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# HEALTH SCIENCES

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## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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## A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

The COVID-19 outbreak in our state has reached a sobering milestone, the Governor announced the first COVID-19 related death in New Mexico. Our hearts go out to the family members of this patient and I want to thank the incredible efforts of the health care team at Artesia General Hospital who cared for this patient.

The New Mexico Department of Health reports that 100 New Mexicans have tested positive for the novel coronavirus and more than 6,800 tests have been administered statewide. For the latest updates, please visit the [NM DOH website](#).

Our health system is finalizing our response in the case of a major surge demand on our clinical facilities. They are drawing heavily on our own planning as well as experience from hotspots around the country.

Here's some more news that might be of interest:

- Following instructions from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, if you are a employee who does not do work in the clinical setting and have traveled out of state, you need to call DOH and self-isolate for 14 days. Our Occupational Health programs are collaborating to meet the needs of staff, faculty, and residents from across the Health Sciences Center who work in the clinical environment. We have established a single phone number – 505-515-8212 – for these employees to call with any questions relating to the COVID-19 outbreak. The phones are staffed from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- Autumn Pinard, a College of Pharmacy student, has been named vice-chair of the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists Pharmacy Student Forum Executive

Committee. Autumn has truly led by example. Last year she was selected for a summer internship in Bethesda, Md., where she learned about association management. Thank you for all that you do, Autumn!

- Four of our faculty – Drs. Eileen Barrett, Elizabeth Lawrence, Heather Brislen and Daniel Waldman – published an account in the [Annals of Internal Medicine](#) describing their successful effort to get the New Mexico Medical Board to eliminate a question asking about a physician’s mental health status on the medical licensing application. I applaud their efforts to de-stigmatize mental illness and encourage physicians to seek mental health care when needed.
- For any student or faculty who wants to volunteer to assist during this time we have started a google document to keep track of each person and how they can help. You can [submit your name and information here](#).
- There will be a virtual town hall with President Garnett Stokes on Friday. Please see those details below.

In the midst of this pandemic, each day presents us with new and often unexpected challenges, but you are working together to craft ingenious responses. Your skills and creativity are truly human resources.

Warm regards,



Paul B. Roth, MD, MS  
Chancellor for Health Sciences  
CEO, UNM Health System  
Dean, UNM School of Medicine

## Town Hall Information



You are invited to join UNM President Garnett S. Stokes and members of University leadership at virtual Lobo community town hall, where panelists will answer questions and provide the most recent and up-to-date information on how UNM is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Stokes will be joined by: James Holloway, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Paul Roth, Chancellor and Executive President for Health Sciences; Teresa Constantinidis, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration; and other administrators and health professionals to support answering your questions.

### **Submit questions for the panel**

Submit your questions to the panel in advance by [completing this survey](#). The questions will be aggregated by category and addressed during the town hall. Please try to have questions submitted by Friday at 9 a.m.; the University will continue to review and provide answers to questions or issues that have not been addressed.

There will also be an opportunity to ask questions via Zoom during the session, using the Q & A function. The town hall will be recorded and posted on the [UNM President's website](#) and the [UNM COVID-19 website](#).

Please note that the information and guidance discussed in this town hall is constantly changing. Therefore, you should continue to check the [UNM COVID-19](#) website for updates.

### **Zoom webinar invitation**

**When: Mar 27, 2020 12:00 PM** Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Topic: UNM Community Town Hall: COVID-19 Pandemic Updates, Information and Q&A

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