UNM-GALLUP COVID-19
4.22.2020 Update

These UNM-Gallup updates are intended to keep our campus informed on developments related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak. The Chancellor’s Weekly Brief will also be distributed on Fridays. For additional information, please rely on www.unm.edu/coronavirus or www.gallup.unm.edu/coronavirus

Chancellor’s Open Office Hour – Today at 4 p.m.:

Please join us today for the Chancellor’s Open Office Hour at 4 p.m. on Zoom. Instructions are posted below.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://unm.zoom.us/j/209786397

Meeting ID: 209 786 397

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Zoom Quick Start Guide:

If you have never used Zoom before, please install the client in advance of the webinar:

For Windows and Mac Users:

https://unm.zoom.us/client/latest/ZoomInstaller.exe

Zoom Mobile Apps:


GOVERNOR’S COVID-19 UPDATE 4.22:

From the governor’s update this afternoon, the following news was shared publicly:

- Total positive cases in New Mexico stand at 2,210 (over 40,000 tested) and 121 hospitalizations. **McKinley County remains a virus hot spot** with an infection rate 7 times higher than many other parts of the state.
- Testing is available at 64 sites in all counties. To find a testing site near you, visit the [NM Dept. of Health COVID-19 testing directory](https://nmhealth.org/covid19/testing).
- Some good news: We have flattened the curve for the state of New Mexico (though some regions are still seeing a large number of cases); though we are cautioned that this is just from one week of data.
- Reopening requires a number of elements to be in place: 1) New case rates need to be declining; 2) Adequate testing to achieve containment; 3) Contact tracing; 4) Personal Protective Equipment; 5) Hospital capacity; 6) Healthcare worker health and wellbeing; 7) Outbreak containment plan.
- Accelerating readiness for Gallup alternate care sites.

The governor’s update was still going at time of publishing our CV update, but you can get the latest state updates [here](https://www.gallup.unm.edu/news/releases/).

FINANCIAL AID UPDATE:

The [New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship](https://www.gallup.unm.edu/scholarships/) is now available to students enrolled in 2-year programs, providing tuition and fee assistance. This scholarship assists full-time students who are taking at least 12 credit hours per semester. To apply for the scholarship, students are encouraged to speak to our financial aid staff to access this scholarship and other aid.

We also encourage students to download the [myStudentAid mobile app](https://www.gallup.unm.edu/mystudentaid/) from the U.S. Department of Education. From the app, students can fill out their FAFSA form, obtain important tax information, and check their loan and grant history. The app can be downloaded on Google and Apple stores.

NAVAJO NATION OFFICE CLOSURES EXTENDED TO MAY 17:

Today, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued Executive Order 002-20, extending the declaration of a state of emergency—and extending the closure of Navajo Nation government offices and related entities—until May 17 to help slow and reduce the spread of COVID-19 on the Navajo Nation. The previous order was set to expire on April 26.

[Read the full release](https://www.gallup.unm.edu/news/releases/).
BENEFIT OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS TODAY:

A quick reminder that UNM Benefits Open Enrollment for the 2020-21 plan year (July 1 – June 30) begins today and runs through May 15. Open enrollment is your opportunity to enroll in or make changes to UNM medical, dental, vision, life, disability, and other insurance plans. Changes and enrollments that you make are effective July 1.

For more information, visit goto.unm.edu/oe

LIMITED OPERATIONS EXTENDED TO MAY 16:

Yesterday, President Garnett Stokes extended our period of limited operations for UNM through Saturday, May 16. UNM-Gallup will continue to follow our guidelines that have been implemented for the past several weeks:

- All UNM-G physical facilities will be accessible by authorized Tier 1 personnel only until further notice. The fitness trail is also closed.
- This excludes: 1) The general public; 2) Admitted and registered students; and 3) Tier 2 and Tier 3 employees.
- Our courses in progress will be conducted via remote instruction through the end of this semester and through the summer.
- Mail continues to be sorted every Wednesday. Please contact Linda at lbegayne@unm.edu to schedule UNM official business only mail and financial aid checks.

UNM COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

UNM has implemented a policy for self-reporting either symptoms of or a positive test for COVID-19 in order to support efforts to slow the spread of infection. This is both to connect Lobos to resources that can support them, and to help the University assess the community impact of the virus.

This policy is specific to those individuals who are either currently working or residing on UNM main or branch campuses, or who have been physically on those campuses since April 3. It does not apply to the UNM Health Sciences Center, for which a separate HSC policy has been developed.

For guidelines and more information, please visit www.unm.edu/coronavirus and navigate to the bottom of the page.
UNM-GALLUP ADVISING RESOURCES (REMINDER):

We’ve updated our UNM-Gallup advising page to add additional resources:

- Student Q&A: COVID-19 Measures for Student Academic Success
- Due Diligence in Alternative Methods of Advising
- Student CR/NC Policy Update
- UNM Registration How-To Video

HELPFUL LINKS:

- UNM-Gallup Coronavirus Updates | UNM Main Campus Coronavirus Updates
- Adobe License for Faculty & Staff | Faculty Resources
- Student Resources | Student Survey
- Community Resources | UNM Forum