



# BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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[See UPDATED Schedule of BernCo Office Hours](#)

## Board of County Commissioners Administrative Meeting to Stream Live Tuesday, April 14 at 5 p.m.



In response to Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's declaration of a public health emergency and ban on large public gatherings, all Bernalillo County Commission meetings will be conducted via video conference. Members of the public will have the ability to view meetings through tuning into GovTV-16, or live-stream on the Bernalillo County website at: <https://www.bernco.gov/live>. Live streaming can be accessed from most smartphones, tablets, or computers. Public comment can be submitted in written form via email to [jubaca@bernco.gov](mailto:jubaca@bernco.gov) or web form submission for public comment can be found at: <https://www.bernco.gov/boards-commissions/speak-at-a-meeting.aspx>. Comments will be distributed to all commissioners for review.

## CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[Click to visit website](#)

Now more than ever...stay home for those who can't.

Stay safe, stay healthy and help stop the spread of germs!

- 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**

Up-to-date information about state mandates and information:

[www.newmexico.gov](http://www.newmexico.gov). **Emergency order extended to April 30.**

Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19:

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

CDC fact sheets to read and/or download,

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>



## Recent BernCo News Releases

*(click each news release below to read in full)*

### County Restaurant Workers Urged to Wear Masks and Gloves

All restaurant employees providing curbside, take-out, or delivery service should wear a protective mask and gloves while performing these services. It is recommended that workers use basic face masks rather than the N-95 or surgical masks as those should be reserved for medical first responders.

### Office of the Assessor Wants to Remind Property Owners of Available Exemptions

Property owners who have not taken advantage of the head of family, veteran or 100% disabled veteran exemptions and the value freeze program, must do so no later than 30 days after the mailing of the notice of value (NOV) statements.

### Bernalillo County - We're Here for You During COVID-19

The county's CARE campus is still operating, with reduced staff, to provide 24/7 services for behavioral health. The CARE campus provides a variety of programs to reduce the impact of alcoholism, substance abuse, and behavioral health needs within the community. The campus is located at 5901 Zuni, and more information is available at [www.bernco.gov/dbhs](http://www.bernco.gov/dbhs).

## Stay-at-Home vs. Shelter-in-Place

*The Same but Different*



**Stay-at-Home** often means to remain indoors as much as possible and try to only leave your home when absolutely necessary. If your home has outdoor spaces, such as patios, porches, yards, etc. you may still access them. Outdoor activities such as walking, jogging, and exercise,

as well as walking your dog, are allowed in most jurisdictions when social distancing tactics (maintaining at least six feet away from the next person) are practiced. Essential services such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, filling your car with gasoline, going to the Post Office, etc. are also still allowed in most jurisdictions.

**Shelter-in-Place** has historically been used to instruct people to stay inside a building until additional guidance is given. This is a more restrictive emergency action used for short-term emergencies when people are in imminent danger, such as during tornadoes or extremely severe weather, during an active shooter response, or hazardous chemical release or radiological incident. The types of traditional shelter-in-place protective measures are different from the type of extended isolation being recommended to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

## Census 2020: i Count New Mexico

Visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) and  
take 10 minutes to help shape our next 10 years.



## Community Resources and Information

### BernCo Serves Grab-and-Go Breakfasts and Lunches

Cost: Meals are free

BernCo is serving 'grab-and-go' breakfasts and lunches at six county locations. [Locations here.](#) Parents drive-up to the community center with their children in the vehicle and center staff give a breakfast and lunch for each child requested.

### APS Student Meal Pick-Ups

Cost: Meals are free

- UPDATE: Hours of Operation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
  - Students will receive meals for two days.
- Available to all school-age students under the age of 18 as of Monday, March 16, 2020.
- UPDATE: Students are expected to be in the vehicle when meals are picked up. If they have an online or televised class that conflicts with meal distribution, parents may pick up the meals for them as long as they can show their child's student ID or report card.
- APS requests that you do not bring animals to the Grab & Go sites, including in your cars.  
[Visit the APS website for locations.](#)

[Safety Tips for Shopping](#) -- Tip sheet (English)

[Safety Tips for Shopping](#) -- Tip sheet (Spanish)

[How to Properly Clean Your Groceries](#) -- Tip sheet

## 2020 Primary Election: Request an Absentee Ballot

Clerk Linda Stover with an update on the Primary Election.

[#BeTheVote](#) [#TrustedInfo2020](#)

Voters may request an absentee ballot online [here](#).

Call 505-243-VOTE (8683) or via email [clerk@bernco.gov](mailto:clerk@bernco.gov)

Visit [BernCo.gov/clerk](http://BernCo.gov/clerk) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



### For assistance, please contact:

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
  - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, [probate@bernco.gov](mailto:probate@bernco.gov)
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, [contactcenter@bernco.gov](mailto:contactcenter@bernco.gov)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(click to read and learn more)

- [Glyphosate Moratorium](#)

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