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TO: Aggie Student Organization Student Leaders & Faculty Staff Advisors:

In response to the Public Health Order announced on November 13, at this time, and until further notice, Activity Registration Forms have been modified to only receive submissions for planned virtual events. Gatherings of 5 or more individuals will not be approved to post until further notice. The NMSU administration is trying to minimize the amount of people on campus until otherwise directed due to the protocols in place to minimize the risks associated with the COVID – 19 virus.

As you know, information from federal and state health agencies regarding the COVID-19 virus are continuing to shift, and we are trying to keep up with directives from numerous agencies and make the best decisions possible for our students and student organizations. As of today, please note that the following guidelines and restrictions are in place for student organizations until further notice:

CAMPUS EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- All organizational meetings should be moved to a virtual environment (I.e. Zoom or TEAMS). *If in-person meetings are held (strongly discouraged), non-NMSU students (community members) should NOT be allowed to join* and <u>social distancing</u> requirements should be practiced. Meetings and/or social gatherings for student organizations should be limited to 5 or less.
- Off campus participation as a student organization at volunteer locations in the community is discouraged. However, if individuals feel a need to volunteer and choose to do so, they should follow the <u>specific strategies</u> <u>which can be found at this CDC link.</u>
- Student Involvement and Leadership Programs, Office of the Dean of Students, and NMSU are committed to keeping our campus community

healthy and safe. Please continue to monitor your NMSU email and the visit <u>http://nmsu.edu/coronavirus/</u> for updates to NMSU facilities hours and programming due to COVID-19.

FOR EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS:

- All events that are fully virtual may proceed as approved.
- **EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR Nov 14-15** should consider being postponed until further direction from the NM Department of Health.
- EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR Nov 16 until further notice are not approved to continue and should be postponed to a later date upon further direction from the NM Department of Health.
- Any groups wishing to modify an in-person event into a virtual event, please contact us at <u>ca@nmsu.edu</u> and we will happily assist in making adjustments or talking through options.

If you have additional questions about student organizations events/activities, please contact our office at <u>ca@nmsu.edu</u>.