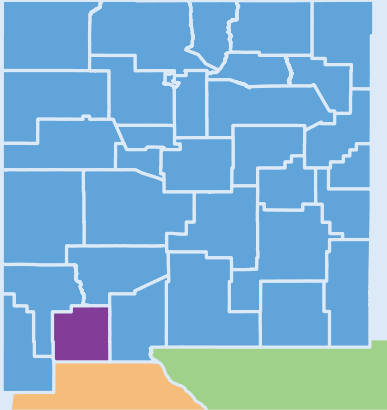


MISSION:

To build on community strengths by positively addressing needs through collaboration with consumers and agencies, thereby increasing the wellness of families.



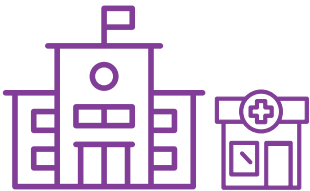
Luna County is predominantly a rural county with an average of 8.6 persons per square mile with an estimated of 25,427. Located approximately 30 miles north from the international border with Mexico.*

Health Priority: Behavioral Health



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Access to Care



22.9% of adults over 18 have healthcare coverage in Luna County.

What have we been doing about it?

- FY23: Health Fairs conducted in the Deming and Columbus communities.
- Health Council partners with school-based health center which has been in operation since 2017.
- Continuously participate with community providers in health outreach efforts.

Underage Drinking & Drug Misuse

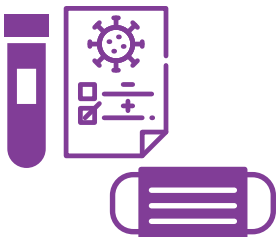


In Luna County **32.7% of high school students** report having consumed alcohol within the last 30 days.‡

What have we been doing about it?

- Collected and disposed of unused prescription drugs at our Drug Take Back events in April and October.
- Medication drop box at the Deming Police Department has been open since 2019.
- Continue implementation of environmental strategies with the #NotinMyHouse prevention, as well as the Sticker Shock campaign at local alcohol sales establishments.

Disease Prevention



What have we been doing about it?

- Collaborating with NMDOH on vaccine events.
- Partner with DOH to provide harm reduction.
- In collaboration with the Luna County Emergency Management and NMDOH in distribution of at home covid-19 test kits.
- Over 1500 copies of medication safety tips distributed.
- Disseminate vaccine and COVID-19 educational materials.
- Disseminate syringe exchange info.

Disease Prevention, cont.



- Increased and utilized community health workers (Promotoras) to reach those most vulnerable.
- Prepared and distributed 200 emergency preparedness kits throughout Luna County.
- Conducted community meetings to identify and address health issues.
- 156 youth participated in Narcan training and 108 adults were trained in Overdose & Narcan in the 4th qtr. of 2023. 31 individuals have been trained in Overdose & Narcan in the 1st qtr. of 2024
- Distributed 156 Narcan kits in FY23.
- Partnered with CHI to conduct Mental Health First Aid, for over 26 persons in the 3rd qtr. FY23.

Mental Health



Partnered with Columbus Volunteer Fire Department to host a Mental Health Awareness event to educate community members about mental health services. This event aimed to educate those with mental and substance use disorders to live a healthy and rewarding lives. 60 people were reached.

Capacity Building



Recipients of the CDC Kellogg Grant. This project is to increase community engagement to create health equity. Luna County Health Council has multi-sector partnerships that play a significant role in the health of our community. The health council hired a health equity coordinator and is working with DOH, CHI, and The Alliance of Health Councils to achieve health equity in the county and increase the health council's capacity to reduce health disparities that affect our community health.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ The health council works in conjunction with its state and local partners to serve a vulnerable population on the US-Mexico border. The major highlight of the councils is its role in connecting community members and resources.
- ✓ Recent funding has allowed the council to partner with CHI, NM Alliance of Health Councils, and Department of Health to focus on health equity- ensuring all Luna county residents has the ability to prosper. The council is working to ensure everyone is treated justly according to their circumstances.
- ✓ The health council spearheaded and brought together key community leaders to formulate a Community Health Improvement Plan in 2023.
- ✓ The health council continues to partner with the DOH Office of Border Health to increase their capacity and greater serve their community.
- ✓ NMAHC (nmhealthcouncils.org)
- ✓ Welcome to Luna County, New Mexico (lunacountynm.us)

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Luna County Health Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:00am (except July and December)

* 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

† New Mexico Birth Certificate Database, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, New Mexico Department of Health

‡ 2021 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

§ As of October 15th 2020