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### **NMCD shares vaccination progress in prison facilities**

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Corrections Department announced on Wednesday that 51% of the inmate population and 83% of staff working in prison facilities have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinations of staff working inside of NMCD's state and privately-operated prison facilities began earlier this year in accordance with the New Mexico Department of Health's phased guidelines. NMCD's goal is to have 100% of interested inmates receive a vaccination by June 1<sup>st</sup>. As of Tuesday, 2,920 inmates had received at least one dose.

“Under the leadership of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, New Mexico has led the nation in the efficient and equitable administration of the vaccine” Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero said. “Our agency will continue to educate and encourage staff in facilities, field offices and administration areas, and justice-involved populations to receive the vaccine.”

The Marshall Project reported that vaccinations among New Mexico correctional staff are some of the highest in the nation.

All New Mexicans 16 and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Have you scheduled an appointment? Register online at <https://cvvaccine.nmhealth.org/> or call 1-855-600-3453. For information on New Mexico's COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, visit <https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders/red-to-green/>

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