



# 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
- For updated travel restrictions click [here](#).
- 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).

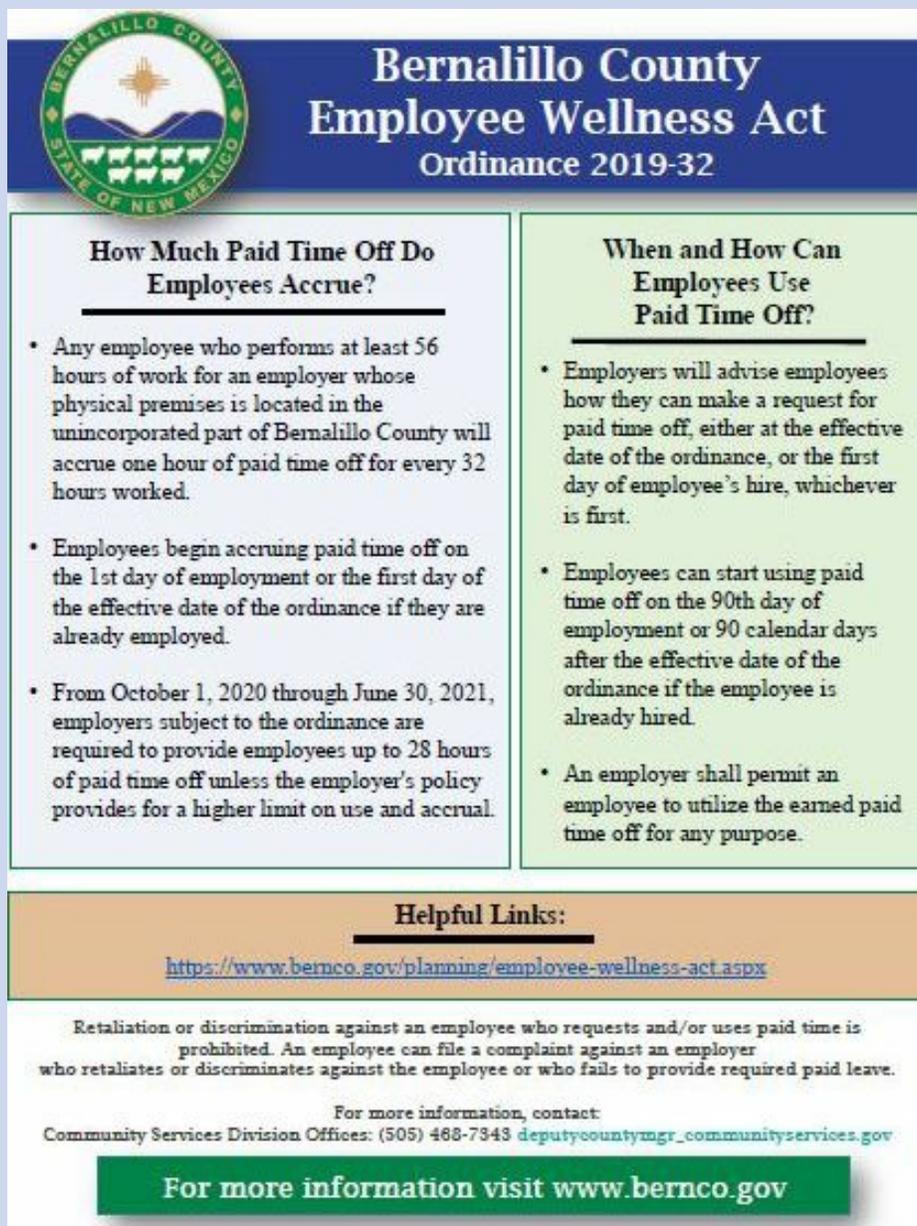
#### **Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19:**

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

To read or download CDC fact sheets click [here](#).

## Employee Wellness Act Takes Effect Oct. 1

The Employee Wellness Act, also known as the Paid Time Off ordinance, is a legal requirement approved by the Bernalillo County Commission directing employers, with two or more employees, to offer paid time off to those employees.



**Bernalillo County  
Employee Wellness Act  
Ordinance 2019-32**

**How Much Paid Time Off Do Employees Accrue?**

- Any employee who performs at least 56 hours of work for an employer whose physical premises is located in the unincorporated part of Bernalillo County will accrue one hour of paid time off for every 32 hours worked.
- Employees begin accruing paid time off on the 1st day of employment or the first day of the effective date of the ordinance if they are already employed.
- From October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, employers subject to the ordinance are required to provide employees up to 28 hours of paid time off unless the employer's policy provides for a higher limit on use and accrual.

**When and How Can Employees Use Paid Time Off?**

- Employers will advise employees how they can make a request for paid time off, either at the effective date of the ordinance, or the first day of employee's hire, whichever is first.
- Employees can start using paid time off on the 90th day of employment or 90 calendar days after the effective date of the ordinance if the employee is already hired.
- An employer shall permit an employee to utilize the earned paid time off for any purpose.

