



North Hennepin  
Community College  
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*Engaging students, changing lives*

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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**

The Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota State are no longer requiring colleges to report positive cases. We continue to do contact tracing. This week there were no positive student cases, one positive employee case and one possible employee exposure.

#### **RETURNING TO CAMPUS PLANNING**

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

- All doors to enter campus are open Monday – Friday during business hours. Due to summer hours and low traffic on campus, only CBT entrance door #13 is opened on Saturday between 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- The Reintegration Plan was approved by the executive team and distributed via email on June 24, 2021. [Visit the COVID-19 webpage](#) to view the Reintegration Plan.
- MDH is seeing an increase in non-COVID respiratory illnesses. Please be sure to get a flu vaccination, continue handwashing and stay home if you have any illness symptoms.
- Paul Melchior, Science Faculty, will give a COVID update during the opening session at Duty Days in August.

#### **NEXT OPEN FORUM**

The open forums have been cancelled for the summer. We will reassess the need for the open forums again in the fall.

#### **Better Together,**

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