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A Message from Chancellor Roth

Dear Colleagues:

Now that summer is officially here, we are well on our way to resuming most clinical operations in the UNM Health System, and will soon be winding down the emergency operations centers at our hospitals. But of course the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing, and will be with us for months to come. We will also be winding down, in the next week or so, my messages to once weekly.

There are still many unanswered questions about who is most vulnerable to the coronavirus infection and why it is so lethal in some people, but not in others. Research into these mysteries is being conducted here at the Health Sciences Center and in laboratories all over the world.

With so much uncertainty, choosing the best course of action to ensure that our patients and employees remain safe isn't easy, but it's wise to assume that as this situation continues to unfold in coming months we will need to make continual adjustments in our operations.

To stay informed, I urge you to read our regular HSC Communications emails for important announcements, policy updates and other guidance. You can also visit the [HSC COVID-19](#) page, which provides comprehensive resources for students, faculty and staff, clinical personnel and patients.

Our weekly Wellbeing Connection webinar is a valuable offering from HSC faculty to help our employees acquire and enhance the personal skills that will help them navigate the ongoing challenges and uncertainties we are facing.

This week's webinar is titled "Brave Spaces: Talking With One Another About Race." It will offer guidance on how to have much-needed conversations on racism, prejudice and social justice.

The presenters are Brenda Pereda, MD, MS, the School of Medicine's Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, and Jessica Goodkind, PhD, Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate Vice

Chancellor for Cultural Competency. The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. You can register [here](#).

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.