



On March 11, 2020, the Governor of NM has declared a public health emergency, after four New Mexico residents tested presumptively positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Catron County advises the public to avoid non-essential travel to affected areas, advises residents not to attend public gatherings, and urges that event organizers postpone upcoming events within the County until this threat has passed. The Secretary of Health has issued a temporary ban on public and private gatherings that brings together one hundred (100) or more individuals in a single room or connected space in close proximity to one another, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theaters, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. The Order excludes normal operations at airports or other forms of transit, shopping malls, or other spaces where 100 or more individuals may be in transit, family gatherings such as weddings or funerals, shelters, retail stores or grocery stores, typical office environments, businesses, courthouses, restaurants and bars, schools and educational institutions, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other health care and congregate care facilities, and places of worship.

Typical COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, bluish lips or face and pneumonia. Please call (505) 827-0006 if you have a fever, cough or shortness of breath, **and** in the 14 days before your symptoms started, you visited China, Iran, Italy, South Korea, **or** were in contact with a person known to have COVID-19; or, if you do not have fever, cough, or shortness of breath, but you traveled to China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea, in the last 14 days, **or** were in contact with a person known to have COVID-19. If you are sick, please stay home, call your healthcare provider and let them know about your symptoms. If you are not sick enough to be hospitalized, you can recover at home. Please follow the protocol set forth on the CDC's website, available at [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronaviruses%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fprevention-treatment.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronaviruses%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fprevention-treatment.html). If you require emergency medical assistance, call 911.