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HHS Family of Agencies



HHS Region 6



Region VI FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

LOUISIANA

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana

NEW MEXICO

Jicarilla Apache Nation
Mescalero Apache Tribe
Pueblo of Acoma
Pueblo of Cochiti
Pueblo of Jemez
Pueblo of Isleta
Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of Nambe
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of San Ildefonso

OKLAHOMA

Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Caddo Nation
Cherokee Nation
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Chickasaw Nation
Choctaw Nation
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
Delaware Nation
Delaware Tribe
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Kaw Nation
Kialegee Tribal Town
Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Osage Tribe
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Quapaw Tribe of Indians
Sac & Fox Nation
Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Shawnee Tribe
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in OK
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Wyandotte Nation

TEXAS

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas
Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of Texas



Region 6 STAFF and OPERATING DIVISIONS

Staff Divisions

- **(ASPR)** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
- **(OASH)** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
- **(OASH) (PACE)** Regional Prevention through Active Community Engagement
- **(OCIO)** Office of the Chief Information Officer
- **(OCR)** Office for Civil Rights
- **(OGC)** Office of the General Counsel
- **(OIG)** Office of the Inspector General

Operating Divisions

- **(ACF)** Administration for Children and Families
- **(ACL)** Administration for Community Living
- **(ATSDR)** Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- **(CMS)** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **(FDA)** Food and Drug Administration
- **(HRSA)** Health Resources and Services Administration
- **(IHS)** Indian Health Service Division of Engineering Services
- **(SAMHSA)** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Program Support Center

- **(BOS)** Building Operations Services
- **(CAS)** Cost Allocation Services
- **(FOH)** Environment Health and Safety Services



HHS Secretary



HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra



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Expand Coverage

- **Guidance on Health Coverage Requirements for Children and Youth Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP**
- **EPSDT Best Practices**
- **Children's behavioral and mental health**



Lowering Health Care Costs

Inflation Reduction Act

- **Insulin \$35**
- **No Cost Recommended Vaccinations**
- **Drug Company Rebates to Medicare**
- **Extra Help**



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- **Negotiate Fair Drug Prices**
- **10 Medications**
 - Eliquis
 - Enbrel
 - Imbruvica
 - NovoLog/Fiasp
 - Januvia
 - Entresto
 - Jardiance
 - Stelara
 - Xarelto
 - Farxiga
- **Costs more than \$50 billion**
- **Savings between 38 and 79 percent.**



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For 2025:

- **Out-of-Pocket Costs Capped at \$2,000**
- **Prescription Payment Plan**



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Strengthen Maternal and Reproductive Outcomes

- **Mortality Rates too High**
- **Maternal Health is an indicator of a nation's health**
- **Reducing Maternal Mortality is a Top Priority**
- **Medicaid finances about 4 in 10 births in the U.S.**
- **Expansion of Medicaid postpartum coverage to 12 months**



Strengthen Maternal and Reproductive Outcomes

- **Postpartum Maternal Health Collaborative**
- **Maternal and Child Health in Rural America State and Territory Policy Learning Collaborative**



Strengthen Maternal and Reproductive Outcomes

Expanding Access to Women's Health program



Maternal Mental Health



Call 1-833-TLC-MAMA [1-833-852-6262]

[Findsupport.gov](https://findsupport.gov)



Strengthen Maternal and Reproductive Outcomes



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EXPECTING AND NEW

JOIN US AT THE M.O.M.S. TOUR
MORE THAN JUST A
BABY SHOWER

Saturday, September 28, 2024
11 AM - 2 PM MST

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints
1100 Montañito Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Come Enjoy
FOOD, GAMES, DAD'S DEN,
ENTERTAINMENT, ESSENTIAL GIVEAWAYS

RESOURCES INCLUDE: Diapers, Wipes, Car Seats, Strollers, Carriers, & more!

