



North Hennepin
Community College

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July 31, 2020
5:30 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 progress toward their educational goal**

MITIGATION REMAINS KEY:

We could be potentially entering a second surge of the coronavirus. Please remain vigilant regarding:

- Social distancing
- Washing your hands
- Not touching your face
- Wearing a face covering

CONTACT TRACING FOR STUDENTS

Our #1 goal remains to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of our faculty, staff, and students. In that, NHCC will do our very best to contact trace COVID-19 for students and provide as much information as possible about any positive COVID-19 cases on campus. Please see attached for COVID-19 contact tracing procedures and notifications for students.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

- 14-day Self Quarantine guidelines remain in effect. If you are within 6 feet (for 15 minutes or more) of a person who has been confirmed positive for COVID-19, you should self-quarantine for 14 days. Individuals who were close to a person who has been confirmed positive for COVID-19 for less than 15 minutes should monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms.
- International students (including Canadian students) should quarantine themselves for 14 days upon arrival to USA. No quarantine period required for those students coming from another state.
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is researching and expecting to publish soon, if cumulative contact with a COVID-19 positive person is equivalent to compressed contact within six feet (e.g. 5 minutes on 3 occasions).

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Campuses should NOT consider hosting COVID-19 testing at their locations (for the sake of "testing") because this will draw from the opportunities for others to be tested at medical facilities who truly need it.
- Closing campuses for Fall 2020 throughout Minnesota State will be a last result. System Office expects to publish guidelines/metrics on what indicators are likely to cause us to close campuses completely and revert to remote instructions and whether it will be a System Office vs. Campus decision. The System Office will definitely request MDH's epidemiologists' recommendation.
- MDH is considering Governor's guidance for K-12 and developing guidance for higher education.
- Minnesota State COVID-19 Screening Tool projected to go live on August 10, 2020.
 - Gives daily clearance (or not) on a student or employee coming to campus.

- This is not contact tracing.
- We will have kiosks at our entrances for those who do not have computers/phones to get cleared before entering campus buildings.
- System Office will rehearse this tool for 37 different instances representing each institution.
- Training occurred with I.T. administrators today, July 31st. Make-up training will occur on August 4th, and training will be recorded for those who need it.
- Intent is to be ready for implementation by August 7th and we are projected to go live on August 10th.
- Upcoming elections:
 - If campuses are used by local municipalities for elections, campuses will allow election officials to organize the polling places.
 - We will follow state election rules.

Better Together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen E. Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'E'.

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