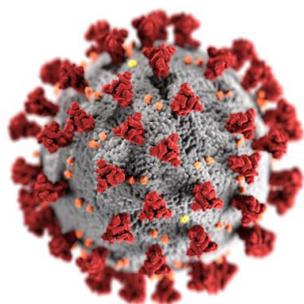




Sandoval County Now E-newsletter

Volume II October 2020



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Sandoval County Information and Resources [Click here for website](#)

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
- Mandatory 14-day isolation period for all out-of-state travel and/or visitors
- 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 five 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.
Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19: www.cdc.gov.
CDC fact sheets to read and/or download, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

COVID-19 Testing in Sandoval County

Testing is available for anyone with or without symptoms

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-11:00 am

How?

Registration is required:
cvtestreg.nmhealth.org

- Fill out all required (*) fields
- Enter email to get your confirmation
- Select testing date: enter date
- Where would you like to be tested:

Sandoval County

- Which location will you be visiting:
Sandoval County EOC
- Please be prepared to present your test confirmation ID at testing site

Where?

Sandoval County EOC
1500 Idalia Rd Building C
Bernalillo, NM
Turn Right onto Oersted Rd
off Cam Encantadas and
follow testing signs

Need help registering?

Call
(505) 867-2291
ext 1709 or 1712

**Registration is required
prior to arriving.**



NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

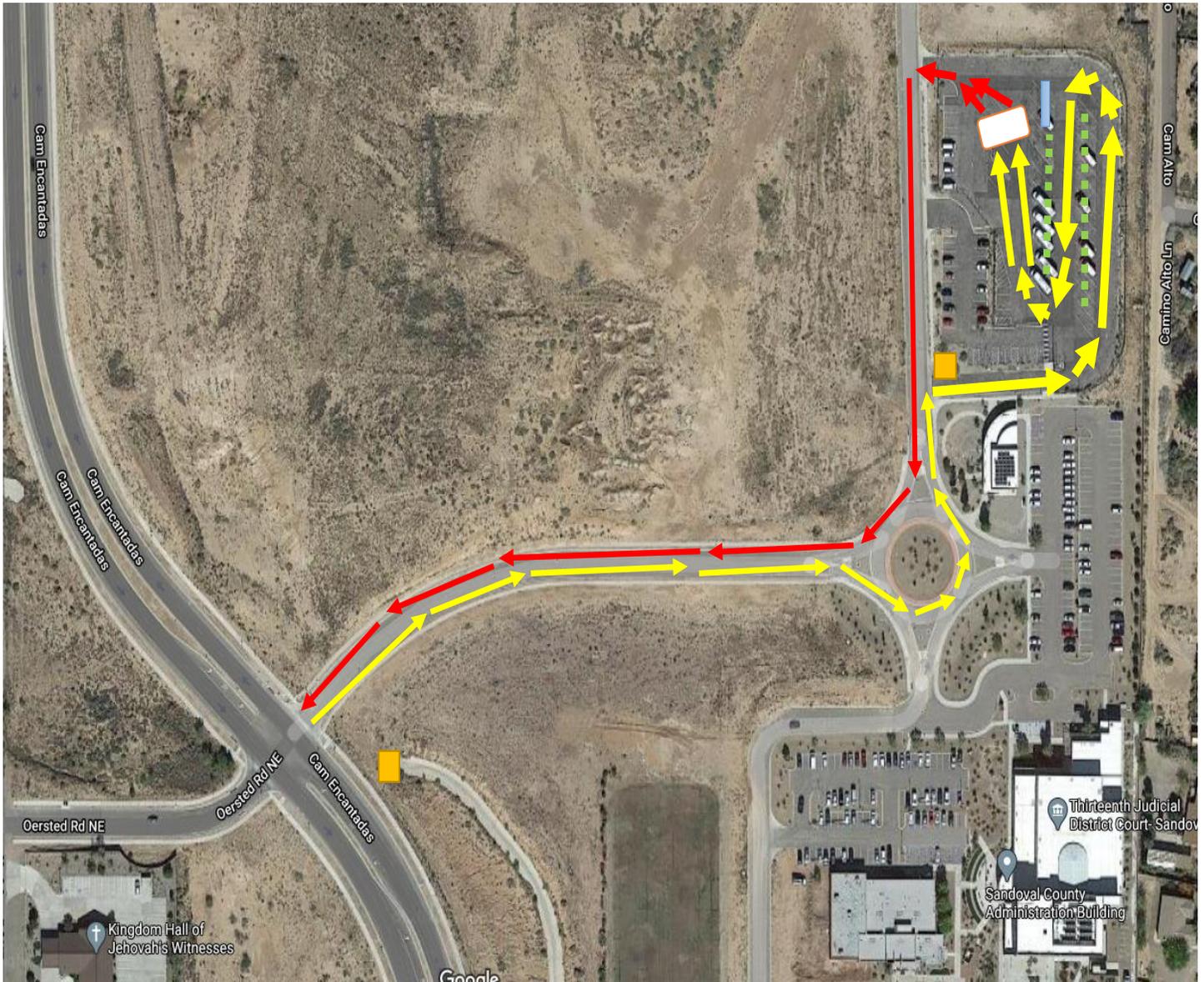
COVID-19 Testing at Sandoval County EOC: 1500 Idalia Rd Bldg C Bernalillo, NM

