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Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau

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Solid Waste Bureau

Surface Water Quality Bureau



COVID-19 Rapid Response

When the state learns of a positive COVID-19 case in a workplace, the Department of Health and NMED (or other state agency) take action to ensure that employers:

1. Temporarily cease operations
2. Test or direct self-quarantine of employees
3. Commit to re-testing employees at a later time
4. Disinfect workplaces
5. Implement a safety plan



COVID-19 Rapid Response

New Mexico Environment Department

Contact Information:
(505) 827-2855 MAIN // 1-800-219-6157 (toll free)

Environmental Emergencies:
505-827-9329 (24 hrs)

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COVID-19

Click here for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in New Mexico

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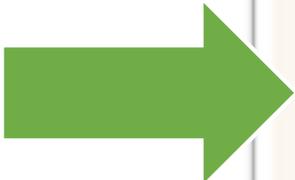
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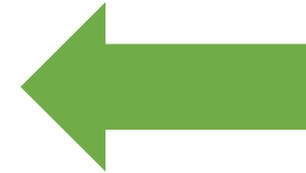


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NMED Resources for COVID-19

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information from the New Mexico Department of Health, go to cv.nmhealth.org.

[COVID-safe practices](#)



[Rapid response data \(updated daily\)](#)

[Rapid response by sector \(through July 19, 2020\)](#)



- [Reopening checklist following an extended closure due to COVID-19](#)
- [Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (Food and Drug Administration) *En español*

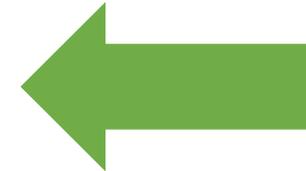
[More food resources](#)



- [Drinking water and COVID-19: Reopening buildings after prolonged reduced or no water use](#) (NMED, June 5, 2020) *En español*
- [Compliance sample collection and COVID-19: What public drinking water systems need to know](#) (NMED, April 15, 2020) *En español*
- [Drinking water laboratories and COVID-19: What you need to know](#)



- [Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19 testing for employers](#) (NMED, June 13, 2020)
- [COVID-19 testing now available for New Mexico's essential food industry workers](#) *En español*
- [COVID-19 related workplace investigations now easily searchable on NMED interactive map](#)





COVID-19 Rapid Response

If you believe your workplace is unsafe, report it to the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at:
complaints.OSHA@state.nm.us.

Your identity will remain anonymous.



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If an employer violates worker safety laws or does not cooperate, NMED will take immediate action, including:

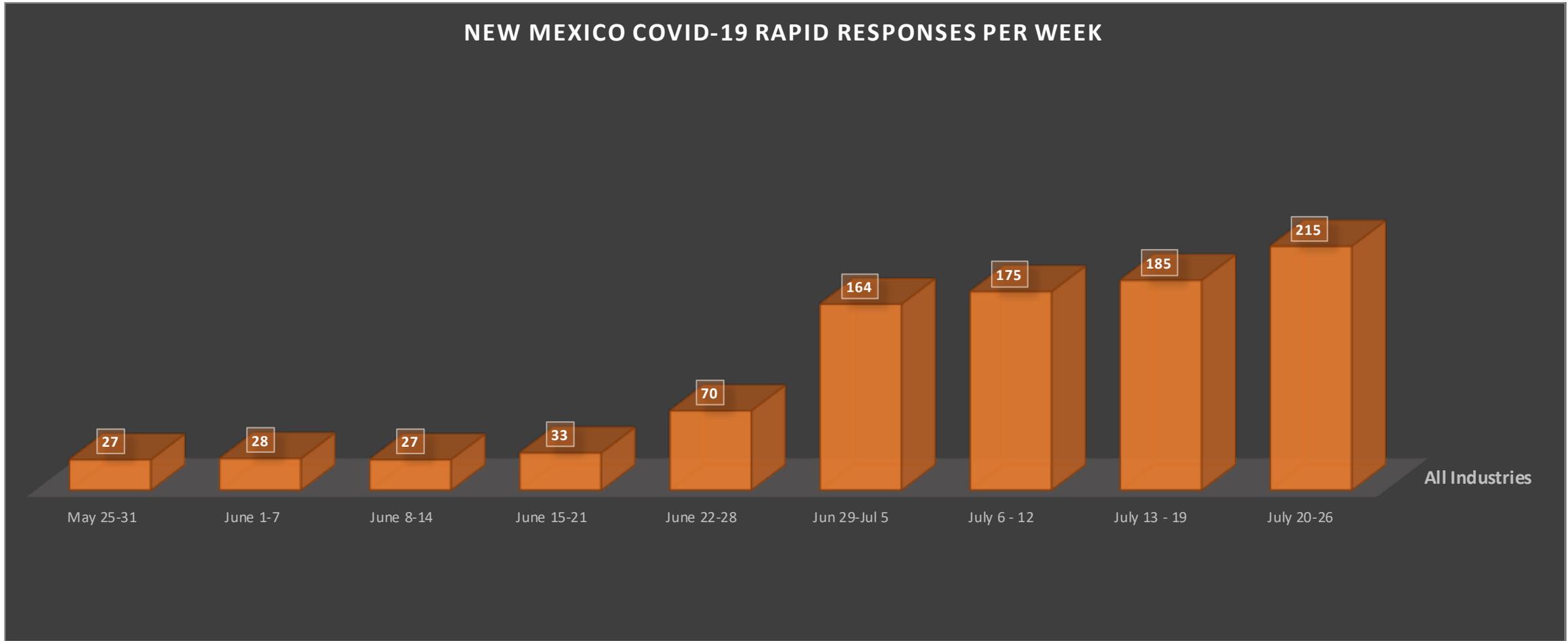
- Post a notice of imminent danger at the business
- Take court action to restrain dangerous conditions
- Fine employers up to \$131,000 for each violation

