



North Hennepin
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April 2, 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

This past week, we had three students and no employees report positive COVID tests this week. We also had two employee exposures. Our best defense continues to be handwashing, mask wearing and social distancing. Please remember your mouth and nose need to be completely covered for masks to be effective.

VACCINE INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Register for the Vaccine Connector to be alerted when, where, and how to get a COVID-19 vaccine. [Visit the Vaccine Connector website](#) to learn more and register.
- Find vaccine locations by [visiting the vaccine location webpage](#).

POST-VACCINATION GUIDANCE

The System Office shared the following information from the Minnesota Department of Health. For clarification, fully vaccinated means two doses in a two-dose series or one dose in a one-dose series.

- You can gather indoors with smaller groups of fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask. Avoid larger gatherings.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Learn more at [CDC: People with Certain Medical Conditions](#).
- It is still important to do the following:
 - Continue to wear a mask that fits well per Executive Order 20-81.
 - Stay at least 6 feet away from other people whenever in public, or visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households.
 - Wash hands often.
 - Stay home if sick.
 - If you have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested. Learn more at [CDC: Symptoms of Coronavirus](#).
 - Avoid crowds and poorly-ventilated spaces.
 - Delay unnecessary domestic or international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations: [Travel During COVID-19](#).
 - Follow guidance specific to your workplace.
- If someone is fully vaccinated and is exposed, they do not need to quarantine if ALL of the following are true:
 - The COVID-19 exposure was at least 14 days after their vaccination series was fully completed.
 - They do not currently have any symptoms of COVID-19.

RETURNING TO CAMPUS PLANNING

As planning begins for returning to campus this fall, we will share plans as they become available. Facilities has taken the following COVID mitigation actions in preparation for returning to campus:

- Ionizers for HVAC system campuswide
- Air exchanger updates campuswide (air turned over 3 times an hour with fresh outside air)
- Electrostatic sprayers used for infected surfaces
- Hands-free faucets scheduled for spring
- Hands-free towel dispenser scheduled for spring
- HVAC upgraded for maximum air exchange levels
- Hands-free flushometers scheduled for spring
- Stanchions
- Sanitizer dispensers
- Disinfectant dispensers
- Sneeze guards

SAVE THE DATE

- **NHCC Open Forum, Friday, April 2, 10:30am.** Zoom Meeting ID: [936 6695 9533](#).
- **Vaccine Hesitancy Workshop, Friday April 23, 12-1pm.** Dr. Nathan T. Chomilo, Medical Director for the State of Minnesota's Medicaid & MinnesotaCare programs and General Pediatrician and Internal Medicine Hospitalist with Park Nicollet Health Services/HealthPartners, will be sharing his experience navigating his own COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and why he chose to get vaccinated. [Zoom Meeting ID: 981 3636 6487](#), Password: 248697.

Better Together,

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