



North Hennepin  
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May 14, 2020  
9:30 p.m.

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 complete the spring semester and progress toward their educational goal**

With the amount of information on COVID-19 operations slowing, we will now provide a COVID-19 update to the campus on Thursday evenings (until further notice).

### **STUDENTS' EQUIPMENT RETURN/PICK-UP**

A special thank you to Accounting & Fees, Bookstore, Student Life, and Academic Departments for creating a safe process for students to return and/or pick-up items from campus. This was an impressive showing of teamwork, and all who participated put on a first-class and efficient demonstration of organization.



### **PREPARING FOR REINTEGRATION**

Planning continues for campus reintegration. We have created a Pandemic Reintegration Subcommittee comprised of membership from academics, communications, diversity & equity, facilities, human resources, technology services, student affairs, and a microbiologist. The subcommittee will review ideas from employees, students, the System Office and external agencies, prepare preliminary plans and checklists for reintegrating to campus, and share those findings with the Pandemic Task Force on May 28. After the Pandemic Task Force provides input/feedback to the reintegration plan, it will be shared with the bargaining units and students for input, before final review by the Executive Team. Stay tuned.

## **PARKING FEES FOR SUMMER SESSIONS**

Parking fees will apply to all employees for the 2020 summer sessions, including faculty who teach 100% online during summer. Although most classes and services will be offered remotely this summer, fixed expenses remain. We appreciate your understanding. Please contact me if you have concerns.

## **CASH PAYMENTS FOR STUDENTS**

Beginning Monday, May 18, Accounting & Fees will be available to accept cash payments for tuition from 2 – 6 p.m. This time will be offered on Mondays only in CBT 125. If this time does not work for you, please call Accounting & Fees at 763-424-0718 to make alternative arrangements.

## **TEXTBOOK RETURNS AND PICK-UPS FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT A PHYSICAL ADDRESS**

Students who do not have a physical address and need to return or pick-up textbooks will need to [schedule an appointment with the NHCC bookstore](#).

## **GOVERNOR WALZ'S LATEST EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

[Emergency Executive Order 20-52](#) permits higher education institutions to expand in-person or on-site activities and programming that are necessary for the completion of a degree, diploma, certificate, etc. [Emergency Executive Order 20-56](#) safely reopens Minnesota's economy and ensuring safe non-work activities during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency.

## **COVID-19 PANDEMIC, EXPLAINED**

Special thanks to Lynn Schiller for sharing this PBS video, "[What this chart actually means for COVID-19.](#)" The NHCC Pandemic Task Force reviewed and recommended sharing it with the college.

## **VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT**

In case you missed it, watch a recording of the virtual commencement, faculty and staff congratulatory videos, and meet class of 2020 students at [www.nhcc.edu/commencement](http://www.nhcc.edu/commencement).

**Better Together,**



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