



North Hennepin
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March 5, 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 two students test positive with four additional exposures. No employees tested positive 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

As planning begins for returning to campus this fall, we will share plans as they become available. The System Office shared the following updates on March 4, 2021 from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH):

- Drinking fountains and hand driers are OK for use.
- Kitchen utensils are OK for reuse, so we are not required to use disposable utensils only.
- Minnesota State is working with MDH to update the COVID assessment questions now that the vaccine is being rolled out.

REMINDERS

- 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.
- While enjoying spring break, please remember to minimize your social group size, social distance, wear your mask, monitor your health symptoms and get tested if you have any symptoms. If you'll be traveling, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#) for travel requirements and guidance, including testing before and after travel.

OPEN FORUM

The next COVID-19 open forum is scheduled for today, Friday, March 5, 2021.

Better Together,

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