



North Hennepin
Community College
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February 19, 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-19 CASES

This past week, we had one student and one employee test positive with no additional exposures. Our best defense continues to be handwashing, mask wearing and social distancing. Please remember your mouth and nose need to be completely covered for masks to be effective.

COVID-19 VACCINE CONNECTOR

A new [COVID-19 Vaccine Connector](#) site was rolled out this week by the state of Minnesota. All state employees are encouraged to sign up on the Vaccine Connector site to receive alerts when employees are eligible for a vaccination, learn more on how to schedule an appointment, and about vaccination opportunities in your area.

VACCINE SCAMS

There are several scams occurring around the vaccine. If you get a call or email asking for your social security number and/or credit card number, please be aware this is a scam.

SPRING BREAK REMINDERS

While enjoying spring break, please remember to minimize your social group size, social distance, wear your mask, monitor your health symptoms and get tested if you have any symptoms. If you'll be traveling, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#) for travel requirements and guidance, including testing before and after travel.

MDH INFO SESSION FEBRUARY 26

On Friday, February 26, 12-1pm, Cynthia Kenyon, MDH Epidemiologist and liaison for the Higher Ed COVID-19 Response Team, will be hosting an informational session for NHCC employees about COVID-19 and the vaccine. Please send any questions by Monday, February 22 to victoria.deford@nhcc.edu. She will host a student session on March 5. Both sessions will be recorded and shared.

OPEN FORUM

The next COVID-19 open forum is scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2021. [View recording of February 5, 2021 open forum.](#)

Better Together,

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