



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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To: All Inmates  
From: Victor Aldaz, Captain  
Through: Jessica Vigil Richards  
Date: June 11, 2021  
RE: Inmate Visitation

## Background

Over the course of the pandemic, numerous preventive measures and restrictions have been in place at Western New Mexico Correctional Facility (WNMCF) in efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective June 14, 2021 WNMCF will be easing certain restrictions and will be scheduling in person visitation between inmates and their approved and verified family members subject to requirements.

## Requirements

1. Only inmates that are **fully vaccinated** will be permitted to have **face-to-face non-contact** visits with approved and verified family members.
2. All visits must be scheduled in advance and will be required to scan and email proof of Covid-19 Vaccination card or other proof of COVID-19 vaccination reflecting **fully vaccinated status** (*see definition below*), along with Valid Driver's License to the Visit Coordinator.
3. All visitors to WNMCF will be required to show a negative COVID-19 Test Result, within the last seventy-two (72) hours, prior to entry. The visitor is **responsible** for **obtaining** and **providing** WNMCF with their negative test result.
4. All visitors to WNMCF must pass a screening upon arrival. Symptomatic individuals will not be allowed entry.
5. Family face-to-face non-contact visits will be limited to one (1) visitor at a time per inmate. The family member shall bring all proper documentation prior to entry. 1. COVID-19 vaccination card on hand 2. Negative COVID-19 Test Result with 72 hours of visit 3. Valid Drivers License

## Visitation

Visits will be **face to face non-contact visits**. Visits will be scheduled through the Visit Coordinator Athena Dunning and will be held on Fridays between 8:30am - 3:30pm in two (2) hour increments. Special Request visits for other days will be approved by the Unit Manager. WNMCF will still offer video visits Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm.

## DEFINITIONS

**Approved Inmate Family Visitors for Face-to-Face Non-Contact Visits:** Verified inmate family members on the inmates' approved visiting list who have been fully vaccinated and who have proof of a negative COVID-19 test result in the last seventy-two (72) hours.

**Non-Contact Visiting Face-to-Face:** A visit between an inmate and an approved verified family member; where physical contact is prohibited and where barriers are placed between the inmate and the visitor restricting physical contact. Conversations between the inmate and the visitor will be provided through screens, plexiglass, plastic or via intercoms or telephones.

**Fully Vaccinated:** Individuals are considered **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 **two (2) weeks after their second dose in a two (2)-dose series**, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or **two (2) weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine**. An individual who **does not** meet these requirements, regardless of age, **are NOT fully vaccinated**.

**Vaccination Card:** An official card or document indicating the completion of the COVID-19 vaccination sequence.

**COVID-19 Test Result:** An official result indicating that a negative result for COVID-19 was received within the last seventy-two (72) hours.

**Video Visits:** A non-contact visit using the computer with cameras to permit visits between an inmate and an off-site approved visitor