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## A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

In these daily messages, I have been focusing much of my attention lately on our clinical response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. But of course it has had an impact throughout the Health Sciences Center in a variety of areas.

I have been asked to join the Governor's Navajo Nation Rapid Response Team. This team is comprised of leaders and experts in their fields from all over the state, including Dr. Sara Lathrop from the Office of the Medical Investigator. We will be working together to continue to support our neighbors on tribal lands and stop the spread of the virus in these hard hit areas.

Here are some updates on other developments around the HSC:

- The CEO search for the UNM Medical Group has been paused for 90 days to conserve resources and ensure a smooth and successful search. UNMMG will continue to be capably led by Dr. Robb McLean, interim CEO. We'll provide updates when more details become available.
- Rob Giebitz and Gary Smith in the UNM Office for Continuous Professional Learning have done outstanding work supporting our hospitalist COVID team by creating and maintaining a practical and timely practice resource. Their work has been a game-changer, rapidly providing relevant and helpful resources to the frontline, where their work is getting rave reviews.
- As I mentioned earlier this week, we are offering employee wellness webinars that promote self-care. The [second webinar runs tomorrow](#), **Friday, May 1, from 12:15**

**p.m. to 12:45 p.m.** Led by Reiki master Paula Terrero, it offers a simple approach to using one's hands to calm body and mind.

- The work Drs. Darrell Winwiddie and Daryl Domman have been doing to sequence the genome of the SARS CoV-2 virus received coverage in an [Albuquerque Journal](#) article earlier this week. This is a great example of the high-impact research our scientists are doing.

Meanwhile, summer-like temperatures have arrived. I hope you enjoy some sunshine.

Warm regards,



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

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