DOÑA ANA COUNTY
DOÑA ANA WELLNESS INSTITUTE
SERVING AS THE HEALTH COUNCIL

MISSION:
To foster a community-centered, integrated health system to improve the health of Doña Ana County residents.

Doña Ana County is located in the southernmost part of the state and sharing 64 miles of border with an estimated 219,561 residents in 2020, making it New Mexico’s second largest county by population.

STRATEGIES:
• Expand DAWI-NMSU Collaboration for Structural Competency Awareness
• Support DAWI-Community Partner Programs
• Broaden DAWI-NMSU Joint Efforts for Policy, Systems and Environmental Change

GOALS/PRIORITY AREAS

- Implementation of Structural Competency Framework
- Focus on Health Equity
- Improve Access to Integrated Healthcare and Preventative Services

Doña Ana County Profile: https://nmcdc.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/06fe3e89dc634c59b65f2216b17408a3/data

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Collected and analyzed data about the impact COVID-19 is having on people living in rural and colonia communities in partnership with New Mexico State University.
- Participated in the local Unified Area Command to support coordinated response and communication.
- Implemented a COVID-19 to Home/Hotel Program to help maintain hospital bed capacity.
- Distributed masks and information about COVID-19 safe practices.
- Supported vaccine events.
- Trained promotoras as trusted voices to share COVID-19 safe practices in rural communities.

Important References:
https://cv.nmhealth.org/
https://www.donaanacounty.org/
https://communityfoundationofsouthernnewmexico.org/
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Council meeting times: 1st Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

HIGHLIGHTS

- Developing an online Structural Competency course in collaboration with NMSU that will be available free to the public.
- Supporting the development and implementation of new psychiatric residency program.
- Creating an indoor air quality policy statement to share with city and county leaders to improve air quality in public places to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Collaborating with NMSU to create a health equity post-doctorate position to lead assessment and planning around health equity.

*New Mexico Birth Certificate Database, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, New Mexico Department of Health
†Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Data. Atlanta, Georgia: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, with New Mexico Department of Health.
‡2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates