

SPECIAL EDITION

COVID-19 NEWS

NAU NORTHERN ARIZONA
UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, April 1



President Cheng addresses mental health (VIDEO)

In a video message to campus, President Cheng discusses the importance of [taking care of your mental health](#) during uncertain times—offering words of encouragement and tips of what you can do to stay healthy. [Watch the full video online.](#)



Stay informed: Understanding NAU's role in the COVID-19 notification process

NAU is working closely with the Coconino County Department of Health and Human Services (CCHHS) who will direct the university if notification is needed, based upon their investigation of a confirmed case and the potential for exposure on campus. There have been no such notifications to date. In most situations where potential exposure may have occurred, CCHHS staff will reach out to potential contacts and inform them of the possible exposure and what they need to do. When there is no indication of exposure risk, there will be no contact by CCHHS and no notification will be sent. Please refer to [NAU's Coronavirus Information Q & A](#) for what you can do to protect yourself and others.



NAU CHHS students partner with AZ counties to support front lines

NAU is responding to public health needs in rural and underserved communities by deploying many nursing and physician assistant students to help bolster community health capacity in responding to COVID-19. NAU students are on the front lines providing much-needed support for public health needs across the state. Kingman Regional Medical Center is the largest health care provider in northwest Arizona and the only remaining non-profit hospital in Mohave County. They were one of the first hospitals in the nation to become a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Frank Santorelli, a nursing faculty member, is going above and beyond the call of duty, traveling to Kingman three days a week to serve as a clinical preceptor for our nursing students who are completing rotations there.



NAU's Economic Policy Institute researching economic impact on Coconino County

The Economic Policy Institute, headed by Joseph Guzman, is engaged with Coconino County to create economic models on the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to position the county to better plan, prepare and cope with current and future ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes research on potential job loss and potential transaction privilege tax loss. This outreach and collaboration will be important for our community as we continue to navigate this situation and work through the economic impacts across Coconino County.

[NAU will host a meditation session at 5:30 p.m. every Monday on Facebook Live](#)

[MEDIA: Infectious disease expert Paul Keim discusses coronavirus with KNAU](#)

[Tune in to NAU-TV or KNAU 6 p.m. Thursday for Gov. Ducey's COVID-19 town hall](#)