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:00-11:00 am

- Go to cvtestreg.nmhealth.org or scan QR Code
- Fill out all required (*) fields
- **You must enter your cell phone # or email address**
- Select testing date: **##/##/####**
- Where would you like to be tested: **Sandoval County**
- Location you will be visiting: **Sandoval County EOC**
- Please be prepared to present your test confirmation ID



Here is a map for residents getting tested for COVID-19 to use at the Sandoval County Administration building



Sandoval County Office and Department Availability



- **Assessor's Office**

Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12-1pm. Appointments are recommended.

- **Bureau of Elections**

Open with limited staff.

- **County Clerk's Office**

Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Appointments are recommended due to limited staff.

- **Human Resources**

Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Due to limited staff, please call or email with inquiries.

- **Planning and Zoning**

Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed between 12-1pm. Submittals can be processed electronically or dropped off at window. Individual meetings must be approved by Director.

- **Probate Court**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- **Treasurer's Office**

Open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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County Holiday / Observances:

- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 20 - Martin Luther King Day
- May 25 - Memorial Day
- July 3 - Independence Day
- September 7 - Labor Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 24 & 25 - Christmas

To be taken within the Calendar year.

- (2) 8 hour Administrative Leave Days

Investment Committee
Start time of 4:00 p.m.

Board of Finance
Start time of 5:00 p.m.

Sandoval County Commission Meetings
Start time of 6:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission
Start time of 4:30 p.m.

County Pay Days

All meetings held in the County Commission Chambers located at:
1500 Idalia Road, Building D - 3rd Floor
Bernalillo, NM 87004



PRESBYTERIAN MOBILE HEALTH CENTER IS COMING BACK!!!

(well sorta, we're coming back a few days a month)

For Employees and Family Members Enrolled in City's Presbyterian Health Plan
Through City of Albuquerque, Participating Entities and Bernalillo County

Appointments are required. Please call 220-6562

- *No cost for services provided in mobile clinic*
- *Care provided for enrolled members age 2 and up.*
- ***Walk ins are not available at this time.***
- *Covid screenings required for all patients, wear your mask!*
- *No work-related injuries*
- *Accessible to people with disabilities.*
- *Must bring your Presbyterian ID card*
- *Staff may treat symptoms such as: screenings for A1C, cholesterol, blood glucose and blood pressure, diabetes, preventive screenings, select vaccinations, lab tests, flu shots, kidney, common colds/flu symptoms, ear aches, sinus infections, urinary tract infections, cuts, removal of stitches, etc...*

<p><u>September 14</u> <u>Monday</u></p> <p><u>Civic Plaza</u> (6th & Marquette) 8:30am - 11:00am 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><u>September 15</u> <u>Tuesday</u></p> <p><u>Civic Plaza</u> (6th & Marquette) 8:30am - 11:00am 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><u>September 28</u> <u>Monday</u></p> <p><u>Sandoval County</u> 8:30am - 11:00am <u>Town of Bernalillo</u> 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><u>September 29</u> <u>Tuesday</u></p> <p><u>Solid Waste</u> 8:30am - 11:00am <u>Pino Yards</u> 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>
<p><u>October 12</u> <u>Monday</u></p> <p><u>Civic Plaza</u> (6th & Marquette) 8:30am - 11:00am 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><u>October 13</u> <u>Tuesday</u></p> <p><u>Civic Plaza</u> (6th & Marquette) 8:30am - 11:00am 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><u>October 29</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>Fire Academy/911</u> 8:30am - 11:00am <u>Daytona Transit Facility</u> 12:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p><u>October 30</u> <u>Friday</u></p> <p>CABQ VIRTUAL Health & Benefits Fair 7am - 2pm (3rd & Marquette)</p>

The Mobile Health Center staff will continue to be available for

NO COST PHONE VISITS. **Call 220-6562**



**THE 2020 ELECTION
MAY LOOK AND FEEL
DIFFERENT
BUT YOUR
ENGAGEMENT IS
NEEDED**

BE A

- PREPARED,**
 - PARTICIPATING, &**
 - PATIENT**
- VOTER**

Voters should look to their state and local election officials as the **trusted sources** for election information. Contact your election office directly or visit their websites and verified social media pages to ensure accurate election information and to minimize any potential for misinformation and disinformation. You may also visit the Election Assistance Commission (eac.gov) for trusted information and to find your state and local election officials (eac.gov/voters/election-day-contact-information).

**BE PREPARED:
YOUR VOTING PROCESSES AND VOTING LOCATIONS MAY HAVE CHANGED**

Ahead of the election, prepare by:

- Registering to vote. Some states require you to register 30 days before election day. If you are already registered, ensure your information is up-to-date. Please visit vote.gov for more information on how to register in your state.

Know your plan for casting your vote. Understand your options, be it voting absentee, in-person early, or on election day:

- If you vote in person, don't forget to bring eligible identification documentation, if required in your state, and double-check your polling location— it may have moved from the last election.

- If you vote by mail-in or absentee ballot, make sure to understand the requirements and ensure you return your ballot by the deadline. You may be allowed to return your mail-in or absentee ballot by hand (e.g., to a dropbox, election office, or voting location). In states where mail-in/ absentee ballots must be requested, you should do that ASAP to allow sufficient time for the mail to be delivered and returned.

**PARTICIPATE:
THE COUNTRY IS FACING A SHORTAGE OF ELECTION WORKERS**



Please consider volunteering via helpamericavote.gov.

- Elections are run locally by your neighbors. They could use your help to ensure a smooth election day for your community.

**BE PATIENT:
RESULTS MAY BE SLOWER THAN WHAT WE ARE USED TO IN PAST ELECTIONS**

- Increased usage of mail-in and absentee ballots resulting from the public health emergency may lead to slower than usual results reporting in some states. Election officials perform due diligence and follow defined processes to verify election results.

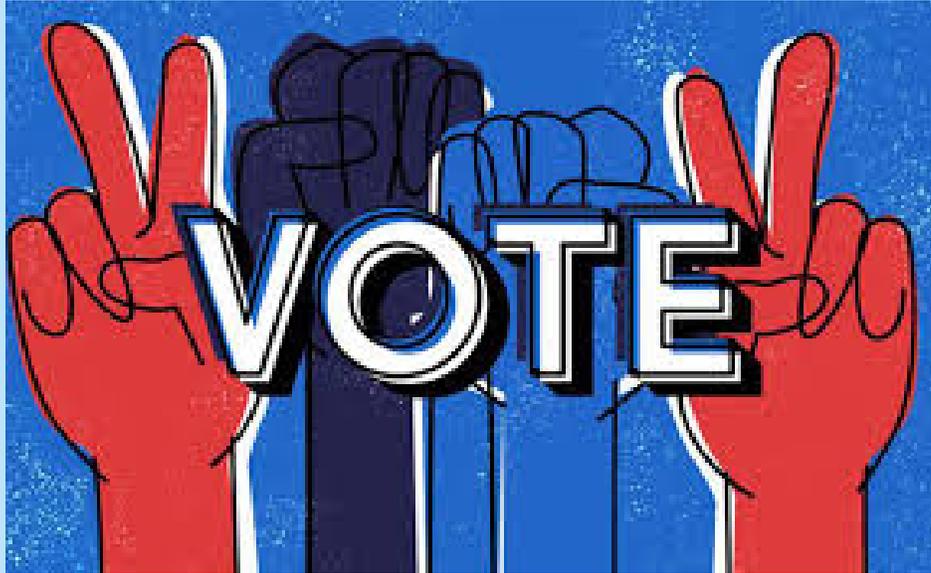
- Verify your sources to ensure you are reading and sharing trusted information. Our adversaries may exploit post-election uncertainty through the spread of inaccurate information.

