

## Chancellor Weekly Brief – 9.3.2020

### Dr. James Malm

## LABOR DAY.

With the cool breeze that now comes in the mornings, there seems to be some change in the air as we approach the fall months—and nearly six months of this COVID-19 pandemic. The uncertainty placed on us during these times makes holiday weekends even more of a sweet reward for all of our hard work and study.

Over the past several weeks, the data around this virus in New Mexico shows that our collective mitigation efforts are lessening its impact on our community. [As stated by the governor's office](#) last week, “New Mexico’s gating criteria shows that the state has seen success in suppressing the virus while also maintaining essential virus-response and healthcare resources over the course of the late summer.” Because of these improvements, restrictions on businesses and other public establishments were lessened just a bit.

Even with these improvements in the data, we cannot let down our guard. COVID-19 persists, and we are on this journey toward a vaccine and better therapeutics to defeat this virus together. Until then, we must continue to adhere to strict COVID-safe practices—especially during this upcoming Labor Day weekend:

- Wear a face mask or covering while in public and on campus
- No gatherings of more than 10 people
- Socially distance
- Comply with changing [public health orders](#)

Here at UNM-Gallup, our efforts continue as well to keep our community members safe. Most classes are held remotely with a limited number of courses scheduled for instruction on campus. We are continually updating our [campus plans](#), including safety plans and protocols provided in *Bringing Back the Pack* from the main campus. Remember that we have important steps in place—along with those previously mentioned—to ensure the safety of our community:

- Respond to the daily COVID-19 screen email
- Do not meet face-to-face unless it’s necessary
- Sanitize your personal space
- Wash your hands frequently
- Use PPE installations
- Get tested if you have symptoms
- Self-quarantine while awaiting results
- Follow [UNM Self Reporting Guidelines](#) if results are positive
- Seek medical attention if you test positive



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Additionally, it is so important that we empathetically support one another within our many diverse communities as we safely work through this pandemic together. Thank you, as always, for the good work you do for our students and UNM-Gallup community. Enjoy a well-deserved holiday weekend and please be safe.

Be well!

Best Regards,

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

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