**Helpful Links:**

<https://www.bernco.gov/planning/employee-wellness-act.aspx>

Retaliation or discrimination against an employee who requests and/or uses paid time is prohibited. An employee can file a complaint against an employer who retaliates or discriminates against the employee or who fails to provide required paid leave.

For more information, contact:  
Community Services Division Offices: (505) 468-7343 [deputycountymgr\\_communityservices.gov](mailto:deputycountymgr_communityservices.gov)

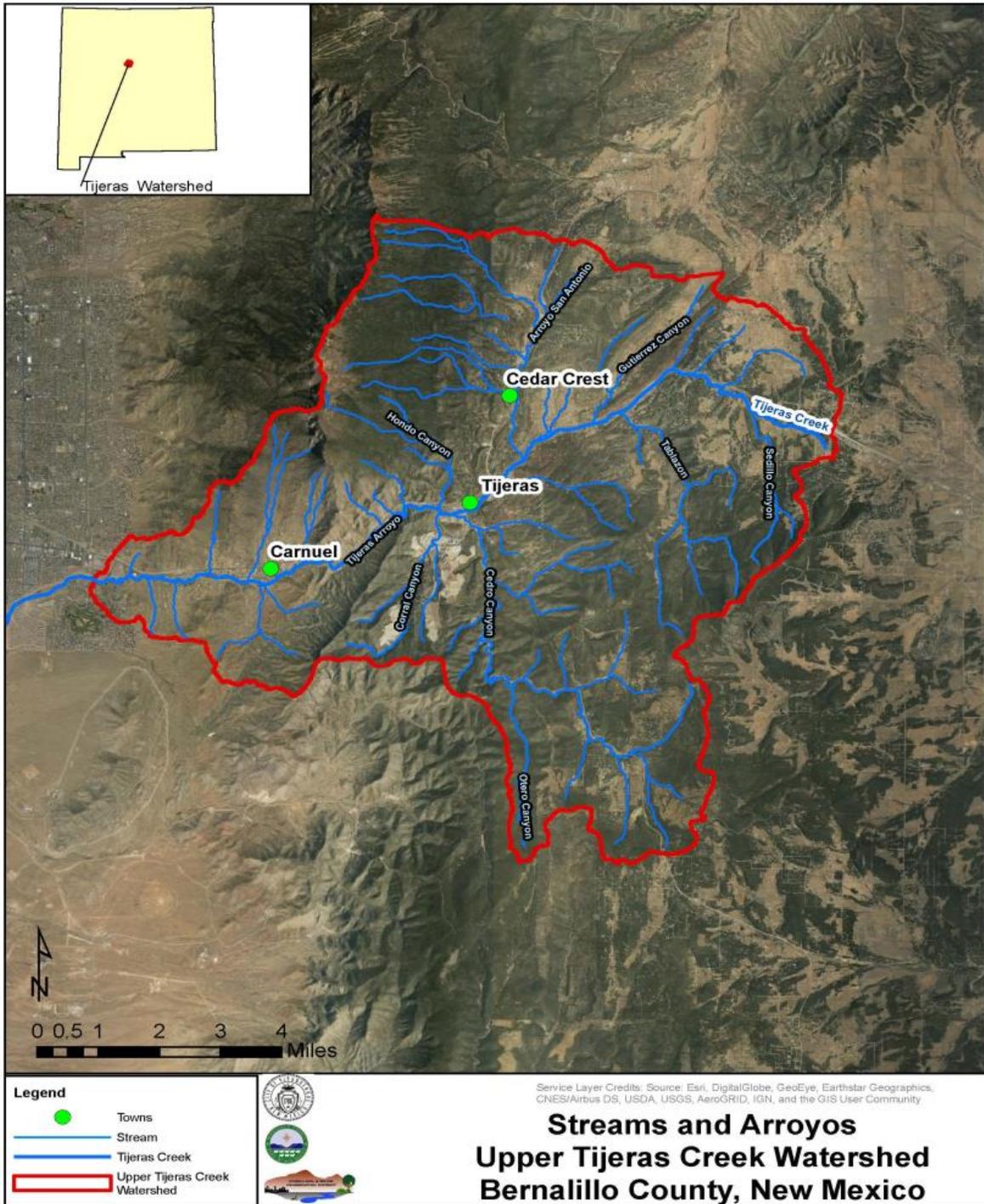
**For more information visit [www.bernco.gov](http://www.bernco.gov)**

## **The Tijeras Creek Water Collaborative Wants East Mountain Residents to Get Involved**

The Tijeras Creek Water Collaborative is overseeing the development of a water-Based plan (WBP) based on a nine-element framework developed by the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA). The Watershed-Based Plan will define potential nutrient sources and voluntary management actions that will help achieve compliance with water quality standards.