Register here
<https://bit.ly/register4MOMStour>
or scan QR code

CELEBRATE & CONNECT
EXPECTING + NEW MOMS, DADS, BABIES, AND FAMILIES TO
INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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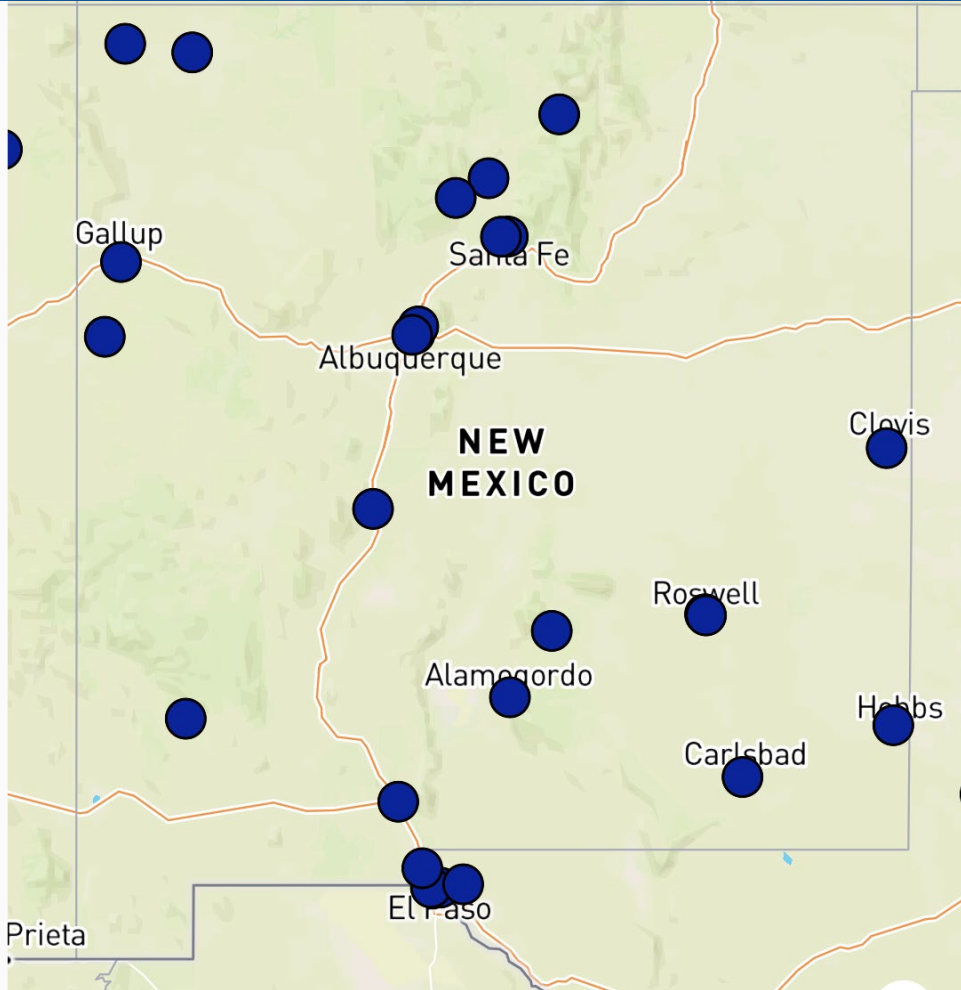


