

**Chancellor Weekly Brief | 8.10.2021****Dr. James Malm****CONVOCATION.**

Greetings to our UNM-Gallup campus community. I hope that these remaining weeks of summer are joyful for you as we inch our way toward the start of the fall semester, coming up soon on August 23rd. In anticipation of that date, I'd like to walk you through some important milestones, events, and reminders that we should be aware of as we return to campus.

**UNM-Gallup Student Return Guide**

To be helpful to our students, who are receiving a lot of new information right now, we've published a one-stop return guide in our UNM-Gallup newsroom that covers most, if not all, of the bases for the upcoming fall semester. Inside this guide, we've posted information that includes:

- An update to the UNM-Gallup mask policy. With revised CDC data, wearing a face mask indoors is now required throughout campus. A mask is not required outdoors and on the fitness trail unless you are not vaccinated.
- The very important UNM vaccine requirement and information on how to submit your proof of vaccination or submit a request for accommodation for those with certain medical conditions or sincere religious beliefs that would prohibit them from getting a vaccine.
- New Zollinger Library and bookstore hours of operation and how to access online services and requests. Bookstore charging runs now through Friday, August 16th.
- This week's New Student Orientation schedule and how to take the mandatory "Grey Area" sexual misconduct prevention training; and
- How to access student affairs for admission, advisement, registration, financial aid, and other important student services.

You can view all the complete return guide at [gallup.unm.edu/news](https://gallup.unm.edu/news).

**FACULTY / STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**

We also will hold the ever-important kickoff to the fall semester for faculty and staff during next week's professional development presentations. While we are on-campus and able to hold in-person meetings, we've scheduled next week's presentations to be held via Zoom for convenience.

We'll begin the week with a campus-wide convocation on Monday, where I will give you my warm greetings and Dr. Daniel Primožic, dean of instruction, will provide an update. Jayme McMahon, director of student affairs, will give a student affairs update as well on Monday.



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The week continues with daily presentations that I hope will prepare you well for the fall semester. Robert Griego, director of business operations, will present early in the week before we dive into important division, program, and other service updates Wednesday through Friday.

We've posted the full schedule with Zoom links for your convenience at [gallup.unm.edu/convocation](https://gallup.unm.edu/convocation). All are welcome to attend professional development week presentations, except for Monday's faculty union discussion which is by invitation only.

We are doing the good work to keep our faculty, staff, and students safe, healthy, and productive. Students, I encourage you to stay the course and register for classes as you would during a non-pandemic semester. We are here to support you and to make sure you succeed in your educational goals at UNM-Gallup.

Please stay safe and stay well.

Best Regards,

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

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