The Watershed-Based Plan will define goals and plans for future restoration projects, as well as a proposed timeline for the project implementation.

Watershed residents that want to participate in the process can email Sean Ludden with the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation at [ciudadprograms@gmail.com](mailto:ciudadprograms@gmail.com) to be placed on an email list.





BERNALILLO COUNTY PRESENTS

# MOVIES IN THE PARKING LOT FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS

**GOONIES**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 9

**NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (1984)**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 16

**IT (2017)**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 23

**HALLOWEEN (2018)**  
FRIDAY, OCT. 30

**GATES OPEN AT 5:30 P.M. MOVIES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.**  
FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE ON-SITE > ALCOHOL NOT PERMITTED  
**BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR ADMISSION**  
TO BENEFIT THE ROADRUNNER FOOD BANK > **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**  
ALL MOVIES WILL BE HELD AT > ISLETA AMPHITHEATER PARKING LOT > 5601 UNIVERSITY BLVD SE

[WWW.BERNCO.GOV/MITP](http://WWW.BERNCO.GOV/MITP)

## Commissioners Approve Disaster Relief Aid

*\$1.4 million in programming for indigent families*

Bernalillo County commissioners have approved an administrative resolution that establishes the Bernalillo County Disaster Assistance Program. This resolution allows the county manager to enter into service agreements related to the Disaster Assistance Program.

The program will be administered by the county manager through the Economic Development Department and allows the distribution of one-time financial

assistance to aid county residents who have been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and are ineligible to receive money under the CARES Act.

To qualify for assistance under the Disaster Assistance Program, an applicant must be a county resident, didn't qualify for a federal stimulus check, doesn't qualify for unemployment insurance benefits, and meets the definition of indigent as set forth in the resolution.

The amount of assistance per person has not yet been determined and information about qualification criteria, application process, and timeline will be posted on the county website at a future date.



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## BernCo Ballfields and Community Centers Open for Limited Use



**LET'S PLAY BALL!**

Recent changes in the state public health order have allowed Bernalillo County to open some recreation facilities on a limited basis.

Bernalillo County emphasizes that any teams or individuals, with an approved use agreement for use of county facilities, must follow health safety guidelines that are still in place, such as social distancing (six feet), mandatory use of masks (even at outdoor facilities), and no more than 10 people, to include coaches or instructors, allowed to gather for practice or training. There is still no competition allowed at any facilities, per the state mandate.

Four community centers are open and offering grab-n-go lunches Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunches are available for anyone under the age of 18. Each of the community centers is also offering all-day care for school-aged children. Each center can accommodate 25 kids and spaces. For availability and center details click [here](#).

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## El Camino Real National Historic Trail Conceptual Plan

We are asking for the community's input to:

- Identify sites located along the historic route that can be developed for the public to visit, experience, and learn about the National Historic Trail.
- Identify preferred routes for a multi-modal trail following the historic alignment.

Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, the National Park Service, and The University of New Mexico have partnered to prepare a conceptual plan that outlines a vision for the

development of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail within Bernalillo County.

Please use the following link to watch the video, view maps, and provide feedback: <https://www.camino-bernco.com/>



**How should we develop trails and historic sites along El Camino Real?**

Visit [camino-bernco.com](https://www.camino-bernco.com/) to learn more and submit your feedback.

**¿Cómo debemos desarrollar senderos y sitios históricos en su comunidad?**

Visita [camino-bernco.com](https://www.camino-bernco.com/) para obtener más información y envíe sus comentarios.

*El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro*  
**NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL**  
**Development Concept Plan**



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## All Things Election!

### Clerk to Absentee Voters: Return Application Now

Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover recorded a video PSA urging voters wanting to vote absentee to complete and return the application now.

Bernalillo County has already received over 126,490 applications for an absentee ballot. The Clerk's Office will begin mailing absentee ballots on Oct. 6, 2020.



# 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](http://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.

## Reoccurring events in Sept.

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@berncov.gov](mailto:OSSS@berncov.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 Maria 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 Elna 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



## Recent BernCo News Releases

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

### [BernCo and Partners Provide Conceptual Plan for the Long-term Development of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail](#)

Sept. 28, 2020 - Bernalillo County, the City of Albuquerque, the National Park Service, and the University of New Mexico have partnered to provide a conceptual plan that outlines a vision for the long-term development of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail within Bernalillo County.

### [Gun Safety and Respect for Property Urged in East Mountains Illegal shooting reported near homes](#)

Sept. 24, 2020 - Residents of the East Mountain area of Bernalillo County are reporting an increase in illegal shooting, according to Bernalillo County District 5 Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty.

### [BernCo Commission Passes Community Workforce Ordinance](#)

Sept. 24, 2020 - Bernalillo County commissioners have adopted a new county ordinance requiring community workforce agreements for public works projects in excess of \$7 million.

## 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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