

Chancellor Weekly Brief | 11.12.2020**Dr. James Malm****FALL & SPRING ITINERARIES.**

One month from today, we will finish out this hybrid fall semester while approaching the end of this eventful and difficult year. Even with the recent good news of a potential and effective vaccine—and new therapeutics recently approved—this COVID-19 pandemic has reached a new level of emergency throughout New Mexico and beyond. Here in [McKinley County](#), we are averaging over 37 new cases per day, and our infection rate is at an almost unsustainable 1.23 average; well over the [New Mexico gating target](#) of 1.05 or less. Yesterday, there were [1,500 new cases](#) reported statewide, and our hospitals are filling up quickly with new patients.

We are certainly at a moment when we must recommit ourselves to following public health guidelines and orders. We should all tune in to the [governor's live update](#) tomorrow (Friday, 11/13) at 1 p.m. to receive any revisions to current guidelines that might be implemented to protect our health and wellbeing.

Within the context of these intensifying external uncertainties, I'd like to share some important reminders and adjustments to our fall and spring schedules that will impact our work and study in the coming weeks:

- Fall in-person instruction will end on Wednesday, November 25th, which is the beginning of our Thanksgiving Break. UNM-Gallup will then be in an all-remote instruction and exam period from November 30th to December 12th.
- After Thanksgiving—and through the end of this semester—most faculty, staff, and students will work remotely. Campus offices and buildings will, for the most part, be physically locked.
- Students in clinical rotations will continue to meet until the end of the semester as long as it is safe to do so to ensure that they are able to meet program requirements.
- The Zollinger Library will be open with posted limited hours after Thanksgiving to provide access to study spaces, internet, and limited computers.
- UNM-Gallup will be largely closed over the holiday break from December 24th to January 3rd.

We will operate with the same cautious, hybrid approach for the upcoming spring semester:

- Our holiday break ends on Monday, January 4th.
- The first week of spring term classes (January 18 – January 22) will be conducted via remote instruction.
- After this first week, we will begin a hybrid term much like the Fall 2020 term:

UNM-Gallup, Spring 2021

Delivery Type	# of Classes	% of Classes
100% Face	8	1.77%
Face-to-Face Plus	75	16.59%
Lab	1	0.22%
Remote Arrangement	342	75.66%
Remote Scheduled	26	5.75%
Total	452	

Of course, these plans could be adjusted as we receive updates or new guidelines on COVID-19 from public health officials or the governor. Please stay engaged, keep up the good work, and finish this semester strong. We have the upcoming holidays to look forward to and perhaps some additional emerging good news around a potential vaccine that will serve as an additional tool in our hopeful return to normal campus operations in the months ahead.

Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay well.

Best Regards,



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