



North Hennepin
Community College
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Engaging students, changing lives

May 14, 2021

Dear Colleagues and Students:

These are ever-changing times. We know there are a number of hurdles to overcome; collectively we will accomplish the Chancellor's directive and guidance by focusing our efforts on these two priorities:

- **To safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of our faculty, staff, and students**
- **To enable students to progress toward their educational goal**

POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

For the first time in 12 months we had no students or employees report positive COVID-19 tests 😊.

RETURNING TO CAMPUS PLANNING

As planning begins for returning to campus this fall, we will share plans as they become available.

- Effective June 1, 2021, in accordance with Minnesota State guidelines, we will no longer be doing the Health Assessment/Card Swipe to enter campus.
- The Reintegration Task Force will meet next week to start discussing returning to campus plans.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Take advantage of free and confidential services 24/7 from LifeMatters. [Visit the EAP Work/Life webpage](#) for more information and to contact LifeMatters.

- **Six counseling sessions.** You and your family can receive six free counseling sessions per person, per year, per topic. If you previously redeemed sessions through Deer Oaks, your session count will start over with LifeMatters.
- **Culturally sensitive counselors.** Employees can request a counselor who identifies as a person of color, shares their sexual orientation, gender, and more. This customized service helps provide a safe space where you and your family members feel valued and get meaningful support.
- **Free well-being webinars.** Attend webinars to support your well-being, work, and life. [Check out upcoming webinars.](#)
- **Specialists for law enforcement and first responders.** A team of specialists can assist you with the unique challenges and situations you may encounter based on your role.
- **Childcare and elder care search assistance.** Get assistance finding available care, including referrals matched to your specific search criteria.
- **Get legal and financial assistance.** Receive free consultations on legal, financial, and identify theft concerns.

MAY COVID OPEN FORUM RECORDING LINK

[Click here](#) to access the May 13, 2021 Open Forum recording.

Better Together,

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