

## **NEW MEXICO HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN)**

### **ADVISORY**

#### **New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) provides guidance for reporting COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases**

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The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is requesting that healthcare providers report COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases. **NMDOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) define a COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough case as a U.S. resident who has SARS-CoV-2 RNA (e.g., RT-PCR or NAAT) or antigen (e.g., rapid point-of-care tests) detected on a respiratory specimen collected  $\geq$  14 days after completing the full dosing schedule of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine.** Respiratory specimen includes upper respiratory sample (nasopharyngeal swab, oropharyngeal swab, nasal swab or wash, saliva), sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid, pleural fluid, or lung tissue.

**If a COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough case is suspected, please save the residual test specimen from the positive test and contact the NMDOH Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD) as soon as possible at 505-827-0006. ERD will provide additional instructions for sending the specimen to NMDOH Scientific Laboratory Division (SLD) for RNA sequencing.**

#### **Please provide the following information:**

- First and last names
- Date of birth
- COVID-19 vaccine manufacturer
- Dates of 1st dose and 2nd dose vaccinations
- Date of test specimen collection
- Test specimen type that will be shipped to SLD (respiratory specimen, RNA extract, or viral isolate)

#### **Additional Resources**

- [NMDOH COVID-19 Webpage](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Webpage](#)

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