

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health will hold a public hearing on the proposed repeal and replacement of rule 7.5.5 NMAC (“New Mexico Statewide Immunization Registry”). The hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via the Microsoft Teams Internet-based video conferencing system, and via telephone. Members of the public who wish to submit public comment regarding the proposed repeal and replacement of the rule will be able to do so via video conference and via telephone during the hearing, and by submitting written comment.

Rule 7.5.5 NMAC implements the registry portion of the New Mexico Immunization Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 24-5-7 through 24-5-15, which requires physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers to report immunization information to the statewide registry. The Department proposes to repeal and replace the entirety of rule 7.5.5 NMAC, to incorporate new and modified provisions, including but not limited to the following:

- 7.5.5.7, Definitions: modified the definitions format;
- 7.5.5.9, Reporting Requirements: required additional reporting, to include the name of the administering provider location/clinic, gender, race, ethnicity, and phone number; and
- 7.5.5.12, Procedures for Reviewing and Correcting Patient Records: replaced references to “NMDOH Helpdesk” with “NMSIIS held desk”, and modified the applicable website address.

The legal authority authorizing the proposed repeal and replacement of this rule is at the Department of Health Act, Subsection E of Section 9-7-6 NMSA 1978, which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health to “make and adopt such reasonable and procedural rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the department and its divisions”; the Immunization Act at Section 24-5-11 NMSA 1978, which requires the Secretary of the Department of Health to adopt rules for the Immunization Registry; and the Public Health Act at Subsection R of Section 24-1-3 NMSA 1978, which authorizes the Department of Health to maintain and enforce rules for immunization against conditions of public health importance.

A free copy of the full text of the proposed rule can be obtained online from the New Mexico Department of Health’s website at <http://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> or by contacting the Department using the contact information below.

The public hearing will be conducted to receive public comments on the proposed rules. Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and may submit data, views, or arguments on the proposed rule either orally or in writing during the hearing.

To access the hearing via the Internet: please go to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>, then enter the following meeting i.d. code and passcode where indicated on the screen: meeting i.d. code 215 128 164 548 1 and passcode ym3uW2WS and then click the “Join a meeting” button.

To access the hearing by telephone: please call 1-505-312-4308 and enter phone conference i.d. 916 819 731#.

All comments will be recorded.

Written public comment regarding the proposed rule can be submitted either by e-mail to Jacob Clark at Jacob.Clark@doh.nm.gov or by U.S. postal mail to the following address:

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Written comments must be received by the close of the public rule hearing on December 2, 2025. All written comments will be published on the agency website at <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> within 3 days of receipt, and will be available at the New Mexico Department of Health for public inspection.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of special assistance or accommodation to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Jacob Clark by telephone at (505) 827-2997. The Department requests at least ten (10) days' advance notice to provide special accommodation.