



North Hennepin
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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 no students or employees report positive COVID tests this week. 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.

QUARANTINE UPDATE

The NHCC Pandemic Taskforce updated quarantine procedure for reported positive and exposure cases on campus. The new quarantine period will be 10 days instead of 14 days. These guidelines reflect recent changes by the Minnesota Department of Health.

RETURNING TO CAMPUS PLANNING

As planning begins for returning to campus this fall, we will share plans as they become available. There is nothing new to report this week.

VACCINATION ROLLOUT

Governor Tim Walz announced that Minnesota is expanding vaccine eligibility as the state reaches its goal of vaccinating 70% of Minnesotans 65 years of age and older this week. The announcement comes several weeks ahead of schedule after the state moved quickly to use more vaccine from the federal government. As a result, the state will expand eligibility to the next two phases of Minnesotans at once. [View vaccination phase webpage](#) for more 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](#).

OPEN FORUM

The next open forum is scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2021 at 10:30am

Better Together,

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