New Mexico employers are working hard to keep workers safe.



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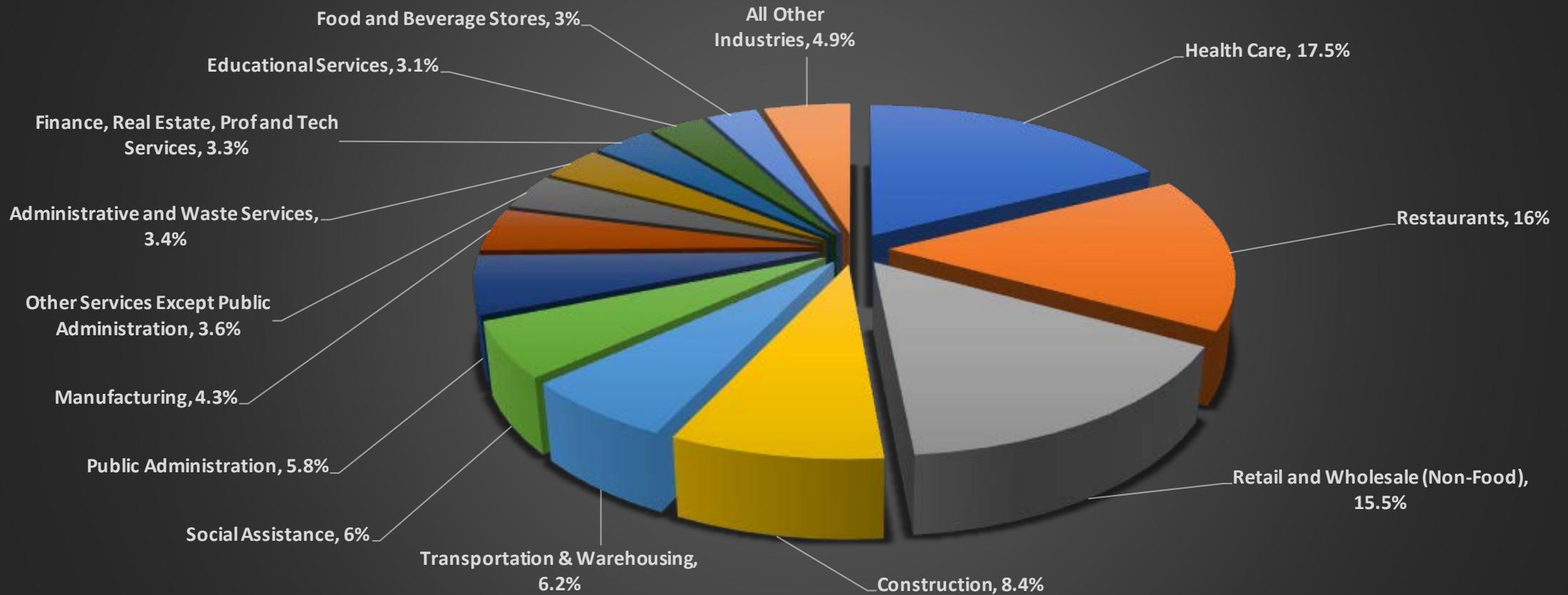