- Results you see via media outlets are unofficial. Election officials are responsible for finalizing election results.



2020 General Voter Registration

To participate in the 2020 General Election the registration deadline by Mail is Tuesday, October 6, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.



Sandoval County does offer Same Day Registration at all Early Voting Locations Only!

Required Documents:

A New Mexico Current Driver's License or New Mexico Identification Card.

Any Document that contains an address in the county together with a photo identification card.

A Current Valid Student Photo Identification Card together with a current student fee statement that contains the student's address in the County.

VOTE EARLY

YOUR TIME | YOUR VOICE | YOUR VOTE

SANDOVAL COUNTY 2020 General Election

Absentee / Early In-Person Voting Locations Dates and Times

Schedule

Oct. 6, thru Oct. 30, 2020

Times: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday thru Friday)

1). Absentee/By Mail ----- Sandoval County Administration Building D.
1500 Idalia Rd., Bernalillo, NM

Early/Absentee In-Person ----- Sandoval County Administration Building D.
1500 Idalia Rd., Rio Rancho, NM

Oct. 17, 24 & 31, 2020

Times: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Saturday's)

Absentee/In-Person ----- Sandoval County Administration Building D.
1500 Idalia Rd., Rio Rancho, NM

Oct. 17, thru Oct. 31, 2020

Times: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Mondays thru Saturdays)

2). Early Voting ----- Voting Machine Warehouse
800 South Hill Rd., Bernalillo, NM

3). Early Voting ----- Corrales Community Center
4326 Corrales Rd., Corrales, NM

4). Early Voting ----- Our Lady Queen of Angels
1701 Tulip Rd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM

5). Early Voting ----- Community of Joy Lutheran Church
841 Saratoga Dr. NE, Rio Rancho, NM

6). Early Voting ----- Plaza @ Enchanted Hills
3575 Highway 528 NE, Rio Rancho, NM

7). Early Voting ----- Soul Rio Church
2003 Southern Blvd, Rio Rancho, NM

8). Early Voting ----- Italian American Club
1565 Stephanie Rd. SE, Rio Rancho NM

9). Early Voting ----- First Baptist Hall
6361 Highway 550, Cuba, NM

10). Early Voting ----- Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
7 Paseo De San Antonio, Placitas, NM

Oct. 19, & 20, 2020 **Times: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Monday & Tuesday)**

11). Early Voting ----- Santa Ana Pueblo Wellness Center
225 Ranchitos Rd., Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

12). Early Voting ----- Counselors Chapter House
9828 Chapter House 14, Counselors, NM

13). Early Voting ----- Sandia Pueblo Community Center
481 Sandia Loop, Sandia Pueblo, NM

Oct. 22, & 23, 2020 **Times: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Thursday & Friday)**

14). Early Voting ----- Cochiti Pueblo Community Center
255 Cochiti St., Cochiti Pueblo, NM

15). Early Voting ----- San Felipe Pueblo Senior Center
5 Cedar Rd., San Felipe Pueblo, NM

Oct. 26, & 27, 2020 **Times: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Monday & Tuesday)**

16). Early Voting ----- Torreon Chapter House
Highway 197, Torreon, NM

17). Early Voting ----- Santo Domingo Pueblo Community Center
1 Tesuque St., Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM

Oct. 29, & 30, 2020 **Times: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Thursday & Friday)**

18). Early Voting ----- Community Resource Center
129 Canal St., Jemez Pueblo, NM

19). Early Voting ----- Zia Pueblo Community Center
135 Capital Square Dr., Zia Pueblo, NM

POLLING LOCATIONS & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



NOTICE



Sandoval County will be mailing out Absentee Applications to all registered voters by **September 14, 2020.**

The last day to submit your Absentee Application will be **October 20, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.**

Sandoval County will have Absentee Ballot drop boxes at each Early Voting & Election Day Sites.

