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A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

The other day I received feedback regarding the sheer volume of COVID-related emails everyone has been receiving from various entities throughout the Health Sciences Center.

I think at this point there is very little danger that people aren't getting enough COVID information – perhaps it's the other way around. Because we all have instant access to virtually unlimited amounts of information, information overload might be causing people to feel a bit overwhelmed.

So, to help you manage your daily information consumption, I'd like to offer a few places where you can get most of your COVID questions answered:

- [The Health Sciences Center's COVID-19 Page](#) is an excellent one-stop source for HSC faculty, students and staff. It includes informative videos, as well as links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New Mexico Department of Health, the World Health Organization and my latest daily updates.
- [The University of New Mexico COVID-19 Page](#) is a valuable source of information about how the University is adapting to the pandemic. It also includes weekly messages from President Stokes and updates from other leaders.
- The [UNM Hospital Intranet](#) includes sections on infection control and policies and procedures (including one that is specific to UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center). You must have a VPN connection if you are trying to access the intranet from offsite.
- There's also this useful [Employee Community Resources](#) link from UNM Hospitals.

- And this listing [of business and community resources](#) for health care workers.

Also, [this Friday's Well-Being Connection](#) features a Zoom webinar led by Suzanne Stern Brant, a UNMH palliative care social worker. The topic is Embracing Difficult Emotions: A Four-Step Process. The webinar runs from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. and is open to all HSC employees. Follow [this link](#) for Zoom connection details.

Finally, we are developing phase-in plans to return to full operations, linking in education, research, clinical and business functions. The timing of the implementation of these plans will be based on clear criteria that will be widely available. Guiding principles underpinning our strategies are the same as those stated nationally and locally during our public health emergency. The top priority is to reduce the spread of this virus. We will follow proven methods that assure the safety of our HSC community while maintaining critical operational functions. As data becomes available to show the threat of spread of the virus has lessened, then the on-campus presence of faculty, staff and students will increase in a phased and careful manner.

Warm regards,



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Please visit the [New Mexico Department of Health website](#) for the latest COVID-19 updates.