



Office of the Chancellor

Chancellor Weekly Brief – 3/27/2020

Dr. James Malm

United as a Community.

My well wishes go out to our community as we continue our mission through these unprecedented times. Our first priority is to stay well and care for our families—and our thoughts are with all of those whose health has been impacted by this virus.

With the amount of information and updates coming to us each day, I want to recap some essential reminders that we've received over the past week. Also, please continue to join me each afternoon at 4 p.m. for my open office hour on Zoom. We will send the link to join the meeting each day to you through email.

Governor's Public Health Emergency Order

This past Monday (March 23), the governor issued a [public health emergency order](#) closing all non-essential businesses and requiring 100 percent of the state's non-essential workforce to work remotely until further notice. Also in the order, all New Mexicans are directed to stay at home “and undertake only those outings absolutely necessary for their health, safety, or welfare.”

While this impacts how our faculty and personnel will work for the short term, I want to emphasize that UNM-Gallup is open, though we have moved our classes and services to remote formats. Only authorized personnel who have already been notified are allowed in campus facilities. We will be sure to communicate future health orders and their impact to our campus as they are announced in the coming days and weeks.

Student Survey Link

We continue to collect information from our students to ensure that we are meeting their needs during our transition to remote instruction. The university has designed a survey to better solicit your feedback regarding the potential impact of the COVID-19 situation on student success. Please take a few moments to [share your input](#) and help us to better prepare for meeting your needs.

Resources

For the benefit of our community, we have also identified a [list of available resources](#) in our area and state that might be necessary to you or your family during this time. We will update this listing as we identify additional resources.

Adobe has provided temporary at-home access for impacted students and faculty, so that they can continue their work remotely. Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to download and utilize Adobe software.

For student technology access concerns, UNM has published a dedicated [resource page](#) through the main campus IT department that points students to several university and private industry solutions currently available. The UNM-Gallup Wifi is accessible in our parking lots, but please remain in your vehicle and practice social distancing at all times.

Grading and Financial Aid

Again, we are to remain flexible and patient through this period of transition to remote instruction. Importantly, students should check their email for correspondence regarding grading options and financial aid as more information is made available. Please rely on and contact your instructor and advisor with specific questions or clarification.

UNM President Garnett Stokes Town Hall

If you missed today's town hall with UNM President Garnett Stokes, it will be posted on the president's page [located here](#) for viewing later. After viewing this town hall, I'm so pleased at how we are continuing to operate effectively together in the midst of this great global pandemic. Our colleagues are fantastic, UNM is an awesome academic institution, and we are here for each other.

Indeed, we are here for you, and we are in this together. Our UNM-Gallup community will remain flexible and patient with each other as we work toward the successful completion of this semester—and as we ensure that those nearing their degree completion will do so without interruption. Although we are together remotely for now, we are united as a community.

Please be well and have a nice weekend.

Best Regards,

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

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