

**ADMITTANCE
TO THE
NEW MEXICO STATE CAPITOL**

SCREENING FOR FIREARMS

Per Legislative Council Policy No. 26, beginning on December 6, 2021, all firearms are prohibited in the State Capitol with limited exceptions. Security staff will conduct the screening of members of the public entering the building. Magnetometers (or metal detectors) are placed at the public entrances.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

A member of the public wishing to enter the State Capitol during the special session on redistricting must provide adequate proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless the individual qualifies for an exemption. For the purposes of this vaccination requirement, an individual will be considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines or two weeks after a single-dose Johnson & Johnson Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. An individual who claims to be fully vaccinated but cannot provide adequate proof will be advised to use the individual's personal electronic device to access www.vaxviewnm.org to obtain a record of that individual's vaccination record before entry is permitted into the State Capitol.

An individual may be exempt from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement if the individual has a qualifying medical condition, disability-related condition or a sincerely held religious belief and provides adequate proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the previous 48 hours. To be eligible for an exemption due to:

- a qualifying medical condition, the individual must provide a statement from a physician, nurse practitioner or other medical professional licensed to practice in New Mexico stating that the individual qualifies for the exemption and indicating the probable duration of the individual's inability to receive the vaccination;
- a disability, the individual must provide documentation from a physician, nurse practitioner or other medical professional licensed in New Mexico stating that the individual has a disability that necessitates an accommodation and the probable duration of the need for the accommodation; or
- a sincerely held religious belief, the individual must provide a statement regarding the manner in which the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine conflicts with the religious observance, practice or belief of the individual.

If the screening process for the vaccination requirement determines that an individual entering the State Capitol has met the requirements for an exemption, the unvaccinated individual shall provide adequate proof that the individual has tested negative for COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to entering the State Capitol.

ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS

- The active Department of Health public health orders and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, in addition to any guidelines set forth by the Legislative Council Service, will be followed for the protection and health and safety of all within the building.
- Masks will be required when entering the building and must be worn at all times, unless actively eating or drinking.
- The first floor of the State Capitol will be limited to legislators and legislative staff. Access for others will be by appointment only.
- Media galleries and public galleries will be open for the media and the public, respectively.
- Please practice frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should not enter the building. Symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.