



Office of the Chancellor

## Chancellor Weekly Brief | 7.13.2021 Dr. James Malm

### 2040 UPDATE.

Yesterday and today, UNM-Gallup welcomed its first on-campus and in-person meeting in over a year with dozens of state legislators and staff who comprise the New Mexico Legislative Water and Natural Resources interim committee. My gratitude goes out to our personnel who extended their hospitality to these state dignitaries and helped make their visit comfortable and productive.

While it was great to see our parking lot almost full over these past two days, we continue to manage our return to full campus operations this fall. We had an [important update](#) from the UNM president’s office yesterday that provided some clarity on the university’s COVID-19 vaccination policy, which includes our campus. In summary, UNM will not mandate vaccinations for faculty, staff, and students, but we are all strongly encouraged to receive a vaccine prior to start of the fall semester. Fortunately for those of us who reside in McKinley County, almost all residents have received at least their first dose of the vaccine. You are to be commended for your strong commitment to keeping our community not only safe but open.

#### OPPORTUNITY DEFINED

I’d like to also give you an update on the important six-phase strategic planning process titled [“2040: Opportunity Defined”](#) that is moving along expeditiously even during these summer months. This plan, as stated by UNM president

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