



**Chancellor Weekly Brief – 3/13/2020**  
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**SPECIAL EDITION COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS**

*This week's brief includes important updates, so please read through the information outlined below.*

Over the course of the past week, there have been many updates and announcements for our UNM-Gallup community regarding the emerging Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As our students embark on spring break, I want to highlight a few of those announcements and resources as a reminder here, but also to reassure our faculty, staff, and students that we are monitoring the situation with state and local health departments and government officials.

Throughout the UNM system, including here at UNM-Gallup, the best of the best are working on our continued response in what may come our way in the days ahead—and we will continue to appropriately manage faculty, staff, and student health safety and the continuity of business on campus.

The decision has been made through the main campus to **extend spring break for students through April 5**. While break is extended, the Gallup campus remains open for faculty and staff—and for UNM students who might need access to resources on campus. Though, all campus events that expect 50 or more attendees are canceled until April 30.

At this time, expect to resume classes on Monday, April 6, 2020, although there may be some changes in modalities for some of our classes. Information will be distributed as further decisions are made.

Please rely on [www.unm.edu/coronavirus](http://www.unm.edu/coronavirus) for official UNM-related news, information, resources, and updates. This link is also posted on our Website for easy reference. This has pertinent and timely information and resources for all, and we should rely on this link for official information as this situation continues.

This UNM page has great Q&A resources for students, including spring break travel recommendations: <http://www.unm.edu/coronavirus/critical-info-for-unm-students.html>

And, I would encourage our academic leaders, managers, and supervisors to refer often to the Guidance for UNM Concerning COVID-19 document updated regularly here:

<http://www.unm.edu/coronavirus/guidance-for-unm-regarding-covid-19.html>

We have a great community here at UNM-Gallup, and we will continue to ensure a healthy and safe campus for all. I wish our students a happy spring break and come back on April 6 energized and refreshed for a strong finish to the spring semester.