

# Academic Dispatch



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Today may be the shortest day of the year, but there's still a lot to do! It is quiet, but campus is not empty. A few faculty and students have been seen in the laboratories, fretting over those last measurements before break. Some grading is ongoing, and some course planning is progressing. Our health care system is bustling – frankly overtaxed with patients cared for by dedicated health care providers who will work through the holidays, often without a break. We all owe them a great debt.

During the brief daylight of the solstice there is still much that we can do. Each of you will have your own agenda for the day – chores you need to finish for your family, crisp ideas you need to express, games you need to play, or that last work task you need to complete. To these important activities I'll add just one: do be sure to get your covid vaccine booster, and report it to UNM at <https://goto.unm.edu/vaccineverification>

Today is the shortest day of the year. Tomorrow will be longer and brighter.

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