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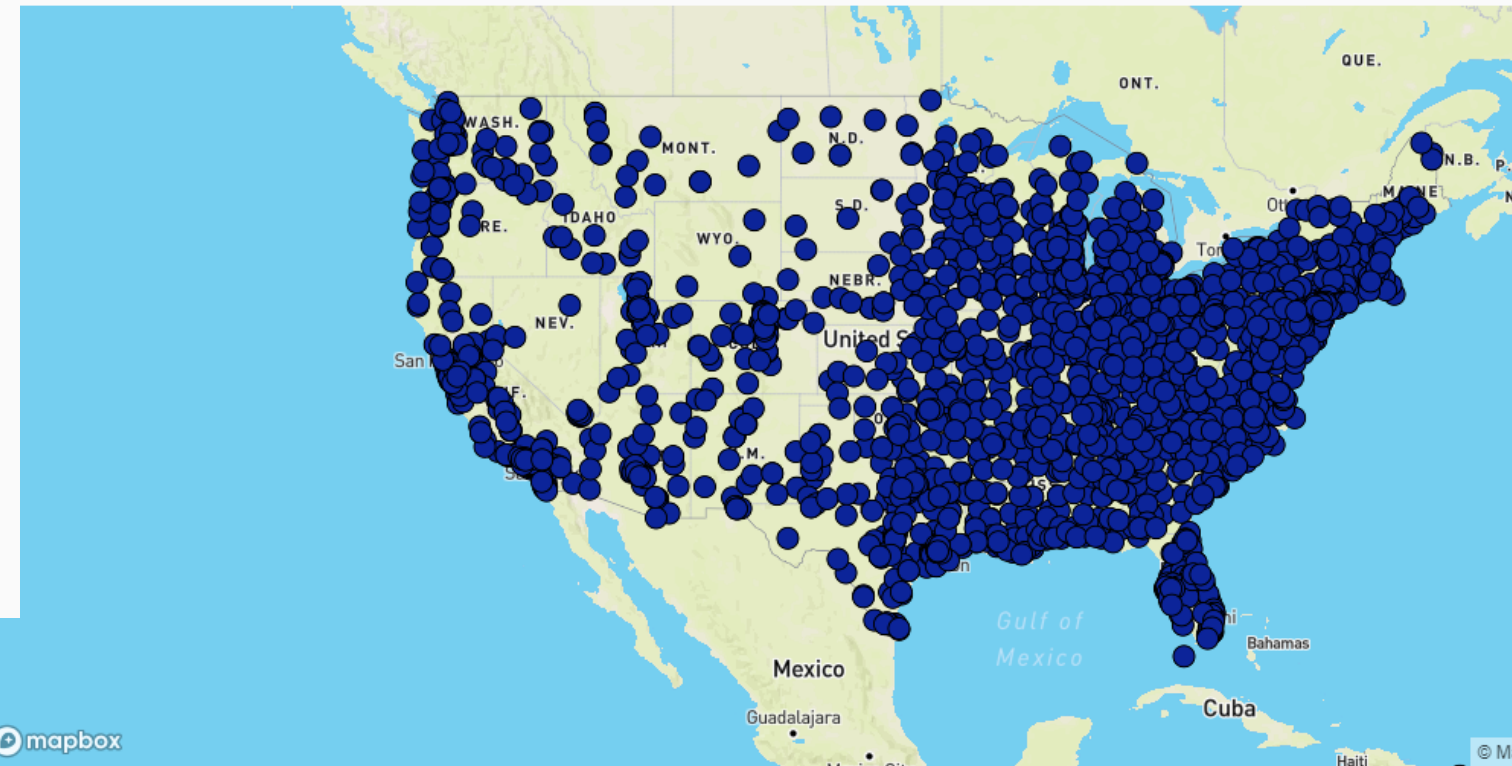
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Birthing Friendly Hospital Program Designation



Search by city, state or zip code



Strengthen Maternal and Reproductive Outcomes



Upstream x HHS Take on Contraceptive Care and Access



*"Nobody should be denied access to the health care they need and deserve because of where they live, their income, education level, or background. **Contraceptive care is basic and essential health care.**"*

- U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra announcing a new Upstream partnership in Fresno, CA

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- Strengthen Maternal and Reproductive Outcomes



“Your patients want options that meet their individual needs. We’re here to help. Our team of practice change experts work hand-in-hand with you to uplift your contraceptive care services and drive exceptional patient outcomes – **all at no cost to you.**”



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The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health

What if... we moved from a sick care system to a system that truly rewards better health?



ARPA 

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Advance Science to Improve Health

Transforming Antibiotic R&D with Generative AI to stop Emerging Threats (TARGET)



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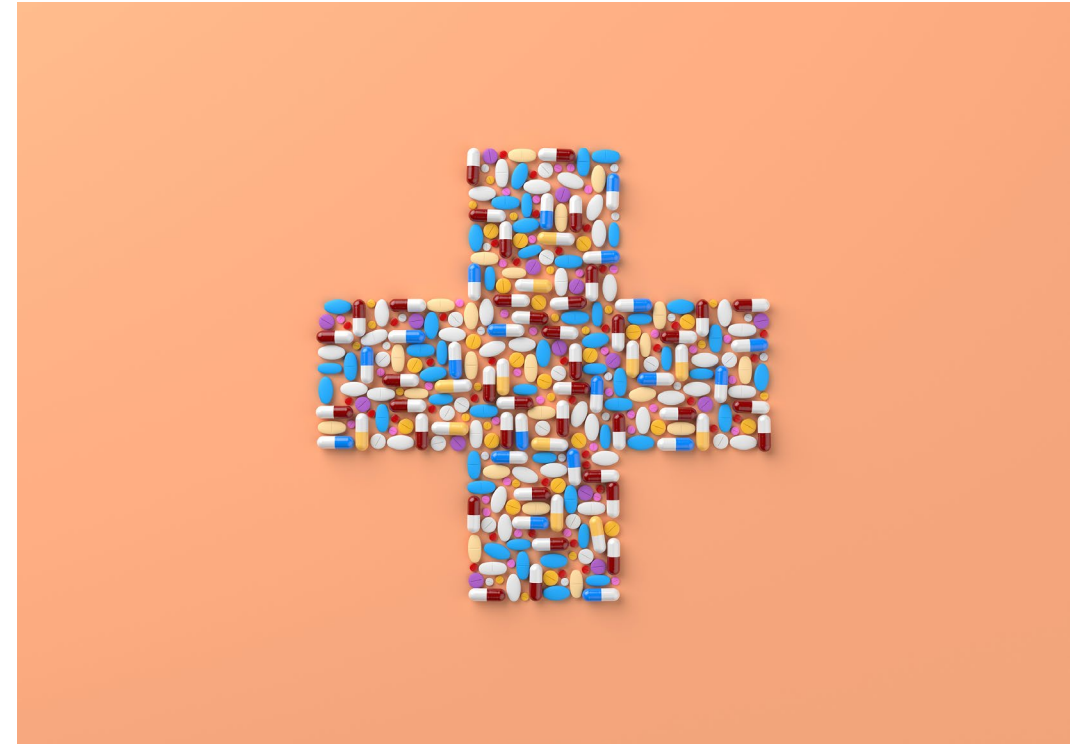
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Transform Behavioral Healthcare

