



North Hennepin
Community College
A member of Minnesota State

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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

As of August 16, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota State will resume requiring colleges to report positive cases. We have continued to do contact tracing during the summer.

This week there were no positive student or employee cases.

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES MINNESOTA

While we all have hoped that this semester would mark the beginning of our post-pandemic transition, the increasing case numbers in Minnesota, and the Delta variant, remind us that this pandemic is not over.

The COVID-19 vaccination is our best defense. For information on the vaccine, please visit Minnesota Department of Health's vaccine website: <https://mn.gov/covid19>

RETURNING TO CAMPUS PLANNING

As planning begins for returning to campus this fall, we will share plans as they become available.

- Facilities has started installing plexiglass shields in Student Services. There has been a shipping delay with another large order of plexiglass however it is expected to arrive today with installation planned for next week.
- All doors to enter campus are open Monday – Friday during business hours. Due to summer hours and low traffic on campus, only CBT entrance door #13 is opened on Saturday between 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- The Reintegration Plan was approved by the executive team and distributed via email on June 24, 2021. [Visit the COVID-19 webpage](#) to view the Reintegration Plan.
- MDH is seeing an increase in non-COVID respiratory illnesses. Please be sure to get a flu vaccination, continue handwashing and stay home if you have any illness symptoms.
- Paul Melchior, Science Faculty, will give a COVID update during the opening session at Duty Days in August.

NEXT OPEN FORUM

The open forums have been cancelled for the summer. We will reassess the need for the open forums again in the fall.

Better Together,

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