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Road tests allowed only in counties designated ‘Green’ or ‘Turquoise’

Road tests for new driver’s licenses are being suspended at Motor Vehicle Division offices in counties newly designated as ‘Yellow’ or ‘Red’ under the state’s red-to-turquoise COVID-19 reopening framework.

Nine counties regressed to either the Yellow or Red level in the most recent map, released Wednesday: Catron, Chaves, Eddy, Harding, Lincoln, Rio Arriba, Sierra and Socorro regressed to the Yellow level, and Colfax moved to the Red level.

Road tests continue to be unavailable in Bernalillo, Dona Ana, Grant, Luna, Sandoval, San Juan and Valencia Counties, which were already at the ‘Yellow’ level.

Although many MVD services can continue to be safely delivered in Yellow and Red counties, road tests require an MVD agent and the customer to drive together in the customer’s vehicle—a small indoor space. Road tests will continue to be provided in a safe manner in green and turquoise counties.

All offices are open by appointment only, which can be made at mvdonline.com.

New Mexico’s county-by-county system uses key health metrics – the per-capita daily incidence of new COVID-19 cases and average COVID-19 test positivity within county borders – to determine the level of public health risk and requirement for each county. A county that meets one criterion may operate at the Yellow Level; a county that meets both may operate at the Green Level. A county that has met both for two consecutive biweekly map updates may operate at the Turquoise Level.