

**Chancellor Weekly Brief – 3/20/2020**

**Dr. James Malm**

**GETTING US TO OUR NEW NORMAL**

We have certainly been through an enormous ordeal over the past couple of weeks, so I hope that our faculty and students were able to receive some rest over this spring break even in the midst of the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak.

I want to reassure our UNM-Gallup community that we are doing as much as possible to take care of your educational needs and get us to our new normal that will begin next week as seamlessly as possible—knowing that our first priority is our health and the well-being of our families.

Coming this Monday, March 23, we are adjusting all courses to remote-only delivery through the end of our spring semester. This will hopefully stabilize our timeline and provide all of us with the clear expectation that we *are not* returning to face-to-face instruction this semester. Instead, we will work and learn together via UNM Learn and other virtual resources.

UNM-Gallup is not closed. We are working to deliver many of the same services offered on campus virtually to our faculty, staff, and students—and we will continue to update our community as information is updated to meet your ongoing needs. I want to ask each of us to remain patient and flexible as we navigate a return to class remotely beginning on Monday.

We are in this together, and we will persevere through this pandemic. Our campus leadership, faculty, and staff are here for our students, and we will work closely together to successfully complete this semester.

If you have not read this morning's campus update, please go to [www.gallup.unm.edu/coronavirus](http://www.gallup.unm.edu/coronavirus) and read through this page carefully. We will update this page regularly—and provide you with resources that will hopefully reduce any angst as we return virtually to class. Also, I will send out a Zoom link to chancellor open office hours next week, where we can connect online and provide a platform to all for questions or concerns.

Please be well and have a nice weekend.

Best Regards,

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

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