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KUNM question re: "at-risk" populations

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Thu, Apr 28, 2022 at 12:21 PM

To: "McGinnis-Porter, Jodi, HSD" <jodi.mcginnis-porter@state.nm.us>, "Diffendorfer, Katy, DOH" <Katy.Diffendorfer@state.nm.us>

Hello -

I hope you are well.

I am trying to divine this answer: How many New Mexicans count as "at-risk" for getting really sick from COVID-19 as indicated in the NMDOH COVID-19 TOOLKIT? As in how many are "at-risk", not by any one of the 16 conditions, but cumulatively? I know a single person may likely have several crossover conditions, for example heart condition, diabetes, and obesity--my question is does NMDOH have a cumulative working estimate of how many are "at risk"? For example, using the NMIBIS easily shows obesity itself impacts 28.4% Adults, or about 590 thousand New Mexicans. Is there some other way that NMDOH is tracking the total "at-risk" population?

Thanks for your time and be safe.

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Tue, May 3, 2022 at 8:11 AM

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Hello -

I know things are very busy and scary with the fires. Thank you for your time.

This is my 2nd inquiry: How many New Mexicans does NMDOH consider are at risk of getting seriously ill from COVID19? I am going to air with a feature that will indicate NMDOH declined to respond to my inquiry to provide an estimate on how many NMs are "at risk for getting seriously ill from COVID19" as stated in the NMDOH toolkit with the 16 conditions NMDOH names in accord with the CDC ... unless you can provide me a better way to estimate than by conditions per NM IBIS site built on outdated data?

Be safe,

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Tue, May 3, 2022 at 11:18 AM

To: "jeredebenreck@kunm.org" <jeredebenreck@kunm.org>, "Diffendorfer, Katy, DOH" <Katy.Diffendorfer@state.nm.us>

Hi Jered,

I'm working in the EOC on fires today. However, I do have staff looking into this and we'll get back to you today with a response and it will most likely have a disclaimer on the data.



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To: jeredebenreck@kunm.org <jeredebenreck@kunm.org>, "Diffendorfer, Katy, DOH" <Katy.Diffendorfer@state.nm.us>

Hello Jered,

Thank you for your patience.

Estimates generated by the Epidemiology Response Division in January, 2021 indicate that there are 742,125 New Mexicans with high risk conditions in the state. These conditions as defined by the CDC are identified here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/underlying-evidence-table.html>

Persons 75 years and older	151,653	IBIS
Persons 16 years and older w/ at least one chronic medical condition out of the following list: Cancer, Chronic kidney disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, Down syndrome, Heart conditions (heart failure, hypertension, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies), Immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant, Obesity (BMI>=30), Pregnancy, Sickle cell disease, Type 2 Diabetes, Asthma, Cerebrovascular disease (previous stroke, TIA), Hypertension or high blood pressure, Immunocompromised state from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids or use of other immune-weakening medicines, Neurologic conditions such as dementia, Liver disease, Overweight (BMI >25 but <30), Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues), Thalassemia, Type 1 diabetes.	590,472 BRFSS & HIDD	
Total	742,125	

Thanks,

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