



North Hennepin
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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

This past week, one employee and three students tested positive, and employees were notified about potential exposure. Our best defense continues to be handwashing, mask wearing and social distancing.

VACCINE ALLOCATION ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE

Distribution focus remains on Priority 1a and rolling out Priority 1b. Higher education staff, faculty and students are not part of Priority 1b, however if you are 65 years or older you are eligible to receive the vaccine from your medical provider. For more information, [visit the Whose Getting Vaccinated webpage](#).

REMINDERS

- The State of Minnesota and Vault Medical Services have teamed up to offer at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for everyone who lives in Minnesota, with or without symptoms, at no cost. [Visit the Minnesota Department of Health Test at Home webpage](#) for more information.
- Download the free COVIDaware MN app to be notified if you have been near someone who tests positive COVID-19. For more information, view [FAQ](#) or [video](#).
- Every Meal provides kids with wholesome food. Meal bags include 4-5 pounds of nutritious, non-perishable food including a variety of fruits, vegetables, proteins, grains, and entrees. Meal bags are free for all families. [Visit Every Meal webpage](#) for more information.

NEXT OPEN FORUM

The next COVID-19 open forum is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2021.

Better Together,

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