UNM-GALLUP COVID-19
5.19.2020 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/92300274878

Meeting ID: 923 0027 4878
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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:

NATIONAL EMS WEEK:

We honor and celebrate our first responders and medical personnel during National EMS Week—which runs now through May 23! Especially during this pandemic, we are so appreciative of our heroes who work on the medical frontlines each day to take care of our families and communities. Their bravery and service is appreciated, and we join together to salute our emergency medical personnel.

Additionally, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer issued a proclamation declaring May 17 – 23, 2020 as “Navajo Nation Emergency Medical Services Week” to honor all emergency medical services teams including first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, fire fighters, police officers, emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency trauma technicians, educators and administrators, and volunteer members.

Sonya Damon—our EMS Program Director—has recently created a fantastic presentation of UNM-Gallup summer and fall courses for those who wish to pursue a career in Emergency Medical Services.

Thank you to all of our medical heroes for your service to our community!

GALLUP & NAVAJO NATION COVID-19 CASES PERSIST:

Our Gallup community and the Navajo Nation remain in the national spotlight as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact rural communities—further illustrating the importance for all of us to take recent public health orders seriously, including making sure we wear masks or face coverings while in public.

According to a New York Times interactive map, Gallup currently leads the nation in pandemic-related deaths per capita in the last two weeks (57 recent deaths) and the city of Farmington is listed at number 13 with 30 recent deaths. Both Farmington and Gallup are classified by the Times as seeing cases either flattening or decreasing, which is positive news.

In today’s New York Times, you can read more about how the crisis is impacting our rural healthcare systems in the article titled Outbreak on Edge of Navajo Nation Overwhelms Rural Hospital (registration is free but required now on the NY Times site).
On Sunday, May 17, the Navajo Nation reported 90 new cases but, fortunately, no additional deaths. The total number of positive COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation has reached 4,002. A total of 24,886 COVID-19 tests have been administered with 18,380 negative results. In March, healthcare experts projected that the Navajo Nation would see its peak in new cases in mid-May.

The Navajo Nation does have a great COVID-19 site with an updated map showing current case numbers, recent press releases, and other public health orders for community information and ongoing updates.

UNM-GALLUP LIMITED OPERATIONS EXTENDED TO JUNE 1 (REMINDER):

UNM-Gallup’s period of limited operations has been extended to Monday, June 1, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our campus will continue to operate within our established tier system for personnel and closely follow guidance from public health officials and main campus leadership.

As a reminder, limited operation policies for UNM-Gallup include:

- All UNM-Gallup facilities will be accessible by authorized Tier 1 personnel only, and the fitness trail remains closed.
- Summer courses will be conducted via remote instruction.
- Mail continues to be sorted every Wednesday. Please contact Linda at lbegayne@unm.edu to schedule UNM official business-only mail.

UNM COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (REMINDER):

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.
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

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