UNM-GALLUP COVID-19
7.28.2020 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 FORUM TODAY AT 4 P.M.

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

Join Zoom Meeting
https://unm.zoom.us/j/94360580984

Meeting ID: 943 6058 0984
One tap mobile
+13462487799,,94360580984# US (Houston)
+16699006833,,94360580984# US (San Jose)

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:


UPDATED NEW MEXICO COVID-19 CASES NOW AT 19,502:

New Mexico state health officials on Monday announced 467 additional COVID-19 cases and five additional deaths. The number of deaths of New Mexico residents related to COVID-19 is now 619 and the total number of cases is at 19,502—including 3,921 total in McKinley County.

We must work together to stem the spread of COVID-19. Get tested. Stay home, especially if you are sick. Wear a mask or face covering when in public and around others.

COVID-19 testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at UNM-Gallup’s Lions Hall from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is preferred but not required.

UNM-GALLUP BENEFIT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS:

A message from the UNM Benefits HR Manager:

Since June, the UNM Benefits team has been working to finalize what benefit enrollment options we can offer employees under new IRS temporary guidance due to COVID. This will actually apply to all benefit-eligible employees, not just for UNM-Gallup.

The IRS temporary guidance that UNM is adapting will apply through 12/31/2020 and will allow individuals to newly elect medical/dental/vision coverage or Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), add dependents for coverage, reduce or increase FSA contributions, drop dependents or coverage with proof of other coverage, or complete an attestation form. The IRS is very clear that such changes have to be made prospectively, which means at the first of the month following the receipt of the completed form. We cannot retro apply these changes to a date prior to the date when the form is submitted.

The benefits office is handling change requests on a case-by-case basis because they are outside of our annual open enrollment window, and we are first evaluating if the change falls under the IRS Qualifying Change in Status (events such as birth of child, adoption, marriage, divorce, loss of other coverage, gain of other coverage, when proof documentation would apply and be requested).

Employees seeking assistance with their benefits can email hrbenefits@unm.edu, or reach out to a benefits team member (sorted by the employee’s last name): their last name alpha sort:

Jane Brantley Sr. HR Technician (last names A, D, L – Q)  505.277.5847
Lana Robinson Sr. HR Technician (last names B, E - K, X – Z)  505.277.1857
Laverne Brooks Sr. HR Technician (last names C, R – W)  505.277.1705
SBDC WEBINARS FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

A reminder that there is a selection of helpful no-fee Webinars available for small business owners through the New Mexico SBDC. You can view the schedule of upcoming webinars and sign up directly on the [NMSBDC website](mailto:nmsbdc@unm.edu). Upcoming topics include “Government to Business Outreach Preparation” and “6 Keys to Staying in Business.”

FALL 2020 ADVISING:

Students, remember to reach out to our advising team and schedule a virtual meeting to discuss your class schedule and register for classes. You can schedule your advising appointment through [LoboAchieve](https://lbo.achieve.unm.edu/).

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UNM HR ‘BRINGING BACK THE PACK’ ONLINE TRAINING (REMINDER):

As we implement our phased reopening plan and prepare for the fall semester, please remember that UNM Human Resources has assigned ‘Bringing Back the Pack’ online training. There are 7 modules within this training video and to complete takes a little over 20 mins. This training is required of all employees before they return to work on campus and has been automatically assigned in Learning Central. See: [https://bringbackthepack.unm.edu/](https://bringbackthepack.unm.edu/)

PLEASE READ OUR UNM-GALLUP PHASED REOPENING PLAN (REMINDER):

A reminder that our phased reopening plan is now available for your review at: [www.gallup.unm.edu/safe-return](http://www.gallup.unm.edu/safe-return). Please be sure to read through this plan and understand its impact on your department or unit. If you have questions or suggestions after reading this plan, we invite you to bring those to our daily Chancellor’s Open Office Hour at 4 p.m. on Zoom.
HELPFUL LINKS:

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

UNM-Gallup Coronavirus Updates | UNM Main Campus Coronavirus Updates

Faculty Resources | Student Resources | Student Survey

Community Resources | UNM Forum