



North Hennepin  
Community College  
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*Engaging students, changing lives*

October 23, 2020

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 NHCC had no employees with positive tests. There were two students who tested positive. Wearing masks, social distancing and hand washing continues to be our best defense.

**SALIVA TESTS**

All Minnesota State employees received a notification October 22 on the **Employee Home** that you can now access a free saliva test kit from Vault Health. To order your kit, you need to retrieve a link provided online via Minnesota State's **Employee Home** application. Employees [login to Employee Home](#) using their Star ID and password. After logging into **Employee Home**, you will see the message "Free COVID Test Kit Available until December 31." In the displayed message window, click the hyperlink to be redirected to Vault Health's website to request your test kit. [Click here](#) to view Vault Health FAQs, and [click here](#) to view a Vault Health Testing Process Video.

**FREE COVID-19 SALIVA TESTING IN BROOKLYN PARK**

A semi-permanent COVID-19 saliva testing site has arrived in Brooklyn Park. The site is located in the Starlite Center, 8085 Brooklyn Blvd, and opened on Tuesday, October 20. The site will be open seven days a week for FREE testing for any Minnesotan who wants to be tested. [Learn more about saliva testing and view the hours online.](#)

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REMINDERS**

- Please get a flu shot; they are available at your local pharmacies and medical providers.
- Celebrate the holidays safely, including Halloween, using [these guidelines](#).

**PANDEMIC PLANNING OPEN FORUM**

The next Pandemic Planning Open Forum is Friday, November 6 at 10 a.m. [Click here](#) for the October 2 recording.

**Better Together,**

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