Absentee Ballots must be in the Bureau of Elections no later than November 3 @ 7:00 pm.

General Election 2020

Amended Polling Locations

ABSENTEE BY MAIL

Polling Location

Address

1). County Clerk/BOE Office	1500 Idalia Rd. Bldg. D, Bernalillo
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ALTERNATE VOTING LOCATIONS

Polling Location

Address

1). Sandoval County Admin. Building	1500 Idalia Rd. Bldg. D, Bernalillo
2). Voting Machine Warehouse	800 South Hill Rd., Bernalillo
3). Corrales Community Center	4326 Corrales Rd., Corrales
4). Our Lady Queen of Angels	1701 Tulip Rd. SE, Rio Rancho
5). Comm. Of Joy Lutheran Church	841 Saratoga Dr. NE Rio Rancho
6). Plaza at Enchanted Hills	3575 Highway 528, NE, Rio Rancho
7). Soul Rio Church	2003 Southern Blvd. Rio Rancho
8). Italian American Club	1565 Stephanie Rd. SE, Rio Rancho
9). First Baptist Hall	6361 Highway 550, Cuba
10). Las Placitas Presbyterian Church	7 Paseo De San Antonio, Placitas
11). Santa Ana Pueblo Wellness Center	225 Ranchitos Rd., Santa Ana Pueblo
12). Zia Pueblo Community Center	135 Capital Square Dr., Zia Pueblo
13). Santo Domingo Pueblo Comm. Ctr.	1 Tesuque St., Santo Domingo Pueblo
14). Cochiti Pueblo Community Center	255 Cochiti St., Cochiti Pueblo
15). Torreon Chapter House	Highway 197, Torreon
16). San Felipe Pueblo Senior Center	5 Cedar Rd., San Felipe Pueblo
17). Community Resource Center	129 Canal St., Jemez Pueblo
18). Sandia Pueblo Community Center	481 Sandia Loop, Sandia Pueblo
19). Counselors Chapter House	9828 Chapter House 14, Counselors

General Election 2020

Amended Polling Locations

VOTING CONVENIENT CENTERS

Polling Location

Address

1). Algodones Elementary School	395 Calle San Jose, Algodones
2). St. Francis Hall	816 Highway 22, Pena Blanca
3). Cochiti Pueblo Comm. Center	255 Cochiti St., Cochiti Pueblo
4). San Felipe Pueblo Senior Center	5 Cedar Rd., San Felipe Pueblo
5). Cochiti Lake Volunteer Fire/EMS	6515-C Hoochaneetsa, Cochiti Lake
6). Zia Pueblo Community Center	135 Capital Square Dr., Zia Pueblo
7). Our Lady of Assumption Church	040 Legion Dr., Jemez Springs
8). Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Station	4252 Highway 290, Ponderosa
9). Santa Ana Pueblo Wellness Center	225 Ranchitos Rd, Santa Ana Pueblo
10). Santo Domingo Pueblo Co Center	1 Tesuque St., Santo Domingo Pue.
11). La Jara Volunteer Fire Station	108 County Rd., 496, La Jara
12). First Baptist Hall	6361 Highway 550, Cuba
13). Counselors Chapter House	9828 Chapter House 14, Counselors
14). Torreon Chapter House	Highway 197, Torreon
15). Ojo Encino Chapter House	HCR 79 Box 1500, Ojo Encino
16). San Ysidro Public Safety Room	372 Highway 4, San Ysidro
17). La Madera Volunteer Fire Station	672 Faith Dr., La Madera
18). Sandia Pueblo Comm. Center	481 Sandia Loop, Sandia Pueblo
19). Sandoval County Admin. Bldg. D (51)	1500 Idalia Rd., Bernalillo
20). Community Resource Center	129 Canal Street, Jemez Pueblo
21). La Cueva Volunteer Fire Station	122 Twisted Juniper, La Cueva
22). Bernalillo High School Gym	148 Spartan Alley, Bernalillo
23). Bernalillo Middle School	485 Camino Don Tomas, Bernalillo
24). Placitas Community Library	453 Highway 165, Placitas