- **Access to Naloxone**



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- **State Opioid Response Funding**
- **Tribal Opioid Response Funding**



Mental Health – Support is Here



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Syphilis Epidemic

- Syphilis has re-emerged as a major public health concern
- Many health care professionals have little experience with diagnosing and treating syphilis
- Need to increase testing in community health clinics, emergency rooms, correctional facilities.
- Combat Stigma



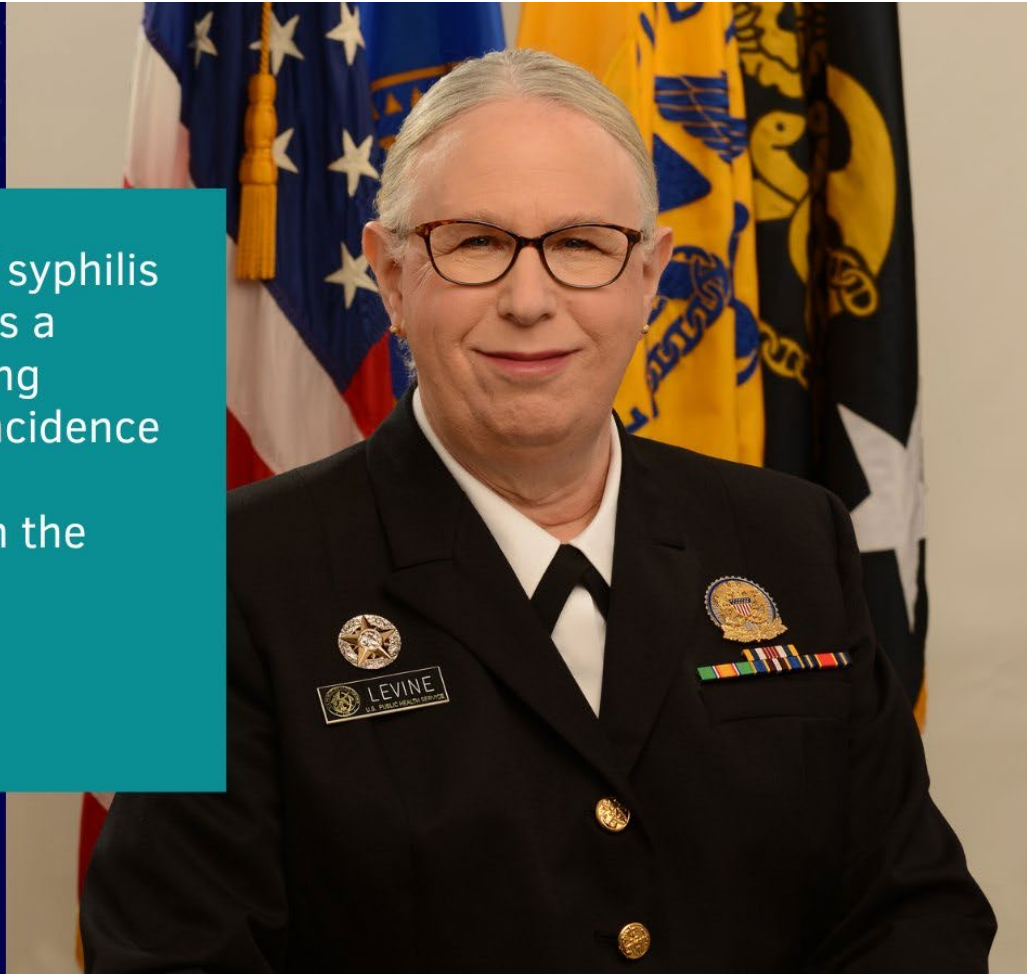
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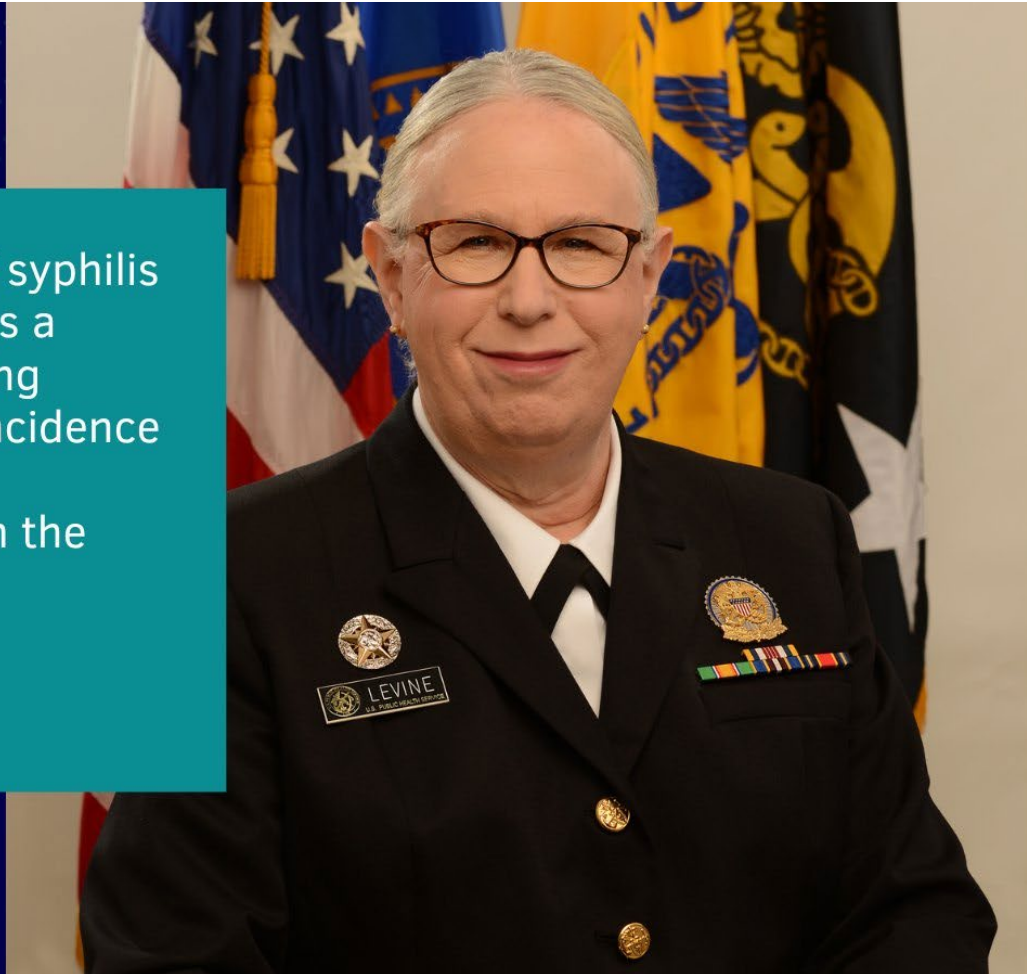
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Flu, COVID-19 and RSV

Talk to your health care provider about vaccines to help keep you safe from flu, COVID-19, and RSV.



**RISK LESS.
DO MORE.**
Get this season's vaccines

Provider Toolkit:

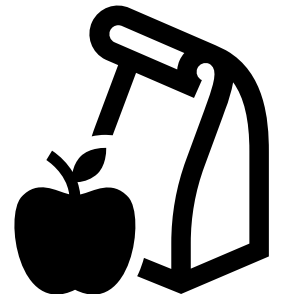
<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/hcp/tools-resources/index.html>

COVIDTests.gov



Food Is Medicine

- Recognizing that nourishment is essential for good health, wellbeing, and resilience.
- Facilitating easy access to healthy food across the health continuum in the community.
- Cultivating understanding of the relationship between nutrition and health.
- Uniting partners with diverse assets to build sustained and integrated solutions.
- Investing in the capacity of under-resourced communities.



New Mexico Medicaid

Nutrition and Food as Medicine
Medical Recovery Housing
Health Care for Individuals Leaving Incarceration



Thank you!

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