

Chancellor Weekly Brief | 9.7.2021

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LOBO CHECK-IN.

Greetings to you on the first day back after a long and hopefully enjoyable holiday weekend. Labor Day is such an important observance each year when we honor the contributions the labor movement has made to our country and recognize the importance and strength of the American workforce. The day also reminds us of the wonderful work our UNM-Gallup personnel accomplish each day on behalf of our campus community and students.

VACCINE ADVOCATES

I am focusing our attention this month on the UNM Administrative Mandate on Required COVID-19 Vaccination. We are vaccine advocates at UNM and UNM-Gallup. We want all faculty, staff, and students to be protected against serious illness and hospitalization, and we know that current vaccines remain effective. In fact, a CDC study [published last Friday](#) found that **unvaccinated adolescents were hospitalized with COVID-19 at 10 times the rate of fully vaccinated adolescents.**

We remain fortunate to live in a community that is highly vaccinated. But we need to make progress on reporting our vaccination status through the UNM system to comply with the Administrative Vaccine Mandate prior to the reporting deadline of September 30th.

As of today, the [COVID-19 vaccination](#) summary from UNM-Gallup includes:

- 66 faculty confirmed vaccinated; 23 faculty no response; and 2 faculty who've received an exemption
- 53 staff confirmed vaccinated; 22 staff no response; and 0 staff who've received an exemption
- 553 students confirmed vaccinated; 827 students no response; and 5 students who've received an exemption

Please take the time today or this week to upload your proof of vaccination. You can access links related to the UNM vaccination requirement from our homepage at gallup.unm.edu. All faculty, staff, and students are required to be vaccinated and upload proof of their vaccination on or before September 30, 2021. A request for accommodation for those with certain medical conditions or sincere religious beliefs that would prohibit them from getting a vaccine can be submitted prior to this deadline.

I should also remind you that wearing a face mask indoors is required throughout campus. A mask is not required outdoors and on the fitness trail unless you are unvaccinated.

We each have such an important role in managing this pandemic and keeping our coworkers and classmates healthy and safe. We are partners in this, working together with a spirit of goodwill toward one another to keep our campus vibrant, growing, and focused on its core mission for the good of our students and Gallup community.



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Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Malm'.

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