich 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 Garlich in advance at 505-243-1386 or Garlich@nmsu.edu.

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 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>



Programs supported by Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services





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 the 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 Miceli, 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 Elantra 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



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 to learn about harvesting produce, seed saving, and keeping yourself healthy with mindfulness practices in the garden.

Every Wednesday in August & September from 6 pm – 7 pm

August 12th Seed saving basics- you can do it from your own backyard.
August 19th Happy harvest. When and how to pick, wash and store for best results.
August 26th General garden Q and A. Bring your burning questions and ask a panel of horticultural experts. All questions welcome!
September 2nd YOUR health and the garden. Let's dig into our health-depression, cracked hands, sunburn and mindfulness. This workshop will include a short mindfulness practice session.

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
<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/931zPFZHRk40Q>

For more information on making the most of your food, check out these other great resources on [food preservation and cooking](#)

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Virtual Food Preservation Classes

Learn how to extend the life of your summer garden produce by preserving it. Join instructor Cindy Davies, Home Economist with Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension to learn:

- Simple ways to dry foods at home
- How to use the freezer as a tool to preserve foods
- Quick pickling and fresh salsa using what you have

Thursdays at 10 – 11 am

August 20 Freezer Jam and Pesto Sauce
August 27 Fresh Salsa and Quick Pickled Vegetables
September 3 Fruit Leather and Drying Chili

Classes are scheduled through Zoom. Click link to register for class.

[Click Here to Register for Classes](#)

After registering you will receive an email with link to attend class at scheduled time. Questions? Contact adunworth@phs.org



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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!

THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY SCOOP YOUR POOP



GRAB IT BAG IT TOSS IT



BERNALILLO COUNTY
WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

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



Recent BernCo News Releases

(click each news release below to read in full)

[Carpenters Local Union 1319 Honored for Work on Tiny Home Village](#)

Aug. 24, 2020 - Bernalillo County's Tiny Home Village is on its way to completion due to the efforts of Carpenters Local Union 1319.

More than 110 members of the union volunteered more than 1,400 hours over six weekends to complete the construction of 30 tiny homes located adjacent to the Albuquerque Indian Center, 105 Texas St. SE

Bernalillo County Seeks Information on Financial Literacy Services

Aug. 20, 2020 - Bernalillo County is planning to provide support for financial literacy services in the future and is now seeking information about financial literacy, financial sufficiency and financial-related education and training services available in Bernalillo County.

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
- 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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [Glyphosate Moratorium](#)

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