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A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

Next week, we begin the university's movement toward full operations. We remain rooted in ensuring the safety of our community and following all federal, state, local and University directives and guidelines. The default rule during this period will remain that any employee who can complete their work remotely should **continue to work from home**. Non-clinical learning for students will continue remotely for the time being. Later in June, we will begin phasing our learners back into the clinical environment.

Supervisors must contact their employees and make their plan for a phased-in return to campus. Each Dean/VC (or their Top Administrator) must approve the request and plan for a Tier 2 employee to return to campus. For SOM it's the Department Chair (or Department Administrator) who must approve.

HSC community-members who need to be physically present should only do so for the limited periods of time their presence is necessary and should adhere to all COVID safe practices, including social distancing, hygiene, mask-wearing and self-screening.

To this end, the HSC is launching a symptom-screening tool. 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 this initial step to return to full operations.

If you are symptomatic, you must not come to campus, and you should immediately contact your primary health care provider, call the Occupational Health hotline at 505.515.8212, or contact 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.

This initial period will also serve as a pilot period to bring back in-person operations, such as biomedical research, that require physical access to facilities. Toward this end, we will implement an inspection schedule for wet labs at the Health Sciences Center starting Monday as a prelude to their reopening. The HSC Office of Research will reach out to research faculty to arrange inspections and provide guidelines.

If you have questions about our phased return to full operations please email [HSC-Communications](#). If you have technical issues with the symptom tracking tool please contact the [HSC CIO Office](#). If you have questions about the above please [click here for guidance](#).

Warm regards,

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

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