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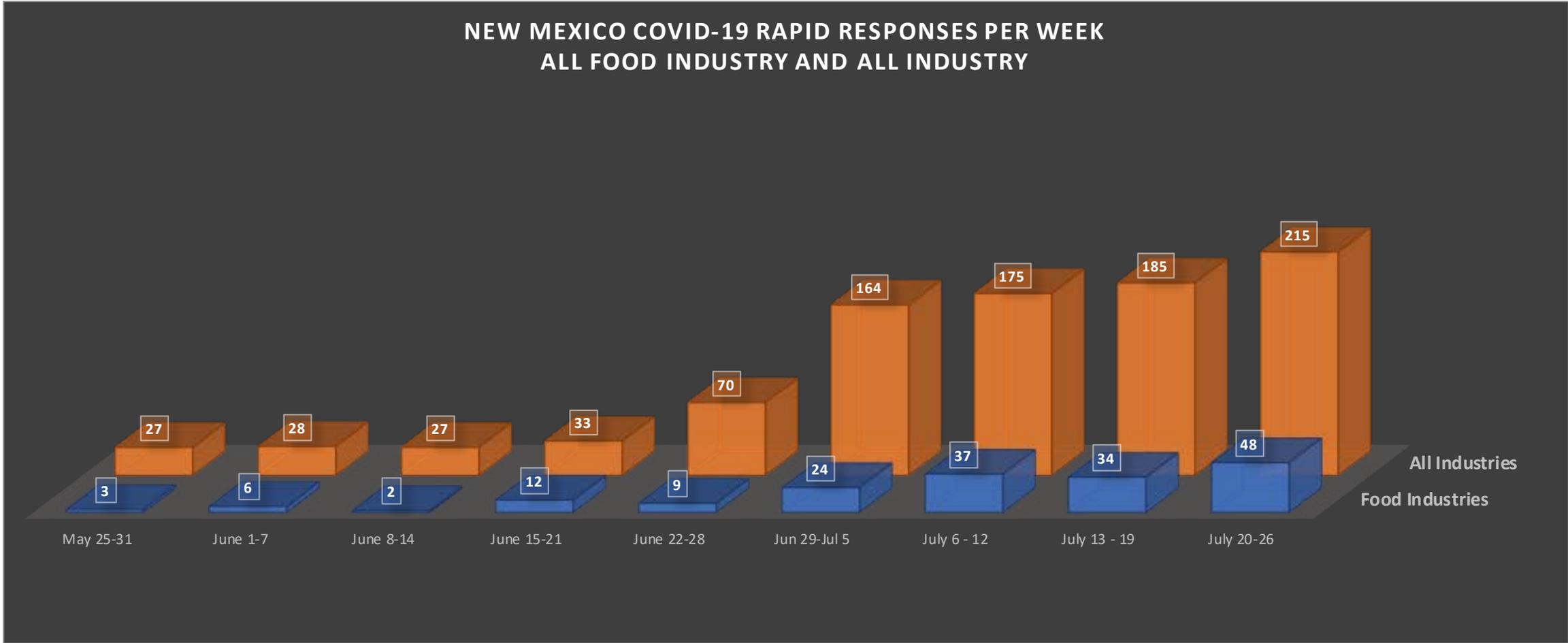
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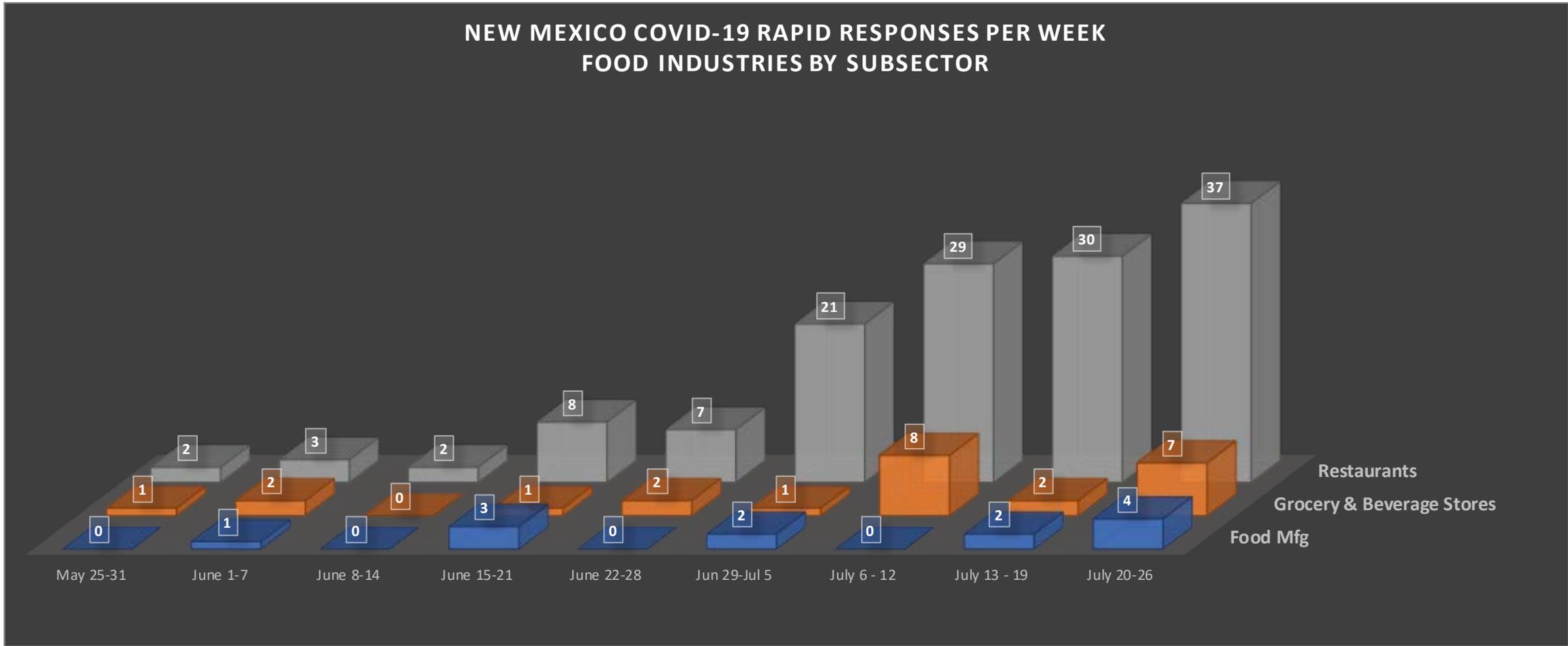
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Table 2: Rapid Responses By Top Ten Counties, 7/20 – 7/26