General Election 2020

Amended Polling Locations

25). Las Placitas Presbyterian Church	7 Paseo De San Antonio, Placitas
26). Corrales Recreation Center	500 Jones Rd., Corrales
27). Sandia View Christian School	24 Academy Ln., Corrales
28). Comm. Of Joy Lutheran Church	841 Saratoga Dr. NE, Rio Rancho
29). Charity Baptist Church	5501 Obregon Rd. NE, Rio Rancho
30). Sandoval County Admin. Building D	1500 Idalia Rd., Bernalillo
31). Our Lady Queen of Angels	1701 Tulip Rd. SE Rio Rancho
32). Soul Rio Church	2003 Southern Blvd. SE, Rio Rancho
33). Plaza at Enchanted Hills	3575 Highway 528 NE, Rio Rancho
34). SSCAFCA	1041 Commercial Dr. SE, Rio Rancho
35). Rio Rancho Middle School	1600 Loma Colorado Blvd. Rio Rancho
36). Colinas Del Norte Elementary School	1001 Night Sky Ave., NE, Rio Rancho
37). Italian American Club	1565 Stephanie Rd. SE, Rio Rancho
38). Highlands University in Rio Rancho	1700 Grande Ct. SE, Rio Rancho

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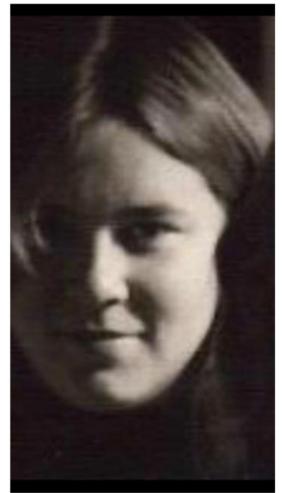
SEEKING INFORMATION

MARY ALETA "MOLLY" SPARKS

Homicide Victim
Algodones, New Mexico
July 23-24, 1975



Photograph taken circa 1974 or 1975



Photograph taken in 1972

DESCRIPTION

Alias: "Molly"

Date(s) of Birth Used: March 29, 1954

Place of Birth: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Hair: Brown

Height: 5'6"

Weight: 140 pounds

Sex: Female

Race: White

Nationality: American

DETAILS

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Albuquerque Field Office, along with the Sandoval County Sheriff's Office in New Mexico, are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the circumstances surrounding the homicide of Mary Aleta "Molly" Sparks in 1975.

Sparks, 21, was last seen on July 23, 1975, between 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. at Rosa's Cantina in Algodones, New Mexico, where she was to meet with friends and fellow members of an all-female rugby team.

Her body was found in a drainage ditch west of the bar on July 24, 1975. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to her head and neck, with possible strangulation.

If you have any information concerning this person, please contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.

Field Office: Albuquerque



COVERAGE FOR THE FAMILY

HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT WITH SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

[Call us to enroll!](#)

MEDICAID, SNAP,
LIHEAP, Cash
Assistance

Medicare Savings
Plans

Healthcare
Assistance Program

CALL US AT:



SANDOVAL
COUNTY
HEALTH
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1500 Idalia Road, Bldg. B
Bernalillo, NM 87004
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Call us at: (505) 867-2291
Ext.1735, 1720

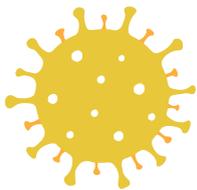
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ESPAÑOL.**

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COVID
Crisis Counseling

Call Now
505-954-1057
It's Free & Anonymous

Step 1



Concerned

Step 2



Feeling
Anxious &
Overwhelmed

Step 3



Call Us
& Talk

Step 4



Feel Better



If you or someone you know
is experiencing overwhelming anxiety or
grief, reach out to talk to someone
free and anonymous at
505-954-1057
Help is available.

You are not alone.
Reach out anytime & anywhere.

Free and anonymous talk counseling.

