



North Hennepin  
Community College  
A member of Minnesota State

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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**

As of August 16, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota State will resume reporting positive cases. We have continued to do contact tracing during the summer. This week there were no student or employee cases.

#### **ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES MINNESOTA**

While we all hoped this semester would mark the beginning of our post-pandemic transition, the increasing case numbers in Minnesota, and the Delta variant, remind us that the pandemic is not over. The COVID-19 vaccination is our best defense. For information on the vaccine, please visit NHCC's [Vaccine Resources webpage](#) or the [Minnesota Department of Health vaccine website](#).

#### **NEW MASK REQUIREMENT FOR FALL SEMESTER**

Hennepin County has just been identified as an area with substantial transmission and the Chancellor has authorized North Hennepin Community College to require anyone visiting our campus to wear a mask/face covering in public indoor settings, including hallways, classrooms, common areas, and any area outside of a private office or individual work area. **Effective Tuesday, August 3, 2021, this requirement applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated employees, students, visitors, contractors, and vendors.** A person in a private office or workspace may remove their mask/face coverings when they are alone in that space.

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

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

- The Reintegration Plan has been revised to include the new masking mandate for fall semester. [Visit the COVID-19 webpage](#) to view the Reintegration Plan.

#### **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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