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Dear All:

Today the Governor issued an executive order that will have a significant impact on how we will conduct our operations, probably for the remainder of this semester. Please see attached Public Health Order. After seeking clarification, here are the constraints under which we must operate:

- 1) We are allowed no more than 5 persons in any building at any one time.
- 2) People in any public setting are not allowed to congregate in groups larger than 5.
- 3) If one's position is deemed "non-essential" within the definitions of the Public Health Order, one should not be in NMT building of any kind.
- 4) This Public Health Order kicks in at 8 am, tomorrow.

The key ramifications for faculty, RAs and TAs are:

a) I'm sorry to say that research on campus is going to be severely limited. This means that everyone needs to find a way to redirect their (research) intellectual energy to things that you can do at home.

a.i) this also means that waivers for RAs/TAs and undergrad workers will be very tightly controlled, and limited to cases in which the student worker is keeping things going (such as keeping animals alive in the animal care facility, or keeping some other system/device/organism going).

b) teaching will have to be done remotely, by all faculty, part-time and Community Education instructors, and TAs. This means that:

b.i) all those who do not have adequate wifi/internet access will need to get it. In Socorro NMT will provide you a "hot spot", but we need to know who needs this.

b.ii) all those who do not have adequate computing/webcams and the like will need to get it. ICT and ACT have spares for loan, and we will need to know who needs this hardware.

b.iii) all those who still have critical instructional or research materials (not equipment, obviously, nor chemicals, etc.) in their offices or labs need to pack it up and bring it home. To ensure that we have not more than 5 persons in any building will require that we schedule these office pickups centrally.

b.iv) I will ask the Chairs to compile information by sharing a spreadsheet (Lyndsey will send it out) with departmental faculty/staff/TAs/etc so that we can schedule 2-hour slots to pack up your stuff. And, so that ACT/ITC can provide the hardware/wifi support that you need.

This is all going to be a real challenge, so I thank you in advance for all of the hard work you are doing to make this a success.

For all Chairs, please share this with your part-time faculty.

Questions?

Thanks ---- D

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