



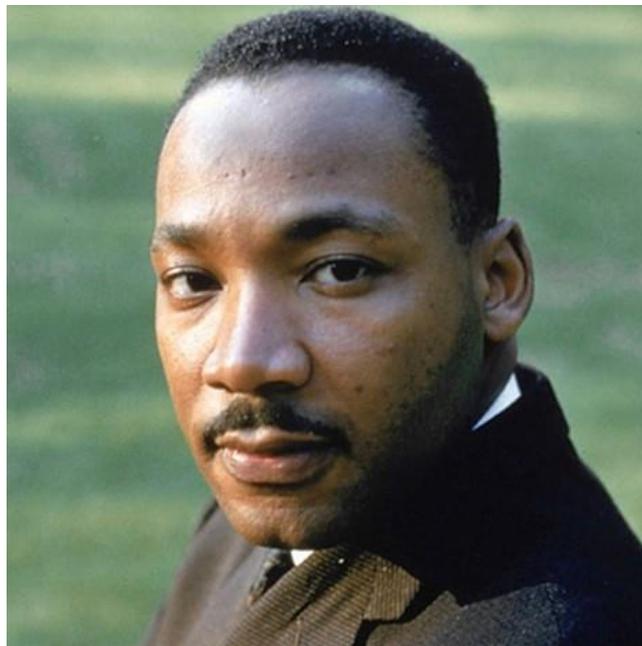
**NEW MEXICO FIRST**  
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## **New Mexico First and Project SHARE NM Newsletter**

Stay Informed and Engaged

January 19, 2021

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**“Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.”**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The first of [six principles](#) of Dr. King's creed of nonviolence recognizes that nonviolence is not just a tactic or strategy but a way of life, and that it takes not only courage but also practice, discipline, compassion, and a deep desire for justice.

Being committed to nonviolence means committing yourself to the role of peacemaker. It means when you see violence or injustice anywhere, that you are committing to acting or speaking out against it. The end result of nonviolence is redemption, reconciliation, and the creation of the Beloved Community.

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**Learn More. Sign the Pledge.** The City of Albuquerque invites New Mexicans to join them in 30 Days of Nonviolence which commemorates the principles and philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For 30 days, community members and allies will commit to practicing nonviolence as a lifestyle by applying the teachings of Dr. King to realistic scenarios.

Educational webinars will also be provided that will focus on Dr. King's philosophies and teachings. The virtual kick-off event will start at 6 p.m. on January 18, 2021 and will be live streamed at [cabqnv.com](http://cabqnv.com) and on GOV TV on Comcast Channel 16.

The event will last until February 17, 2021. For more information on the CABQ 30 Days of Nonviolence, visit [cabqnv.com](http://cabqnv.com) where you can [take the pledge](#) for nonviolence, [attend free webinars](#), and [volunteer](#) in a service project.

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**MLK Student Resources.** Here are some resources to help students celebrate the life of Dr. King, civil rights activist and leader.

- [Virtual Viewing Party: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#) -- Discovery Education
- [MLK Day: 5 Ways to Help Your Kids Understand the Significance](#) -- U.S. Department of Education
- [Picture Books](#), [Early Readers](#), and [Books for Ages 10 and Up](#) -- Scholastic Suggested Books
- [“I Have a Dream” Speech \(listen or read\)](#) -- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute

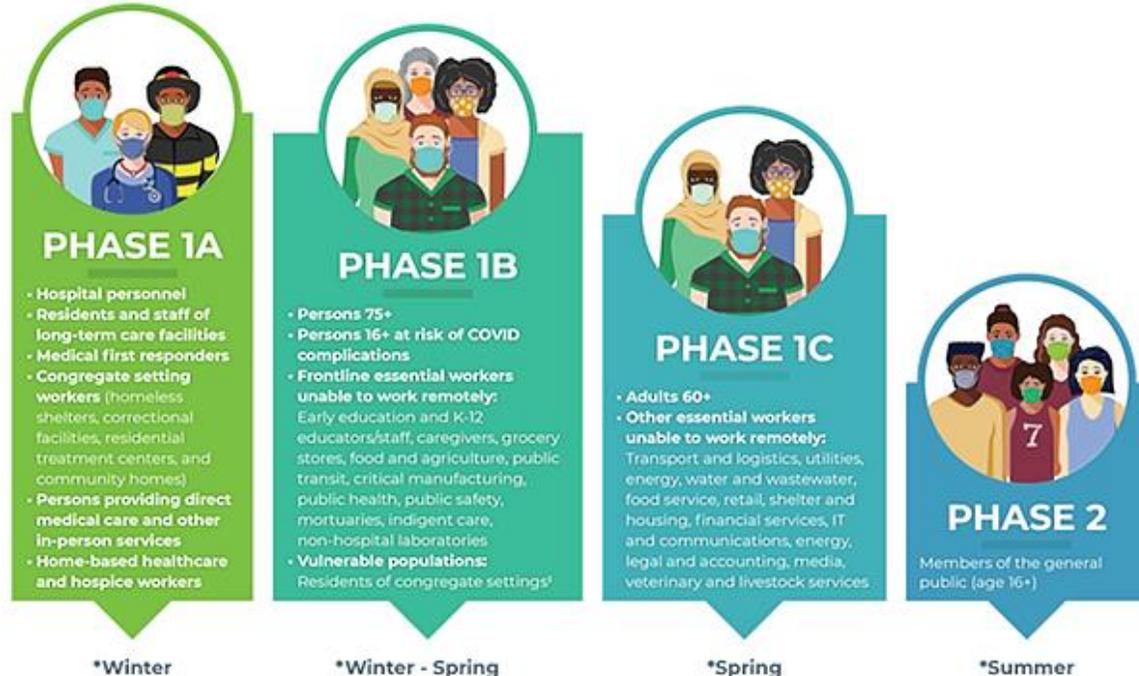


**Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines.** The Dept. of Health, Infectious Disease Division has created [a flier in English, Spanish and Vietnamese](#) to answer common questions about COVID-19 vaccinations in NM. These include questions about vaccine safety, possible side effects, eligibility (EVERYONE), cost (FREE), and whether or not you will still need to wear a mask (YES! Also continue to maintain social distancing and avoid large gatherings. Wash your hands).

*Do you have questions about the COVID-19 Vaccines? [Forward these to us, and we will track down the answers for you.](#)*

**When and where can you get your COVID-19 vaccination?** New Mexico is rapidly administering the vaccine doses it has received from the federal government, with over 108,000 administered to date. The state credits its strong roll-out to the registration system that prioritizes vaccinations to those most at risk of infection in a series of four phases (see below). Having vaccinated NM's front-line medical personnel and those in long-term care and congregate setting, the state is now vaccinating persons 75 and older, other frontline essential workers, those at risk of COVID complications, and other vulnerable populations. The state will continue distributing vaccine to the most vulnerable New Mexicans as supplies arrive.

You must register for a COVID-19 vaccination at [vaccinenm.org](https://vaccinenm.org). You can register online or by phone. For more information on how to register and for vaccination sites, check the NM [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#).



*\* Estimated time frames; dependent on DOH receiving vaccine  
<sup>1</sup>Vulnerable populations at risk of COVID complications can be vaccinated sooner*

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/>

**Beware Scams!** People who are counting on the protection the shots will provide are becoming anxious about the wait time. Unfortunately, this has also led to the rise of opportunistic con COVID vaccine scams. The Federal Trade Commission has tips on how to avoid getting caught in a scam.

Specifically, [FTC's post](#) cautions that while you are waiting for your appointment date, if you get a call, text, email—or even someone knocking on your door—claiming they can provide early access to the vaccine, it's a scam. People should not pay for a promise of vaccine access or share their personal information.

Instead, they should report the scam to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/whocomplaint) or file a complaint with the [NM Attorney General's Office](#).

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Mayor Tim Keller, the City of Albuquerque, and three non-profit partners are launching a FREE [Financial Navigators Program](#) to help Albuquerque residents navigate the impact of COVID-19 on family budgets and pocketbooks. The new program is a partnership with a national nonprofit organization the [Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund](#) (CFE Fund) and local organizations [NM Dream Team](#) and the [NM Coalition to End Homelessness](#).

Multilingual Financial Navigators are available now to meet with residents one-on-one by phone to help prioritize personal financial issues, identify immediate action

steps to manage expenses and maximize income, and make referrals to services provided by state and local government and more than 100 community-based providers and partners. Residents can access these remote services by completing the web form at <http://www.cabq.gov/finnav> or calling 311 to sign up.

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**Free Civil Legal Advice for Veterans.** The [NM VA Healthcare System](#) and the [State Bar of NM](#) Young Lawyers Division are offering free confidential advice on civil legal matters on February 1st. Phone calls are on a sign-up only basis. Help is contingent on volunteer attorneys. Contact Enethe [Veterans Justice Outreach Program](#) at 505-206-9086.

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**FREE Energy Assistance for Disabled Veterans.** [Central NM Housing Corporation](#) administers the NMMFA Energy \$mart Program for low-income families living in northern and central NM counties and Pueblos (see flier). This service is **FREE** for disabled veterans. The program will weatherize homes, providing insulation, repairing or replacing furnaces and inefficient refrigerators, and installing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Apply at 505-345-4949. [Download the flier.](#)

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**The Farm Service Agency (FSA)** is currently taking applications for the [Quality Loss Adjustment Program](#) (QLA) to help ag producers recoup financial losses due to bad weather such as drought, flooding or hail damage. The application for funding through the QLA s program must be done **before March 5, 2021**. For more information on the QLA program [click here](#) or contact [NM's FSA office](#) to discuss eligibility.

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**Payroll Protection Program – Round 2.** The SBA has started taking applications for the new round of PPP. Is your business in the first wave? If not, when can you apply? Here's everything you need to know about the process — [get started now](#).

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### **Tip on Civic Engagement**

Coretta Scott King founded the King Center on Dr. Martin Luther King's vision of "beloved community." On the [Center's website](#) they explain, "In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood." In Dr. King's own writing and speeches he described the ability to hold respect for one another's dignity and humanity as foundational to our work in creating beloved community. In challenging times, Dr. King's message of recognizing the humanity in others is a simple and powerful tip.

Listening and extending empathy and critical thinking with one another is not an endorsement of their ideas. It's an endorsement of their humanity ... and our own. When we listen to understand how others walk through the world and not with the intention to debate and convince others, people can be less defensive and more able to find common ground and work toward justice.

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To be a catalyst for positive change by engaging citizens in policy and enabling action.

### Our Core Values

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