January 12, 2022

Dear Aggies:

Happy New Year and welcome back to NMSU! We are excited for the spring and look forward to seeing everyone as classes get underway. ASNMSU is poised to begin spring programming with traditions such as the Big Event, and our Aggie athletes are doing a great job showing our Aggie spirit on courts, fields, and golf courses! Below is information you need for navigating the pandemic this semester.

Updates to NMSU’s COVID Safe Practice for Students and Student Employees

1. NMSU students who will be on campus for any reason are required to provide proof of vaccination, including a booster shot, by February 9, 2022 or within 4 weeks of becoming eligible for a booster shot.
2. Students who have chosen not to be vaccinated — or to get a booster when eligible — must submit weekly COVID antigen or PCR test results through Crimson Connection. See Chancellor Arvizu memo, January 2022.

   Students in some programs may have other requirements due to clinical placements or other program needs. If you have questions about additional requirements, please ask the faculty or staff member in charge of your program.

Vaccine Record Upload Instructions

1. Upload your vaccine records at Crimson Connection or use the VaxTrax portal (this requires use of a VPN connection).
2. Student employees must use the VaxTrax portal to document their vaccination and booster with Human Resource Services (this requires use of a VPN connection).

Students who do not provide vaccine documentation OR who do not follow the weekly testing protocol will be referred to the Student Conduct Process. This may result in a possible suspension from the university or being considered “not in good standing,” which carries the following restrictions:

   • Ineligibility to hold an elected or appointed office in any student organization recognized by New Mexico State University.
• Ineligibility to represent the university in any way, including at an official function, intercollegiate athletics, or any form of intercollegiate competition or representation on and off campus.

For more information regarding NMSU COVID-19 Safe Practices, please see the attached Required Covid-19 Testing or Covid-19 Vaccination Documentation.

If you have not gotten vaccinated or have not begun the required PCR or antigen testing, you can mitigate sanctions by getting vaccinated or by testing immediately and by notifying the Office of the Dean of Students at scs@nmsu.edu. For more information about local or home testing options, etc. visit the now.nmsu.edu website.

Because we are offering classes in a face-to-face format, we must do all we can to help protect students, faculty and staff by following mask requirements when indoors and by following Covid-19 Safe Practices and Public Health Orders. Thanks to you, NMSU has done a great job maintaining low transmission on campus.

Thank you to those who have already uploaded your proof of vaccination – we have received a lot! We must all stay vigilant to help protect New Mexico State and our community from the highly contagious COVID-19 virus. So, get vaccinated, get boosted, or test, and wear your face coverings when indoors.

Go Aggies!

Sincerely,

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