

Chancellor Weekly Brief – 10.22.2020

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Over the course of the past week, we learned from state health officials that COVID-19 infections are increasing throughout New Mexico—with daily new cases ranking among the highest in the nation. With this news, the governor also [announced new restrictions](#) on restaurants, retail establishments, and state museums while reminding all of us to remain committed to wearing a face mask in public, washing our hands, and social distancing.

I'd also like to remind our students, faculty, and personnel to respond to the daily COVID screening email delivered each morning to your inbox. This is an important screening tool that helps us in our comprehensive efforts campus wide to mitigate the spread of this dangerous virus. Along with our mitigation efforts, the New Mexico Department of Health offers COVID testing each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in our Lions Hall parking Lot—and will also provide a flu shot clinic in the same location this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Even though we may be experiencing some fatigue around this virus, we will eventually see our way through this pandemic with adherence to public health orders, testing, and receiving our flu shot this fall.

This past Saturday, our Gallup community lost a real treasure with the passing of Martha Zollinger—who left us just days before her 98th birthday. Of course, Martha and the Zollinger family have a storied history on our campus with their decades of support of the Zollinger Library and UNM-Gallup campus since its inception. A voracious reader, Martha was an advocate for our library starting in the 1970s and was responsible for the addition of the library that was dedicated in honor of her daughter Mary Ann in 2017. As you can read on our recent Facebook post honoring Martha's legacy, many throughout UNM-Gallup remember her as a truly wonderful friend to our students, faculty, and staff.

We are so fortunate to have the support of many benefactors such as Martha who support our mission and students with not only great facilities in which to learn, but through scholarships and other forms of support that help them succeed. On behalf of all us at UNM-Gallup, I thank Martha—and all our benefactors—for her lifelong dedication to our campus. Her legacy will truly have a positive impact on generations of students to come.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

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

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