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Our farmers, ranchers and everyone associated with production, transportation, processing and selling food have faced a number of challenges over the past year. We developed COVID-Safe Practices to help mitigate possible spread. We also worked on getting essential workers access to COVID-19 testing. And now we have vaccines that have been approved. As we start 2021, I am touching base with you – leaders of your industry – to share vaccination information.

Food and agriculture workers are included in the state's 1B Phase of vaccination allocation, which is high priority.

I personally encourage you to join the nearly 300,000 New Mexicans (including me) who already registered to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Registration is fast and simple and may be completed online at [vaccinenm.org](https://vaccinenm.org). A combination of factors collected through the registration website, such as age, occupation, health status, etc. will allow the State of New Mexico to determine when a vaccine will be available for you. The vaccination is free, but the form will ask for insurance information to help support the cost of the vaccination program. Those without insurance will be vaccinated free of charge.

Upon registration, the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) will send you a notification when the vaccine is available to you, and you'll be able to schedule your vaccination at a provider near you. On the day of your appointment, you will fill out a medical questionnaire about your current health. More information about the vaccine and New Mexico's distribution process is available at <https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-vaccine/> or by calling the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline at 1-855-600-3453. For general vaccine-related questions, select option "0." If registration assistance is needed, select "0" then "4."

Thank you for all you continue to do to limit the spread of COVID-19. It has been a challenge, but there is light in the future!

Stay healthy and safe!

Jeff