

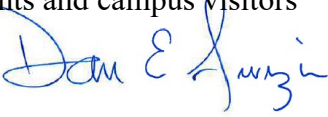


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TO: NMSU faculty, staff, students and campus visitors

FROM: Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu 

SUBJECT: Mask requirement lifted for NMSU campuses and sites

In alignment with today's updated public health order for the state of New Mexico, masks are no longer required inside New Mexico State University buildings or facilities. Concession sales will resume for all NMSU sporting events, as well.

Masks are still required at NMSU's Aggie Health and Wellness Center and must be worn by food service providers on campus. Those who are isolating or quarantining should also continue to wear masks, according to CDC guidance.

Masks remain an effective tool for reducing the risk of COVID-19, and we encourage those who wish to wear a mask to continue to do so. While they are not required, masks are available for free in our classrooms, and anyone is welcome and encouraged to wear a mask in any setting.

The lifting of this mask requirement reinforces the need for our students and employees to be vaccinated and boosted, and we encourage those who have not yet become vaccinated to do so as soon as possible.

I realize this announcement may come as a surprise, and it may take some time for us to adapt. Please be patient and kind to each other as we again pivot to a new environment. As always, we will remain vigilant as we continue to monitor this situation.

As usual, questions can be sent to covid19@nmsu.edu.