



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 two students and no 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.

RETURNING TO CAMPUS PLANNING

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

- The new quarantine period for students and employees who tested positive and/or were exposed to COVID-19 will be 10 days instead of 14 days. These guidelines reflect recent changes by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- The Pandemic Task Force recognizes our student population may be hesitant about getting the vaccine. A subcommittee has been formed to compile vaccine information and resources that will be added to our website in the coming weeks, in addition to an outreach campaign. Stay tuned for more information.
- In light of recent Anti-Asian activity, here are educational resources on how to combat hateful rhetoric.
 - Dr. Jeung's website, Stop Anti-Asian Hate, contains an educational video [Combating AAPI Racism in Age of Covid-19](#) [I CFA](#) and an accompanying [video guide](#). These educational tools educate on how to combat hateful rhetoric, mobbing, bullying and racially motivated violence in our communities. You can visit [Dr. Jeung's website](#) (calfac.org) to learn more.

VACCINE HESITANCY WORKSHOP APRIL 23

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. Dr. Chomilo's session will be **Friday, April 23 from 12- 1pm**. [Zoom Meeting ID: 981 3636 6487](#), Password: 248697.

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](#).
- [View vaccination phase webpage](#) for more information on expanded vaccine eligibility

OPEN FORUM

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

Better Together,

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