August 13, 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 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.

State Employee Vaccination Policy

Effective September 8, 2021, all state agency employees, including employees of Minnesota State, who are assigned to work at the workplace or otherwise provide agency services outside their home are required to either show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or be tested at least weekly. Teleworkers who wish to access the workplace for more than 10 minutes or provide agency services outside their home will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination before being allowed to do so. This new policy is the Governor’s latest effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect Minnesotans, especially as the delta variant is driving the latest surge in cases. We are working on how you will attest to your vaccination status and how you will access testing and will share details with you in the coming weeks.

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.

Better Together,

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