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A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center takes your health seriously, and I know that during this time you might have concerns about whether it is safe to physically return to campus. This is why we will implement an email-based symptom tracking tool for HSC employees, starting June 1.

Each day, faculty, staff and students will receive an email requiring them to attest whether they are coming to campus and whether they have COVID-19 symptoms. Everyone will have to complete the daily attestation during Phase 1 of return to full operations.

If you are symptomatic, you must not come to campus, and you should immediately contact your primary care provider or visit Occupational Health or Student Health.

Employees of UNM Hospital, UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center, and UNM Medical Group will not receive this email, as they will continue to follow the procedures laid out by their respective clinical entities.

If you have questions about returning to full operations please email [HSC-Communications](#). If you have technical issues with the symptom tracking tool please contact the [HSC CIO Office](#).

I have some good news to share: after nearly a year of program development, and despite delayed implementation due to COVID-19, we have successfully launched our child abuse pediatrics ECHO program, SafeCare New Mexico.

This partnership between the UNM Department of Pediatrics and Project ECHO has become critically important for children facing increased risks without the safe havens provided by schools and child care in these difficult times.

I want to commend the efforts of Leslie Strickler, DO, professor of Pediatrics, who collaborated with Rachel Rochelle, Raymond Baca, Minh-Thuy N Bui, Genevieve Maldonado and other ECHO staff to establish this program.

Working together, they have established a strong network of primary care providers across the state to enhance access to high quality care and improve safety for an especially vulnerable population.

I also want to announce Don Godwin, PhD, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, has been promoted to Professor with Tenure. Dr. Godwin joined the College on October, 1996 as a tenure-track assistant professor of pharmacy (pharmaceutics). His career trajectory switched to an administrative track in the early 2000s when he served in a number of leadership positions, including Assistant Dean for Professional Education, Associate Dean for Professional and Graduate Education, Interim Dean (twice), Executive Associate for Education, and culminating in his current position as Dean. During his time at the College of Pharmacy, Don has been an excellent teacher, productive scholar, and an outstanding leader.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul B. Roth".

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Dean, UNM School of Medicine

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