



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

Current Public Health Orders

- 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.

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

www.cdc.gov.

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

FREE Movies in the Parking Lot Drive-In Edition

Saturdays @ Isleta Amphitheater

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

[Click here for more details](#)

Saturday, June 13

Jumanji: The Next Level



BernCo Parks and Recreation Summer Schedule

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

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

**Summer Lunch Program is happening 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.**

Get ready, get online and get fit as Bernalillo County Parks, Recreation and Open Space offers virtual summer programming.

As part of the **'Recreating Recreation to Virtual Involvement for a Healthier and Safer Community Experience'** campaign, parks and recreation will offer Esports, karate, basketball drills, horsemanship, youth grab-n-go arts & crafts kits distributed to the first 100 at each community center on Fridays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., and even virtual field trips as part of the program. Keep an eye out for the new mobile rec program.

Additionally, senior grab-n-go ceramics will be offered at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. These times are for picking up and dropping off ceramic pieces, as well as for paying for the program. The cost is \$16 per month, payable by cash, check or credit card. Each paid participant will receive two small to medium pieces or one large piece per week. A list of molds is available and then participants call-in their order for next week by 4 p.m. Friday. The number to call is 505-468-7605 for questions and ordering.

The virtual programs and grab-n-go ceramics begin Monday, June 8. To access the links, "like" Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department through Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BerncoParks/>.

Links to program videos will be posted daily on the County Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

In addition to the virtual classes, Parks, Recreation and Open Space will be opening county fitness centers and Rio Grande indoor pool for lap swim. Opening dates will be announced soon.

For a full list of weekly virtual activities available, addresses for county fitness facilities and the Rio Grande Pool, go to www.BernCo.gov.

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>



Bernalillo County is part of the Illegal Dumping Partnership, a new, multi-agency task force established to help combat illegal dumping throughout Bernalillo County.

Its motto is "Let's Talk Trash!" and its mission is to minimize illegal dumping by tracking pollution and benchmarking progress, engaging and educating the community, changing behaviors, and utilizing resources.

The task force envisions a clean, safe healthy environment and prosperous community free of litter, polluting debris, and harmful materials.

Partners include the City of Albuquerque, **Albuquerque Public Schools**, the **Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority**, the **Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority**, **Bernalillo County NM**, the **New Mexico Environment Department**, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, **NMDOT** and **PNM**.

Click here to follow them on Facebook at [Illegal Dumping Partnership](https://www.facebook.com/IllegalDumpingPartnership).

Recent BernCo News Releases

(click each news release below to read in full)

[BernCo Follows Governor's Orders, Continues Tele-work](#)

Bernalillo County will allow staffing up to 25% of regular staffing levels in departments but those departments must follow Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's public health orders and encourage public adherence as follows:

- Vendors and contractors and general public will be required to wear masks while in county facilities.
- Meetings will be conducted virtually whenever possible. When in-person meetings are necessary, social distancing of at least six feet will be observed at all times
- County employees that are equipped and directed to tele-work or remote-work will continue to do so
- Employees shall avoid hosting meetings with visitors, including county employees, within their individual workspaces – the use of common areas and meeting spaces will be utilized when possible and all attending shall be wearing facemasks and observing social distancing
- Departments shall offer hand sanitizer at reception desks and customer service areas

[Sheriff's Office Teaming Up With The Illegal Dumping Partnership](#)

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and The Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) have partnered since 2019. IDP released a Facebook page which keeps the community informed and provides educational material regarding dumping. The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office patrols some open space areas where illegal dumping occurs. Through the partnership with IDP, BCSO attends monthly meetings to discuss enforcement activities, as well as ways to mitigate illegal dumping within Bernalillo County open space areas. The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office M-CAT unit will be an integral part of open space patrols and will be directly involved in the enforcement efforts which are presented through IDP.

Follow the Illegal Dumping Partnership page at <https://www.facebook.com/Illegal-Dumping-Partnership-108093810935217/>

[Drive-thru Senior Food Markets Coming to Bernalillo County Community Centers](#)

Silver Horizon's Senior Drive-Thru Food Markets will offer free groceries for seniors 60-plus at Bernalillo County community centers throughout the month of June.

The drive-thru pantry hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the following dates at designated community centers:

- Thursday, June 18 – South Valley Multipurpose Center 2008 Larrazolo Rd SW
- Wednesday, June 24 – Rio Bravo Senior Center, 3910 Isleta Blvd SW
- Thursday, June 25 – Los Padillas Community Center, 2117 Los Padillas Rd SW

Due to a state public health emergency order to minimize the risk of spreading coronavirus (COVID-19), seniors picking up food are asked to wear a mask, stay in line and remain in their vehicles at all times, and not show up before 9:30 a.m.

All staff will be wearing a mask, as well as gloves for additional safety. Workers will put the food into the seniors' vehicles. There will only be one way in and out of the event.

For more information, contact 505-468-7650.

[BernCo Commission Votes to Ban Open Burning and Approves Fireworks Restrictions in Unincorporated Bernalillo County](#)

Current extreme drought conditions create need for ban.

The Bernalillo County Commission voted Tuesday night to ban the use of open fires, campfires, and smoking in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County. In a second resolution, the Bernalillo County Commissioners voted to restrict fireworks in the unincorporated areas of the county, outside the city limits of Albuquerque.

The fire danger across Bernalillo County is expected to be very high to extreme this fire season, due to current extreme drought conditions, above normal temperatures, below normal precipitation and the snow pack is well below normal.

The National Weather Service predicts this drought will persist through August 2020.

[Clerk Linda Stover Earns National Achievement Award for About My County Activity Book](#)

The National Association of Counties has recognized Clerk Linda Stover for her program titled "About My County Activity Book" in the category of Civic Education and Public Information. The book is designed to introduce elementary school students to their own county government. Clerk Stover has lead the county's outreach with a book tour through the schools and is encouraging students, parents and educators to invite county officials into classrooms to participate in the lessons.

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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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 or 505-243-1386.

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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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THERE IS NO POOP FAIRY SCOOP YOUR POOP



**GRAB IT
BAG IT
TOSS IT**



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WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



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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