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A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

Personal protective equipment (PPE) remains a critically important resource for protecting the health care workers who are treating COVID-19 patients, and it is undoubtedly among the most pressing concerns for those workers.

Conserving and repurposing the PPE supplies we have on hand is among our highest priorities. Earlier this week, Dr. Steve McLaughlin, chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine, outlined for the UNM Regents who serve on the HSC Committee some of the steps we've been taking.

This work is being coordinated by the PPE Committee, which reports to the UNM Hospital's emergency operations center. It consists of front-line clinicians, staff, residents and leaders from 5 West, the Medical Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine, the Division of Infectious Diseases, OB/GYN, Infection Control, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ambulatory Care, and Logistics/Supply Chain.

"The team is committed to an evidence-based approach to safety and transparency with the data," Steve writes. "We are here to serve our colleagues taking care of patients by making sure you have the knowledge, the essential skills and equipment that you need to do your job – and, that you will continue to have this for the entire duration of this pandemic."

You may view additional resources on the [UNMH Intranet site](#). Meanwhile, the PPE Committee is available to provide education and conduct question-and-answer sessions for any and all clinical groups in the Health Sciences Center. Requests for small group sessions may be sent to COVIDinfo@salud.unm.edu.

Finally, if you joined us today for the Chancellor's Chat we focused on wellness. [Here is a link if you missed it.](#) You might also find it worthwhile to tune in tomorrow [via Zoom](#) for the Well-Being Connection webinar Staying in Shape Without a Gym. The webinar, which runs from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m., is led by our Amy Suman, a certified personal trainer and fitness and nutrition specialist. This flier has more information.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul B. Roth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "R".

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