County Ranking	Number of Rapid Response vs. Total	Percent of Total	Ranking Last Week
#1 Bernalillo	96/215	45%	#1
#2 Dona Ana	18/215	8%	#2
#3 Lea	15/215	7%	#5
#4 San Juan	13/215	6%	#4
#4 Santa Fe	13/215	6%	#3
#6 Chaves	9/215	4%	#5
#7 Curry	6/215	3%	#5
#8 Sandoval	5/215	2%	#11
#8 Taos	5/215	2%	#14
#10 Eddy	4/215	2%	#10



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Table 1: Rapid Responses By Agency, 7/20 – 7/26

Agency	Number	Percent	Compared to Last Week	Compared to All Data
Environment Department	166	77.2%	+21%	75.5%
Health Department	30	14.0%	+7%	14.4%
Early Childhood Education and Care Department	12	5.6%	+140%	4.2%
Aging and Long Term Services Department	5	2.3%	-55%	3.6%
Higher Education Department	1	0.5%	-50%	0.7%
Corrections Department	0	0.0%	-100%	0.4%
Children, Youth and Families Department	0	0.0%	NA	0.2%
Total	215	100%		



COVID-19 Compliance Update: OSHA

In addition to managing rapid responses, the Department has:

- Managed over 350 alleged violations of the State's public health orders.
- Provided 130 employers with compliance assistance.
- Conducted 265 compliance investigations.
- Investigated six COVID-19-related occupational fatalities.



COVID-19 Compliance Update: Restaurants & Food Manufacturing

NMED's Environmental Health Bureau administers the Food Service and Sanitation Act:

- Authorizes the Department to suspend a permit immediately without prior notice to the holder of the permit when it determines that “conditions within a food service establishment present a substantial danger of illness, serious physical harm or death to consumers who might patronize the food service establishment.” *See* NMSA 1978, § 25-1-9 (1977).
- Provides that the Department may “...enforce regulations covering the environmental health aspects of food service establishments to assure that consumers are not exposed to adverse environmental health conditions arising out of the operations of food service establishments.” *See* NMSA 1978, § 25-1-6 (1977).

Permittees are further:

- Required to comply with “any other facet of food service operations that reasonably may be considered to pose an existing or potential hazard to the health of the consuming public.”



COVID-19 Compliance Update: Restaurants & Food Manufacturing

Since the start of the pandemic, the Department has:

- Convened three different stakeholder groups to develop COVID-Safe Practices for:
 - 1) Restaurants
 - 2) Grocery Stores and Farmers' Markets
 - 3) Food Manufacturing
- Managed over 2,800 alleged violations of the State's public health orders.
- Provided 500-700 restaurant owners or food manufacturers with compliance assistance.
 - Sent out three mass emails providing additional resources and guidance to 6,800 permitted food facilities.
- Conducted 2,300 compliance inspections, suspended 11 food permits and reinstated two food permits.
- There are seven matters before the courts for injunctive relief and/or penalties. Four more are pending filing with district courts.