Call 505-954-1057

TALK: COVID Crisis Counseling



HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

Behavioral Health Services Division
New Mexico Crisis and Access Line

Stephen Montoya: Rich history in Sandoval County

Like many of us I have driven into work thinking about what tasks I have to accomplish for the day without giving a second thought to the beautiful surroundings that make up my daily commute. It's only on holidays or if we have an extremely unique sunset that I take stalk in the richness of our county. It was this very notion that started me on a quest to find out more about this place we call Sandoval County. I know for a fact that we sit in a county that hosts nine pueblos, with many sites that back that notion up with ruins and many stories to boot. So in my quest to find out more about where we live and work I reached out to Sandoval County historian Martha Liebert for guidance and help on the subject.



Liebert heads up the Sandoval County Historical Society, which is located behind the now closed IHOP near the Santa Ana Casino on U.S. 550. I might've passed this location over a hundred times but never knew it was there. As I entered the one time residence now turned museum, I knew I had my work cut out for me as I viewed an overload of books and black and white images on the walls of this thick adobe structure. Every corner, every room had a different meaning and theme. With August fast approaching I quickly thought about doing some research on the Matachines sacred dance done for over 300 years in the Town of Bernalillo.

Unfortunately, for the first time in the dance's history, the fiesta was held on social media only, due to the pandemic. There were no processions, or streets lined with eager onlookers, instead the dance was held in the back room of a church and video taped live for people to see. I felt with this very occasion a sense of responsibility to look at our history during these events and try to shed a light on the rich history that many of us can say our ancestors lived.



After a second visit, I grabbed as many images and pamphlets Liebert would allow me to take on a single visit. So it is with this notion I ready myself to delve deep into our county's history ready to learn and hopefully teach to a new generation stuck at home. I implore any of you reading this to help me in my journey through the past. If you have old photographs or a good story about how your ancestors lived here in Sandoval County please give me a ring or email me at spmontoya@sandovalcountynm.gov or call at 505-867-7640.



SANDOVAL COUNTY

Days Offered:
~~March 14th~~
~~May 16th~~
September 5th
November 21st



Free Hours
8:00am-12:00pm

Free Landfill Days

**The Sandoval County Landfill in
conjunction with the Town of Bernalillo**

(Keep Bernalillo Beautiful)

and the City of Rio Rancho

(Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful)

**will be offering 4 FREE Half Day Landfill
Days for Sandoval County Residents**



Sandoval County Landfill

2708 Iris NE

(505) 867-0816



Off the beaten path...



THREE REMOTE SANDOVAL COUNTY TREKS

Though these trailheads are off regularly maintained roads, they are not paved. Conditions of roads can change at any time due to weather. Drivers should avoid dirt roads during rain or snow. Drivers should be cautious of wash-out following rain or snow melt.

Camping in the Wilderness is a rewarding experience, but often there are no water sources. Visitors must carry all the water they will need for the duration of the trip.

Perea Nature Trail- From Bernalillo, travel about 20 miles north on US 550, cross the Rio Salado bridge and turn left (west) on the paved access road just before the village of San Ysidro. A brown state highway recreation sign is posted on US 550 at the turnoff.

White Ridge bike trails-Traveling northwest toward Cuba on US 550 from Bernalillo, the drive is approximately 20 miles. Before San Ysidro (about two miles), turn left onto Cabezon Road (County Road 906) at the intersection of Cabezon Road and US 550. Follow the left fork. Travel 4.4 miles to the gravel parking lot.

Seismosaurus Trailhead/Ojito Wilderness – From Bernalillo, travel on U.S. 550 about 21 miles (about 2 miles before San Ysidro) turning left onto Cabezon Road (County Road 906). Follow the left fork approximately 9 1/4 miles to an Ojito Wilderness sign. Continue almost 3/4 mile to parking area on the left. A trail leads north, across the road and through a fence, into the Wilderness.

Hoodoo Trailhead/Ojito Wilderness- From Bernalillo, travel on U.S. 550 about 21 miles (about 2 miles before San Ysidro) turning left onto Cabezon Road (County Road 906). Follow the left fork approximately 9 1/4 miles to an Ojito Wilderness sign. Continue almost 3/4 mile to a developed parking area on the left side of the road. From the parking area, walk back about 400 feet to the east where a trail leads north into the Wilderness on the opposite side of the road.

