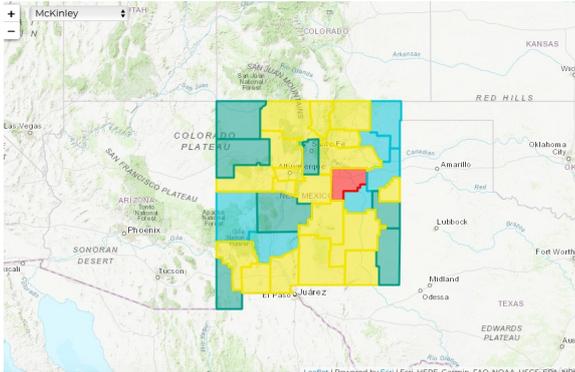


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McKinley County, which includes Gallup, moved to a less restrictive tier of public health measures on March 10 after the New Mexico Department of Health announced the updated statewide COVID-19 map for a two-week period.

The news was shared on the city of Gallup's website not long after the health agency released it.

McKinley is now at the green level, which is a medium-risk category compared to red, yellow — the two highest-risk — and turquoise, the lowest risk. The green level means there are fewer restrictions on commercial and day-to-day activities amid decreased virus risk.

Hidalgo, Lea, Roosevelt, San Juan, Santa Fe and Socorro are the other counties that joined McKinley in descending to the green level.

Below is a run-down, according to NMDOH website, of what is and is not allowed for various sectors of any county economy in the green level.

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### **GREEN LEVEL:**

Counties at the Green Level have both a new COVID-19 case incidence rate of no greater than 8 cases per 100,000 inhabitants during the most recent two-week period, and an average percent of positive COVID-19 test results over the most recent 14-day period less than or equal to 5%.

**Essential businesses (non-retail):** No capacity restrictions but operations must be limited to only those absolutely necessary to carry out essential functions.

**Essential retail spaces:** 50 percent of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor).

**Food and drink establishments (if NM Safe Certified):** 50 percent of maximum capacity for indoor dining; 75 percent of maximum capacity for outdoor dining.

**Close-contact businesses:** 50 percent of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor).

**Large entertainment venues:** 25 percent of maximum capacity for any indoor/enclosed space on premises; 50 percent of any outdoor space on premises.

**Recreational facilities:** 25 percent of maximum capacity of any indoor/enclosed space on the premises; 50 percent of any outdoor space on the premises.

**Bars and clubs:** 25 percent of maximum capacity of any outdoor space on premises, where applicable; indoor not permitted.

**\*\*All other businesses:** 50 percent of maximum capacity (indoor and outdoor).

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**Houses of worship:** May hold religious services, indoors or outdoors, or provide services through audiovisual means, but may not exceed 50 percent of the maximum capacity of any enclosed space on the premises.

**Places of lodging:** 75 percent of maximum occupancy for those that have completed NM Safe Certified training; 40 percent of maximum occupancy for all others; 10 guests maximum for vacation rentals.

**Mass gatherings limit:** 20 persons, 120 vehicles.