

VPR Message to Campus  
April 2021

Dear Colleagues,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, UNM Research is working closely with UNM Leadership to update requirements surrounding the return to campus. Attached is the draft update to the Guidelines for Main and Branch Campus Research, effective May 16–August 2, 2021. Research is classified as an essential, non-retail business, meaning that with Bernalillo county at Yellow Level restrictions, there are no limits on capacity, but **operations must be limited to only those absolutely necessary to carry out essential functions**. It is critical that all researchers at UNM comply with CDC and NMDOH guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing. For questions specifically regarding human subject research, please contact Linda Mayo ([petreel@unm.edu](mailto:petreel@unm.edu)).

Travel restrictions for University business will be lifted as of May 16, exceptions for research activities will no longer be required, and additional information and guidelines are currently in development for the Fall Semester. The attached draft document is nearly finalized and will be posted to a new UNM website in anticipation of the full return to campus in the Fall. All information is subject to change; Please continue to check the [NMDOH coronavirus website](#) for updates regarding the restriction status of Bernalillo county. We encourage the UNM community to get vaccinated as soon as possible! Information on vaccines in New Mexico can be found at [cgvaccine.nmhealth.org](http://cgvaccine.nmhealth.org).

Sincerely,  
Ellen