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Dear Lobos.

Welcome to Fall 2021! We are excited to serve you in person again maintaining a safe and inclusive environment and an exceptional academic experience.

Unfortunately, as infections have increased around the nation, our vaccination rate has not kept pace in a manner sufficient to ensure we can protect our community from a similar outbreak.

With cases of COVID-19 rapidly rising across New Mexico due to the new variants, the UNM Board of Regents and President Stokes announced that vaccines are required for staff and students for the safety and well-being of our communities. We encourage all of our campus community to get vaccinated as soon as possible, and before the September 30 deadline.

We understand that there may be reasons why receiving the COVID-19 vaccine might not be the right choice for you. For these instances, UNM has developed options to request an exemption to the vaccine requirement. We are providing information about the vaccine mandate, the process for submitting an exception request, and other resources for your review and reference.

COVID-19 has changed our lives. Our commitment to you is that despite COVID, we are here to help you pursue your future, your career, and your education safely and without delay.

Sincerely,

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