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Environment Department to update Rapid Response COVID-19 Watchlist on weekdays only

For over a year, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and other state agencies conducted tens of thousands of rapid responses around the state to protect New Mexicans in workplaces, schools, medical facilities, daycare centers and residences. Since October, the Rapid Response COVID-19 Watchlist and other rapid response data has been posted to the NMED website, serving as tools for New Mexicans to make more informed decisions about which establishments they visit and when.



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With over 55 percent of eligible New Mexicans completing their vaccine series and the number of rapid responses steadily declining since peaking in December, the state will begin updating online rapid response data on weekdays only. The Watchlist, closure list and rapid response data will continue to be updated Monday through Friday hexact state will begin updating online rapid response data will continue to be updated Monday through Friday hexact state will begin updating online rapid response data will continue to be updated Monday through Friday hexact state will begin updating online rapid response data will continue to be updated Monday through Friday hexact state-will state-will state-will state-will state will be state-will state will be updated mexicans state-will state will be updated state will be updated mexicans state will be updated state will b

"With nearly 40,000 rapid responses conducted to date, the Environment Department and other state agencies are helping businesses stay open and keeping New Mexicans employed and protected," said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. "Now, it's critical that employers encourage employees to be vaccinated – and state agencies stand ready to connect employers with the resources they need."

Employers can request an on-site vaccination event <u>here</u>. Additional NMED resources for employers and employees are available <u>here</u>. New Mexicans can also register for vaccine and schedule their appointments at vaccineNM.org.

NMED will also discontinue publishing a daily press release on the Watchlist. Rapid response data will not be updated on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

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