

ALL UNIVERSITY MESSAGE

Dear members of the UNM community,

We provided [a notification on January 31, 2020 about the novel Coronavirus](#), more commonly referred to as COVID-19, and wanted to let you know that we are continuing to monitor and prepare for this ever-changing situation. Administrators and physicians across campus are meeting regularly, have reviewed plans and are exercising potential scenarios.

The original information regarding the risk, symptoms, transmission and prevention have not changed. However, the number of cases worldwide has greatly increased, and the affected areas continue to change. [The Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) continues to report the number of cases within the United States](#), including fatalities. There are no cases reported in New Mexico as of this date. University officials and appropriate personnel continue to monitor the situation daily. Our goal is to remind you to remain informed and vigilant, and to exercise appropriate caution as the situation changes. You can [reference our coronavirus resource page](#) for the latest information, as well as links to other sources. It is important that every member of our community remain informed as this situation develops.

Please be aware that COVID-19 is not limited to specific national or ethnic groups. As Lobos, we need to support each other, and should not presume that students and/or colleagues are at a higher risk just because of their country of origin.

If you are planning international travel, please refer to the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Please keep in mind that you might encounter screening abroad, and you might become subject to whatever their local travel restrictions might be or might become. Upon returning to the United States you might face additional screening. National news has shown stories of Americans returning from affected areas being subjected to quarantine and/or isolation.

Please remember that if you feel sick, don't come to work or school. If you have:

- Had close contact with a laboratory-confirmed case or
- Are symptomatic and have traveled to an expanded list of "affected geographic areas" which at this time includes: China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea (as of 3/3/20).



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Then:

- Call the New Mexico Department of Health at (505) 827-0006.
- Seek medical care right away. However, before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Do not travel while sick. Please do not get on public transportation.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

The University will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed with the support of UNM Emergency Management, UNM Student Health & Counseling, and UNMH Infection Control and Epidemiology, and Employee and Occupational Health Services.

Sincerely,

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