San Pedro Parks Wilderness area – Palomas Trailhead- NM SH 126 to FR 70 to Trailhead – GET DIRECTIONS

Sandia Crest via Placitas and HWY 165- route takes you past Sandia Man Cave and the drive contains stunning vistas – GET DIRECTIONS

Abiquiu Dam Lake-Outside of Sandoval but does have lake access. Verified open for day use only but -NO boating-as of 5.19.20. CHECK LAKE STATUS



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Sandoval County receives allocation of funds to help small businesses

Sandoval County, NM – The New Mexico Department of Finance and the Governor’s Office have released \$965k in Small Business Continuity Grant funds to Sandoval County. These emergency relief funds have been set up to support the small businesses hit the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds are available as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package.

These funds can be offered as grants to their local businesses. Grant funds can only be used by pandemic-impacted businesses for eligible expenses that fall into two categories: Business Continuity (such as non-owner payroll; rent or mortgage; insurance; utilities; marketing) and Business Redesign (installing Plexiglas barriers, temporary structures, and physical space reconfiguration to mitigate the spread of the virus; purchases of PPE and web conferencing technology).

The County program is intended to help reimburse the significant, temporary loss of revenue to these qualified businesses during this pandemic, and to assist businesses in retaining and paying employees. Sandoval County has determined these payments are necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency.

The program will offer one-time grants up to \$8,000 to qualifying small businesses and non-profits to cover costs such as non-owner/employee wages, vendor bills, and rent caused by required closures. Grants will first be prioritized to qualifying businesses within the unincorporated areas of Sandoval County and towns that did not receive Small Business Continuity Grant funding. However, any qualifying business or non-profits physically located within Sandoval County are encouraged to apply. Funds can only be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures provided those costs are not paid by insurance or by another federal, state, or local program.

Regardless of whether an organization is eligible for this program, it may still qualify for other existing funding received from a separate municipality within the county. [Visit](#) the Sandoval County Economic Development webpage for a list of other federal and state programs assisting organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility Overview

- Maximum of \$8,000 for qualifying small organizations with a physical location in Sandoval County (2-5 minimum full-time employees, or equivalent part-time employees, including the owner).
 - Priority will be given to organizations that did not receive Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds from the Small Business Administration's (SBA), or small business assistance funds from the State of New Mexico or City of Albuquerque.
 - Restaurants, bars, short-term lodging, and other non-essential organizations impacted by the local or state safer-at-home orders are eligible.
 - Sandoval County residents who engage in 1099 (consultants/contract employment) are eligible.
 - Funds must be used to reimburse costs incurred as a result of required closures, provided those costs are not paid by insurance or by any other federal, state, or local program. Such costs may include employee wages, vendors, rent, or other organization expenses.
 - A physical place of business located within the boundaries of Sandoval County, New Mexico is required, including for mobile vendors.
 - Organizations must receive no more than \$3 million in taxable receipts [per annum].
- The application process will open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and close on October 30, 2020, or sooner if funds are exhausted. Grantees will have to provide three reports on the use of Sandoval County CARES Small Business grant funds at 90, 180, and 365 days.

“The work it takes to run a small business is a story of hard-working people,” said Dora Dominguez, Director of Sandoval County Economic Development. “The opportunity to provide a source of emergency relief in the wake of a pandemic is a much-appreciated honor. Small business owners are the backbone of our nation and local economies. As community leaders, the task remained from the beginning to identify all resources available understanding hard-working people stand up businesses. As leaders, our role is not to just build businesses but to support and build people; the strength of whom then create businesses that in turn support job growth.”

The county application portal will go live beginning, September 8, 2020. Applications will be accepted through October 30, 2020, with all funds to be allocated no later than December 30, 2020. “We look forward to working with our local municipalities to ensure the funds are administered and all program deadlines and requirements are met.”

Sandoval County was one of four local governments in the County to apply for these funds. The Town of Bernalillo received \$1,128,900; Village of Corrales received \$255,000, Village of Cuba received \$32,902, City of Rio Rancho received \$465,733 and Sandoval County received \$965,000.

If interested in applying for this grant program please go to: businessgrant@sandovalcountynm.gov to ask for a copy of the application form.

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